



July 22, 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 Cheryl Bacon

Call to Worship - Psalm 85:8:13

452 *Standing on the Promises*

417 *Where He Leads I'll Follow*

Prayer Josh Welch

742 *Count Your Blessings*

350 *When My Love to Christ*

Communion Brady Bryce

1 Corinthians 10:14-18

Bread

51 *Father of Mercies*

Cup

52 *Father and Friend*

Offering

539 *Higher Ground*

Philippians 3:12-16

Owned, and Pressing On Bradley Steele

Days of Elijah

Benediction

Worship Leader Steve Austin

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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Welcome! If you are visiting today, University Church members want to 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, request prayers, or perhaps tell us you would like to be a UCC member. Drop it in the offering plate (or fill it out via smartphone at **uccabilene.org/card**). We are so glad you are here today. Please, come back soon!

I am taking some vacation days right now. Your preacher this morning is our Associate Minister **Bradley Steele**. He will continue our sermon series **Stellar: A Life That Shines!** We are working our way through Philippians. This week, Bradley will talk about 3:12-16. Next Sunday, one of our elders, **Mark Hamilton** will finish up chapter 3. I am thankful to these two friends for stepping in and giving me a short break. I will be back with you on August 5! Our worship leader today is **Steve Austin**.

Adult Education (Fall 2018): Our 9 a.m. adult classes are each doing their own studies this summer. Looking ahead, on **August 26** we will kick off 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. Please plan to join one of our excellent adult classes this fall!

Tonight in the Chapel: At our 5:00 p.m. service, **Steve Austin** will be speaking, and **Gene Linder** will lead singing. Come join us!

Family Night #3! This Wednesday, we will take a break from our speaker series to share our third **Family Night** of the summer! Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the MAC for **Chips and Dips** (and all kinds of finger foods)! Bring whatever you like—chips, queso, salsa, chicken wings, pigs-in-a-blanket, sandwiches, veggie or fruit trays, crackers, cookies, brownies, etc. You get the idea! Chips and Dips Night is always a smorgasbord of everyone's favorite snacks. Invite a friend or neighbor! Family Nights are fun and tasty. Then join us on Wednesday, August 1 as we continue our speaker series in the Family Room listening to **Bradley Steele**. His topic that evening will be: **A Cross-Shaped 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.

WELCOME
Estelle Sinclair

Dr. Virginia Mosier

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.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Terrific Tuesday: Fun overload at Terrific Tuesday with the gym buzzing with kids playing together, doing puzzles, Lego building, volleyball, scooter boards and the list continues. Terrific Tuesday is a time for kids to build relationships with each other and myself. This year my heart leads me to focus on our actions towards others as we look to the start of a new school year. Please keep this fun group of kids and this activity in your prayers for the next few weeks.

Wednesday Night: Family night in the MAC, enjoying chips-n-dips.

Nursery Team: If you would be willing to serve one time in the nursery during Bible class or worship one time a month please contact Jennifer Welch.

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night."

Psalms 1:1-2

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 meet at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, there will be no class. We will have family night in the MAC.

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.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a come and go wedding shower honoring **Cecily Towell**, bride-elect of Jared Barker, on July 29, 2:30-4 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Binkley. Selections are available at Amazon and Walmart.

THANK YOU UCC

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Dear Brethren, Your generosity is making it possible for our children to experience, often for the first time ever, many things that most of us take for granted. Our children attended our local Independence Day Celebration. One girl was thrilled because she has never been on a parade before and could not believe they were tossing out candy. Her smile was priceless and I wish you could see it! Thank you for your gift to our 2018 General Fund and for loving our children so much! **-Shawn Hull.**

ARMS OF HOPE (Boles Home and Medina Children's Home)

Thank you so much for your donation! UCC is very dear to us and we appreciate the partnership we have had for 24 years. We could not do what we do without you. Thank you! **-Vicky**

CHRISTIAN HOMES

All of us at Christian Homes & Family Services want to say a big "THANK YOU" to the saints at UCC for the generous gift raised in your Children's Homes Special Collection! Your gift will help provide free care to young women in crisis pregnancies in our maternity program as well as train and equip foster families to provide loving, Christian homes for abused and neglected children. The body at UCC is truly a blessing to the women and children God has entrusted to our care. You are all practicing what James calls "...religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless..." (James 1:27). May our Heavenly Father richly bless you all! **-Jim McNiece**

Dear fellow Christians: You were so kind to honor our dad Joseph Elrod, by your kind words and meal for the family before the funeral. Thanks to the team of people that generously supplemented the food and gave their time to make our day easier. Our dad appreciated the friends he had at UCC and looked forward to worship with them as long as it was possible for him, Sincerely, **The Family of Joe Elrod.**

"Thank you so much for hosting the **Ibaraki Japanese students!** They enjoyed watching the final World Cup game, delicious food, and more than anything, getting to know new people! **-Yukari G.**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: Having just gotten in from mission trip last night, we will not have an activity tonight.

REEL Faith Thursday Night — 6-9:30 p.m.: Since we have an 80s-themed Summer, all of our REEL Faith movies will be from the 80s as well! This week's movie will be Big (PG but edited for content). In Matthew 18, Jesus said, "Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." RADICAL followers of Jesus are to be like children but what does that mean. Let's talk about it on Thursday night. Everybody dress up like little kids or big adults in oversized clothes. Also send Jason a photo of yourself as a baby so we can see if others can be identify you. It'll be fun so invite a friend to join us.

Wednesday Night: From 7-8 p.m., we will join the Family Night in the MAC for chips and dips.

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.

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
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Tonight, we will meet at the Bowman's Check Facebook for food sign ups.

There is a host needed for the next two weeks. Let Christine know if you can host or sign up on the posted schedule on Facebook.

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.

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