



**STELLAR**  
**PHILIPPIANS: A LIFE THAT SHINES**

University Church of Christ exists by the grace of God to be a loving fellowship praising God by living and telling the good news of Jesus.

**July 8, 2018**

**WORSHIP**

**Welcome/Family News**      Bradley Steele

**Call to Worship - Psalm 123**

**Baby Zaydyn A. Ellis Dedication**

*We Love You with the Love of the Lord*

10 *A Mighty Fortress*

4 *To God Be the Glory*

**Prayer**      Jarrod King

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

**Communion**      Gene Linder

**Luke 22:14-20**

**Bread**

*315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Cup**

*315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Offering**

689 *Be Still, My Soul*

**Philippians 3:1-6**      Samjung Hamilton

**No Trusting in the Flesh**      Brent Isbell

*Lord, Reign in Me*

**Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

**Worship Leader**      Mark Tate

*If you would like to have someone pray with you, or for you, please make your way to **Room 101** at the end of service where there are UCC members waiting just for you.*

*Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

**CLASS TIMES:**

Sunday - 9 a.m.  
 Wednesday - 7 p.m.

**WORSHIP TIMES:**

Sunday - 10 a.m.

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**Are you visiting University Church today?** UCC members thank you for joining us! Please fill out one of our **Connections Cards** (on the backs of the seats). Use it to give us contact information, ask for prayers, or maybe even tell us you want to be a UCC member. Drop your card in the offering plate (or do it via smartphone at [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card)). We hope you received a warm welcome today. Come back soon!

Today we continue our series **Stellar: A Life That Shines**, preaching our way through Paul's letter to the Philippians. This week we start the second half the letter, looking at 3:1-6. Here Paul changes tone a bit, as he begins warning his Christian friends about false teachers. Some were trying to persuade the Philippians to put their confidence in things other than Jesus Christ. Paul is adamant: **No Trusting in the Flesh!** Our worship leader today is **Mark Tate**.

**Summer Adult Education Minute:** Our 9 a.m. adult classes are doing their own studies. Here are some summertime choices:  
**Auditorium** - Summer in the Psalms  
**Linder-Faver (109)** - Romans  
**Upper Room (203)** - Psalms / New Testament Prayers  
**Transitions (221)** - After Lament  
**Friends&Families (MAC 502)** - Proverbs / Christian Living  
**Gatherings (MAC 504)** - Feasting on the Word

**The People of God.** This Wednesday, we resume our summer series in the Family Room. Our speaker this week is **Tim Archer**, and his topic is **A Witnessing People**. Join us at 7:00 p.m.

Our remaining Wednesday summer schedule:

- July 11** -- A Witnessing People - Tim Archer
- July 18** -- A Pilgrim People - James Thompson
- July 25** -- Family Night #3 (Chips and Dips)
- August 1** - A Cross-Shaped People - Bradley Steele
- August 8** - Vini Montesdeoca - An Inclusive People
- August 15** - Andrew Huddleston - A Righteous People
- August 22** - Family Night #4 (Back-to-School Burger Bash)

**NURSERY FACILITIES**

For your convenience, nursery facilities are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center.

## FROM THE ELDERS

*Gustavo Villanueva, 2018 elder chair*

The UCC elders held their **monthly meeting** with ministry staff on June 27, 2018. There were a number of items discussed and prayed over this month, among them:

1. Prayed, by name, for those who are in the hospital/skilled nursing, for those battling cancer and dementia, for **Ginna Sadler** on the loss of her mother, for the **Joe Elrod** family on his passing, rejoiced with **Josh and Jetti Mares** on the birth on their new daughter, and for those who have visited UCC and those who have placed membership with us;
2. Grateful for the **large attendance at VBS** with over half of the kids being visitors and for all the help given by UCC members to make this a success!
3. Discussed the **good things happening** within the bilingual congregation, at the Sanctuary service, the weekly women's meal and fellowship time, the transition of 6th graders into the youth group, and many others;
4. Discussed plans for ways for **UCC men** to get together and ideas presented in that regard by Brent, Vini and Bradley;
5. Discussed ways that elders and staff can strengthen our relationships with members;
6. Placed a request from the security team for more security cameras in the hands of the buildings/grounds and technology committees;
7. Voted to form a committee to look long-term at our **Campus Ministry program**. Grateful for Pablo and Andrea who are serving as interns for this upcoming year!
8. Discussed the need to relook at **Common Life Groups...**will be discussed more next month;
9. Approved a request from Bradley to prepare and distribute **Homeless Care Packages** for us to hand out to those in need;
10. Approved a request from the **Worship Committee** to spend more time in the communion service, which is one of, if not the, most important part of each service. This will start in the fall;
11. Approved a new initiative to obtain prayer requests during the morning worship service to be prayed over by one of the elders at the end of that service. Bradley will work on finalizing the details of this important time in prayer;
12. Due to summer travels we have not set the date for the July elders/staff meeting.

As always, the UCC elders are grateful for each of you and covet your continued prayers, just as we remember you in our prayers.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about what was discussed in this elder's meeting, or on any other UCC/spiritual matter, please contact me...we would appreciate the opportunity to visit with you.

For the elders,

**Gustavo Villanueva, 2018 Elder Chairman**

## CHILDREN'S HOMES

**Thank you** to everyone who gave to the **Children's Homes Special Collection**. The money is split between the five homes UCC supports: Christian Homes of Abilene, Cherokee Home for Children, Foster's Home for Children and Arms of Hope (Boles Home and Medina Children's Home).

## ELDER CORNER

by Steve Austin

I'd like to begin to report on some of the mission trips that have taken place or will happen during the summer, as UCC members go out into various countries to be like Jesus and share his love. Jennifer Welch sent me this report of their time in Haiti—she, her husband Roger, and their son Josh were able to visit the work they have so faithfully supported for several years.

"We were all blessed to be able to return to Port-Au-Prince Haiti in June. The Goodness of God orphanage (*tggo.org*) is moving this summer to a bigger home that will provide more space inside and out for fifty-one children. While at the orphanage, we started the process of taking apart special-sized bunk beds to get them moved to the new home. As with anything in Haiti, this simple task is a "process", with limited tools and hot working conditions during the transport of the materials to the location. But all this does not deter the children from getting right in there to help. The motto for TGGO is, "*The more hands, the lighter the load*" and we witnessed that in action.

Our day in Haiti begins with a 20- to 45-minute ride on a 'tap tap,' which is a small pickup truck with a covered metal roof and wooden benches. There is no way to describe the driving conditions or the rules of driving in Haiti. It is the hand of God that keeps us safe as we travel back and forth each day. From the time you arrive at the orphanage you are outside, working or playing. You always have a child either on you, holding your hand or right by your side. Our days consist of their daily routine, working to prepare for the move, Bible stories, having multiple praise times, and playing games that I brought for the children.

We spend time with the children looking at "The Big God Story" and the history of how God has worked from the beginning of time. We remind the children how they are part of God's story and that He is faithful and loves them very much. The children understand that we would not be able to come and see them without the help of our brothers and sisters at UCC. They are grateful for the love shown to them from people they have never met. Please pray for their health, safety and faith. The challenges seem overwhelming, but I hold to the promise that 'All things are possible with God.'"

I'm always glad to hear of how the Welches and UCC member Megeste Pierre are so faithful in Haiti, despite incredibly difficult conditions and obstacles in Haiti. I see them as true examples of being faithful and obedient in doing everything they can, and trusting God to handle all the things beyond their control. A good way to work! Thanks, Welches!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Terrific Tuesday:** Terrific Tuesday will begin Tuesday, July 10 from 10 to 1 p.m. This four-week Tuesday fun will be for children first through fifth grade and lunch will be provided. Please register your child, by visiting [uccabilene.org](http://uccabilene.org).

**Wednesday Night:** This Wednesday night, families are invited to come to the MAC at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal, volleyball and time of devotion. So plan to bring food to share, shoes to play and be ready to share an idea for a family devotion time.

**Children's Church Schedule:** Children's church will not meet the month of July and resumes on Sunday, August 19.

*"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*  
**John 14:6**

## NEWS AND NOTES

**All UCC Ladies Summer Lunches**, each Wednesday through August 1.

All UCC ladies are invited to have lunch together in the Family Room from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. (or 1:30 p.m. if you can stay longer). Each lady should bring any dish, or don't if you're coming from work and don't have time. We'll bring enough for you and we'll have a delicious potluck! **This is a time for summer visiting, no program, just encouragement! Child care will be provided.** If you need child care, please notify Liz by **Tuesday** of each week and bring your children with lunches to eat and play!  
**Liz Rotenberry**

**"Seasons" - Coming Soon...** On Sunday mornings, beginning August 26, in classroom 123, we will offer an intergenerational Bible class for women led by Dr. Carisse Berryhill.

### Mission Trips

Please pray for the spiritual preparation and development of our mission teams, as they get ready to go around the world to spread the gospel.

#### **Matanzas, Cuba (July 27 - August 6)**

Tim & Andrea Archer, Ted & Ellen Presley, Gabriel & Ivan Zuniga, Madison Pamplin, Pablo Sanabria

#### **Mexico (June 29 - July 8)**

Gustavo, Micaela, Cristian & Jocelyn Villanueva, Lydia Zuniga, Alma & Gerry Lara, Roberta Brown, Zeire Guzman.

#### **Zambia**

John (July 5 -22), Angela (June 27- July 22)  
James Estes (May 28-August 10)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**Benny Gallaway** needs our help! For years, Benny has led the way in bringing worship to our nursing home residents. He needs a **song-leader** for the service at Coronado at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you could help Benny, even if it's only one Sunday a month, please let Benny or Brent know.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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facebook.com/groups/uymteens

**Fun, Games and Pizza Tonight:** Join us from 5-7:30 p.m. as we have some fun and some pizza! I know it's the second Sunday when we don't normally have an activity, but since we will be gone the following Sunday on Mission Trip, we thought we'd have an activity together. Bring \$3 to help cover the cost of pizza.

**BLAST on Tuesday:** Join us for BLAST on Tuesday from 9-3:30 p.m. as we serve and play together! We will meet at the Youth Center and then head over to work with one of our local non-profit organizations for the morning and then have some fun in the afternoon. Bring a sack lunch and \$5 to cover the cost of our afternoon activity. Make sure to bring closed-toed shoes each week. We could also use an second driver, as our BLAST attendance has been abnormally high this year...and that's a great thing! So if any adults/parents can help by driving your own personal car, that would be a huge assistance. Please let Jason know.

**Wednesday Night:** From 7-8:30 p.m., we will have Youth Group time with some singing, a fun activity, a lesson and snacks! It will be a fun time, so invite a friend.

**No REEL Faith Thursday Night:** This week is the prep week for HS Mission Trip so we will not have REEL Faith on Thursday so Jason can get stuff ready to go.

**HS Mission Trip will be July 14-21** in Beaumont and will be \$40 per person (financial assistance is available). We will be working with the Westgate Church of Christ and a couple of other youth ministries at a work camp, as the region continues to recover from last year's hurricane. We will be painting, landscaping and perhaps doing finish-work in houses. Make plans to join us! We need adult volunteers, so please let Jason know if you can go with us. **All paperwork and payments are due today.** Extra copies are available on the Youth Center desk and has been emailed.

**MS Mission Stay will be July 29-Aug. 1**, and is for all students entering sixth grade through ninth grade. As usual, there is no cost for the event, but I do need a list of who want to go and t-shirt sizes by Sunday, July 22. This year, we are also asking for help from parents and/or the congregation. Here are some things you might be able to help us with:

**Housing.** We need housing for our MS students and a couple of HS mentors. We like for Mission Stay to be away from a teen's normal home, so it feels like a trip even when we are in town.

**Transportation.** We also may need additional help driving, so if you would be willing to spend a day or two with us, helping us get from one location to another, that is a need.

**Evening Meal.** Finally, if you are willing to provide an evening meal, that could be a big help too.

**Please let Jason know if you are willing to help in any of these ways.**

## GATHERINGS

**Bradley Steele**, Young Adults Minister  
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**Tonight**, check Facebook for small group details.

**Wednesday** we will meet at 7 p.m. for coffee, dessert and Bible study in MAC 504.

Don't forget to join us for class on **Sunday** mornings at 9 a.m. in MAC 504.

Make sure to check our **Facebook** group for more information.

## TRANSITIONS

**Andrew Huddleston**  
[huddleston\\_andrew@yahoo.com](mailto:huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com)

**Tonight**, join us at the Williams' house for swimming and fellowship.

**Next week**, we will meet at the Tates' house.

There are some weeks available to host in late July/August. Check Facebook for the small group calendar.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria**  
[campus@uccabilene.org](mailto:campus@uccabilene.org)

We would like to welcome any college students with us today.

We will be having our classes this summer **every Saturday at 6 p.m.** in the MAC classroom 503. **The place might vary on occasion**, so please contact Andrea, Pablo or anyone in the church that can direct you to us. Hope to see you there!

## BILINGUAL MINISTRY

**Vini Montesdeoca**, Bilingual Minister  
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**Bilingual Ladies** prayer group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in a different location every week. Call the office for more information.

**Men's** prayer group meets every Saturday at 7 a.m. at McDonald's on Judge Ely.

**July 15th**, join us for our monthly potluck at 11 a.m. at the Youth Center. Everyone is invited!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - July 8 - July 31

<b>JULY 8</b>	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship
<b>JULY 10</b>	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.- Terrific Tuesday
<b>JULY 11</b>	12 p.m. - Ladies Lunch in the Family Room 7 p.m. - Bible Classes 7 p.m. - Family Room Class: A Witnessing People - Tim Archer
<b>JULY 15</b>	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship 5 p.m. - Chapel Service, <i>Daniel G. - Speaker, Art R. - Song leader</i>
<b>JULY 17</b>	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.- Terrific Tuesday
<b>JULY 18</b>	7 p.m. - Bible Classes 7 p.m. - Family Room Class: A Pilgrim People - James Thompson
<b>JULY 22</b>	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship 5 p.m. - Chapel Service, <i>S. Austin - Speaker, E. Lemmons - Song leader</i>
<b>JULY 24</b>	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.- Terrific Tuesday
<b>JULY 25</b>	7 p.m. - Family Night #3 - Chips & Dips, MAC
<b>JULY 29</b>	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship 5 p.m. - Chapel Service, <i>L. Seckler - Speaker, G. Linder - Song leader</i>
<b>JULY 31</b>	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.- Terrific Tuesday (Last day)

## PRAYER LIST

### UCC ELDERS

Tim Archer  
Steve Austin  
Mark Hamilton  
Ted Presley  
Paul Rotenberry  
Kris Southward  
David Swearingen  
Mark Tate (Sabbatical)  
James Thompson  
Rusty Towell

**Chair**  
Gustavo Villanueva

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Please submit your  
bulletin items to  
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noon on Wednesday.**  
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