



# OPERATION BLUE JEANS & SHOES

AUGUST 12

July 29, 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** Kris Southward

**Call to Worship - Psalm 145:10-18**

*Sing and Be Happy*

*What the Lord Has Done in Me*

**Prayer** Rusty Towell

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*All Who are Thirsty*

**Communion** Blake Williams

**Matthew 26:26-29**

**Bread**

*He Leadeth Me*

**Cup**

*He Leadeth Me*

**Offering**

**Operation Blue Jeans Video**

*O Worship the King*

**Philippians 3:17-4:1** Austin Britten

**Imitating Christ** Mark Hamilton

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

**Benediction (Ephesians 3:20-21)**

**Worship Leader** Jeremy Meeks

*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](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

## REFLECTIONS

**Brent Isbell**, Preaching Minister

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**Welcome!** If you are visitor, University Church members thank you for joining us! Please fill out one of those **Connections Cards** (on the seat backs). Use your card to give us contact information, ask for prayers, or perhaps tell us you want to be a UCC member. Drop it in the offering plate (or fill it out via smartphone at [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card)). We are very glad you came today and hope to meet you. Please, come back soon!

**I am finishing up some vacation time today.** Your preacher this morning is one of our elders, **Mark Hamilton**. He will continue our Philippians sermon series **Stellar: A Life That Shines**. Today, Mark will talk about 3:17-4:1. Next Sunday, I will be back and pick up in chapter 4. I am thankful to Mark (and Bradley Steele last week) for stepping in and giving me a short break. Our worship leader today is **Jeremy Meeks**.

**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, **Daniel Garcia** will be speaking, and **Gene Linder** will lead singing. Come join us!

**People of God.** Join us this Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room as we continue our summer speaker series. This week's speaker is **Bradley Steele**, and his topic 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

**Jeremy & Dawne Meeks**

**Charlie (10) & Henry (3)**

## CLASS TIMES:

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

## WORSHIP TIMES:

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

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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## NURSERY FACILITIES

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

## ATTENDANCE: July 22, 2018

Worship - **315** Northern Oaks - **31**  
Bilingual - **N/A** Silver Spring - **28**  
Coronado - **62** Chisholm Place - **11**  
Chapel P.M. - **30**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
jenniferw@uccabilene.org

**Wednesday Night:** Families will meet in the chapel this Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m.

**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.

**Terrific Tuesday:** We will enjoy our last Tuesday together for the summer. It has been a fun time together. The children would like to say, "Thank You" to **Liz Rotenberry** who has been providing our lunch each week.

*"Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools."*

**Ecc. 7:9**

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria**  
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!

## GATHERINGS

**Bradley Steele**, Associate Minister  
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**Tonight**, we will meet at the Steeles' at 5 p.m.

**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**, join us at the Lemmons' house. Check Facebook for food sign ups.

**Coming soon**, there are some exciting changes on the horizon for Sunday evenings. Be on the lookout for the fall calendar which will be posted for host sign ups this week.

## BILINGUAL MINISTRY

**Vini Montesdeoca**, Bilingual Minister  
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**Ladies** prayer group will meet at Micaela Villanueva's home on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Every lady is invited to join us for dinner and prayer time. **(Even if you don't speak Spanish).**

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

## OPERATION BLUE JEANS & SHOES

We will have a special collection on **August 12** on benefit of Christian Service Center to help many AISD students with school clothes, new shoes and children's Bibles.

This summer many children have already come with their mothers and have been so blessed with these items.

Please be prayerful in how can you be a financial partner with CSC to show these students Christ's love in a very tangible way. - **Jim Clark**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**MS Mission Stay Starts Tonight:** MS Mission Stay is here! We are excited about another year with this exciting event filled with service and fun! We will start on **Sunday night at 5 p.m.**, as everyone drops off their things at the MAC and gets their sleeping areas set up. Then, it's off the Isbells' house for dinner and swimming. Each day, we will be working with local non-profit groups, learning about their ministries and helping out where we can. Then, each evening, we will have a whole lot of fun then have a devo and reflection time before getting ready to sleep. We will now be staying in classrooms in the MAC, so everyone will need to bring a sleeping bag with a pad or a twin air mattress (we have a few extras if needed). **The rest of the week's schedule and a packing list was sent out via email, text and Facebook but if you still need it, let Jason know.** As usual, we have a some HS teens who will be helping us during the week including, Ashlen Pamplin, Michelle Oliver, Jaime Scudder, Keegan Copher and Travis Hatch, in addition to Bicky Tolar who will be an additional adult staying overnight in the MAC with us. We will finish on Wednesday night with an end-of-week video at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center for all teens and parents, and finish at 8 p.m.. Please make plans to join us.

**If you haven't signed up, please check with Jason to see if there is still space available.**

**Wednesday Night:** Join us on Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. as we watch the MS group's end-of-week video from Mission Stay. It will be a great way to encourage them as well as have some snacks afterwards!

## END OF SUMMER DATES

REEL Faith - Tues., Aug. 14  
ACS Begins - Thurs., Aug. 16  
Summer Recap/Celebration - Sun., Aug. 19  
AISD Begins - Wed., Aug. 22

## NEWS AND NOTES

### WEDDING SHOWER

**Today**, 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.

### BABY SHOWER

Please join us for a baby shower in honor of **Ashley Jones**, Ashley is the wife of Brett Jones and daughter-in-law of Al and Lisa Estrada, on Sunday, **August 12th** from 2-3:30 p.m. at The Clubhouse, Whistle Stop RV Resort (695 E. Stamford Street). Selections are available at Target.

### THANK YOU FROM FOSTER'S HOME FOR CHILDREN

Thanks for your gift! "K" is a 9 month little angel. She is learning to stand on her own. Free from the neglect of her infancy, she is now in a safe environment, where she can reach all the developmental milestones little ones need to achieve. Thanks for giving her such a solid foundation. -**Lacy Barton**

**Sanctuary** will resume next Sunday, August 5th at 8 p.m. Join us for some community worship.

**Quilting Day** will be Monday, August 6th at 9 a.m. in room 208.

## 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

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