



STELLAR

PHILIPPIANS: A LIFE THAT SHINES

July 15, 2018

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.

WORSHIP

Welcome/Family News Eric Lemmons

Call to Worship - Psalm 23

We Shall Assemble

538 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Prayer Wendell Willis

346 *He Lives*

In Christ Alone

Communion David Swearingen

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Bread

Cup

275 *O Lord, You're Beautiful*

273 *More Precious than Silver*

Offering

Be Thou My Vision

Philippians 3:7-11 Jeannette Lipford

Gaining Christ Brent Isbell

567 *Restore My Soul*

Benediction: Philippians 4:7

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 the service, where there are UCC members waiting for you.

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at www.uccabilene.org.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Are you visiting? University Church members want to thank you for joining us! Please fill out one of those **Connections Cards** (on the backs of the seats). Use it to give us contact information, request prayers, or perhaps even tell us you want to be a UCC member. Drop your card in the offering plate (or fill it out via smartphone at uccabilene.org/card). We hope you were blessed today as we praised God together. Please, come back as soon as possible!

Let's continue our sermon series **Stellar: A Life That Shines!** We are working our way through Philippians. This week, we continue a text we started last Sunday in the first part of chapter three. Last week, we talked about Paul's epiphany that all his efforts at human righteousness gained him nothing. In 3:7-11, he says he learned more: That trusting in Jesus Christ gains the righteousness of God! What have you given up to follow Jesus? What do you need to, in Paul's words, "count as loss"? The good news is that nothing compares to Jesus. Everything else in life—even the best things—are just insignificant throwaways compared to **Gaining Christ**. Our worship leader today is **Mark Tate**.

Adult Education—Fall 2018: Our 9 a.m. adult classes are each doing their own studies this summer. Looking ahead, on **August 26** we start an exciting new congregational series called **God's Holy Fire**. We will be digging into the nature and function of Scripture; talking about how to read and study the Bible; asking what inspiration really means; and much more. We hope you will join one of our excellent classes this fall!

Tonight in the Chapel: At our 5:00 p.m. service, **Daniel Garcia** will be speaking, and **Art Rosenquist** will lead singing. Come join us!

The People of God. This Wednesday, we continue our series in the Family Room. Our speaker this week is **James Thompson**, and his topic is **A Pilgrim People**.

Prayer Room. On most Sundays, we offer a public "invitation" at the end of the sermon. At that time, you are welcome to come to the front to receive baptism, identify yourself as a UCC member, or ask for prayer. If you would prefer to pray or visit privately with caring Christians in a quiet place, you are invited to go to **Room 101** in our south hallway.

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sanctuary - 8 p.m.

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Terrific Tuesday: Terrific Tuesday is off to a great start, with twenty-two kids showign up. If your child would like to attend, visit our website and register. This four-week Tuesday fun from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be for children first through fifth grade and lunch will be provided.

Wednesday Night: Families are invited to meet at the Stevenson Splash Pad located at 441 E.N. 7 th St. from 7 to 8 p.m.

Fall Teachers: If you would like to help with teaching this fall semester in a child's Bible class, please contact Jennifer Welch.

THANK YOU, for the donation of gift bags for the patients at **Hendrick Children's Hospital**. Your donation is greatly appreciated! Blessings, Drew Davis.

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."
John 15:7

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria
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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!

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Associate Minister
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Tonight, we will be meeting at Tates' house (1600 Rainey Rd.) for swimming and fellowship.

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

Tonight, we will meet at the Tates' house for swimming and fellowship.

Next week, we will meet at the Bowman's.

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

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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Today, the Bilingual service will be at 9 a.m. in the chapel.

After service, we will meet in the Youth Center to watch the FIFA World Cup final and the **polttuck** will start at 11 a.m. **Everyone is invited** to join us after service to have some fellowship time together.

PRISON MINISTRY

Hal Howell

On the month of June, **32 men were baptized**, bringing the yearly total to **357** at the John Middleton Unit.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: We will not have an activity today because so many of us are gone for mission trip. Have fun together or with your families.

No BLAST or REEL Faith This Week because of the HS group being gone for mission trip in Beaumont.

Wednesday Night: From 7-8 p.m., we will have Youth Group time in the Youth Center. Laura Ice will be leading our time.

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 wants 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.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

UCC Ladies Summer Lunch, will be meeting every Wednesday until August 6th in the Family Room, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

Bilingual Potluck, it will start at 11 a.m. in the Youth Center, we will be hosting **17 Japanese students** that are coming from **Ibaraki High School**. Everyone is welcome to join!

Sanctuary won't be meeting during the month of July, and it will resume in August.

Next Family Night: On July 25th at 7 p.m. in the MAC. We will have **Chips & Dips** (Finger foods). Bring your favorite snacks to share with others.

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.

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

Please submit your bulletin items to Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday, marisol@uccabilene.org