



# STELLAR

## PHILIPPIANS: A LIFE THAT SHINES

August 5, 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

Call to Worship - Philippians 2

Bradley Steele

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

*Blessed Be the Lord, God Almighty*

Prayer

Derek Bowman

*This is My Father's World*

*Blessed Jesus*

Communion

Paul Rotenberry

Mark 14:22-25

Bread

*Nearer My God to Thee*

Cup

*Nearer My God to Thee*

Offering

Operation Blue Jeans Video

*Sanctuary*

Philippians 4:1-9

Kara Barcroft

Citizens of Heaven

Brent Isbell

*He Has Made Me Glad*

Benediction: Romans 16:25-27

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).*

### REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister  
[brent@uccabilene.org](mailto:brent@uccabilene.org)

**Welcome!** If you are visiting, thank you for joining us! Please fill out a **Connections Card** (on the seat backs). Drop your card in the offering plate (or fill it out via phone at [uccabilene.org/card](http://uccabilene.org/card)). We are glad you came today and hope to meet you in person. Please, come back soon!

Today we continue our series **Stellar: A Life That Shines**. As Philippians 4 begins, Paul speaks in very practical terms about the importance of standing firm in Christ. Our Enemy is constantly trying to knock us down and steal our joy. How spiritually steady and strong are you feeling these days? If your joy tank is low, Paul gives us some specific areas to work on. Our worship leader today is **Mark Tate**.

**Next week is Blue Jeans Sunday!** Don't forget to wear your denim to church! **Operation Blue Jeans** is a great UCC tradition. Every August, we collect a special offering for our partners at the **Christian Service Center** to provide new clothes and back-to-school items for hundreds of Abilene families. Many depend on us, so please be as generous as possible for boys and girls in our community.

**God's Holy Fire.** Looking ahead, on **August 26** adult classes kick off an exciting new congregational series called **God's Holy Fire**. We will dig into the nature and function of Scripture and how to read and study it more effectively. Join us that Sunday in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m. to kick off our study with a combined introductory lesson.

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

Mark Your Calendars!

**Summer Series:** Vini Montesdeoca - Wed., Aug. 8

**Operation Blue Jeans** - Sun., Aug. 13

**Summer Series:** Andrew Huddleston - Wed., Aug. 15

**Family Night #4:** Back-to-School Burger Bash - Wed., Aug. 22

**Fall Study Kick-Off** - Sun., Aug. 26 - All adult classes in auditorium at 9:00 a.m. to begin our Holy Fire curriculum

**Back-to-School Bless** - Sun., Aug., 26 - UCC's annual start of school blessing service at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

### CLASS TIMES:

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

### WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 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 29, 2018

Worship - 262 Northern Oaks - 24  
Bilingual - 64 Silver Springs - 30  
Coronado - 62 Chisholm Place - 12  
Chapel - 30

### OFFERING:

July 29 \$10,744.00

## FROM THE ELDERS

*Gustavo Villanueva, 2018 elder chair*

The UCC elders held their **monthly meeting** with ministry staff on July 26, 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, prayers of rejoicing with **Ted and Heather Moreno** on the birth of their son, **Judson**, for those who have placed membership with our family, and for many others;
2. **Grateful for the good news** from our recent youth mission trip, Terrific Tuesdays with our younger kids, all of the good things that have happened and continue to happen in our summer mission efforts, and Hal's prison report that thus far in 2018 there have been 357 baptisms at the prison;
3. Read reports from **Vini, Bradley, and Brent** discussing proposed new events that will help bring our men closer together, beginning in the fall;
4. Discussed the effectiveness of **Common Life Groups** and tabled any action to a later date;
5. Approved a plan from the **Buildings and Grounds Committee** to spend funds (\$13,000 - \$15,000) from savings to install additional security cameras and additional server upgrades to handle all of our security cameras;
6. Discussed and voted on a few requests from the **worship committee**;
7. As we concluded our meeting Brent prayed over Ted Presley and Tim Archer, and for their fellow teammates, as they were all leaving for **Cuba** the following morning for 10 days;
8. Set the **next meeting** for August 19th.

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**  
**325-338-7827**

## OPERATION BLUE JEANS Special Collection - August 12

Next week, University Church family will take up a collection for this summer's Operation Blue Jeans. Your support will help low-income Abilene school children in the following ways:

1. Elementary School students: two pairs of jeans, five pairs of socks and five pairs of underwear.
2. Middle School Students: two pairs of khaki pants and two polo style shirts, five pairs of socks and five pairs of underwear.
3. Each student will receive a new pair of shoes.
4. Age appropriate Bibles will be available so they can learn about Jesus, His love and His plan for their lives.

Please prayerfully consider a generous donation next Sunday to enable us to once more bless these students and their families in Jesus' name.

In Christ,  
**Jim Clark**, Director  
Christian Service Center



**OPERATION**  
**BLUE JEANS & SHOES**  
**AUGUST 12**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
[jenniferw@uccabilene.org](mailto:jenniferw@uccabilene.org)

**Wednesday Night:** Families will meet at Nelson Wilson Park this Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. This park is located off Judge Ely behind the Turn Key Storage building.

**Fall Teacher Orientation:** For those who have signed up to teach this fall please plan to attend an orientation Sunday evening, **August 12 from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.** Refreshments will be provided and a few fun and games as we start our semester together.

**Promotion Sunday:** Children will start their new Bible class on **Sunday, August 19.**

Please make plans to walk your child to their class and meet their Bible class teacher for the fall.

*"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."*

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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[facebook.com/groups/uymteens](https://www.facebook.com/groups/uymteens)

**Free Time Tonight:** Join us for free time tonight in the Youth Center from 5-6:30 p.m.. We will not have dinner this time. The Craddocks are on vacation but someone will be here to chaperone all these teens!

**Wednesday Night:** We will have class on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. with Laura Ice leading our time together.

**No BLAST or REEL Faith This Week:** Jason is out of town on vacation, so these next couple of weeks will be light as we transition into the school year. It's been a great summer from which we pray God will bring tremendous fruit! Get some rest before school starts back way too soon!

**Austin Britten's Eagle Scout Project:** Everyone is invited to MAC 502 on **Saturday, August 18**, to experience a **reenactment of the secret early Christian worship services** conducted in the catacombs during the time of Roman persecution. There will be two performances, **11 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Seating will be on a carpeted floor, not in chairs, though you are welcome to bring a pillow or blanket to sit on as well. While there is no cost to attend, reservations are required because space is limited. Because of the intensity of the experience, the performance **is not recommended for children under 13.** This is being presented as a Boy Scouts of America Eagle Project by Austin Britten. **To reserve your space, please call or text Vicki Britten at (325) 201-4642 or email at [brittenv@acu.edu](mailto:brittenv@acu.edu) by Thursday, August 16.**

## 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

### Mission Trips

-Marion Bush and Judy Casey are in **Ukraine**

-James Estes is in **Zambia**

-Tim y Andrea Archer; Pablo Sanabria; Madison Pamplin; Gabriel & Ivan Zuniga; Ted & Ellen Presley are in **Matanzas, Cuba**

**"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.

**Sanctuary** will resume next Sunday, August 19th at 8 p.m. Join us for some community worship.

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

**Our sympathy goes out to Steven Moore** and family on the death of his mother, Clara Moore who passed away on Monday, July 30. A private family service will be held. If you would like to mail a card to Steven or his father, Troy, please use the following address: 1650 Morrow Ln, Abilene, TX 79601. The ACU Department of Language and Literature has set up a scholarship fund to honor his mother. Contact the department for more information.

**Thank You From Arms of Hope:** Dear Christian friends, Thank you for choosing Arms of Hope to receive your generous donation. **The 4 handmade quilts** you donated to our organization are truly appreciated. Our children and mothers will greatly benefit because of your generosity and encouragement. We continue to be blessed by loving and caring folks like you. Your concern is truly the "spirit of giving and sharing". Very truly yours,  
**Troy Robertson**

**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.

**50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration:** Sandra and Wendell Willis were married on August 10, 1968. Their children invite you to a come and go reception celebrating their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on Saturday, **August 11th** from 2-4 p.m. in the Family Room. (No gifts please.)

**Sip and See Shower:** You are invited to attend a come and go **Sip and See/Baby Shower** in honor of **Heather and Ted Moreno** to celebrate the birth of **Baby Judson Thaddeus**, on **August 26th** in the Family Room right after service (11 a.m.). Gift cards are requested.

## GATHERINGS

**Bradley Steele**, Young Adults Minister  
[bradley@uccabilene.org](mailto:bradley@uccabilene.org)

**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**, we will meet at the Huddleston's house. Check Facebook for food sign ups.

The fall small group calendar has been posted on Facebook and is ready for sign ups of hosts

## 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  
[vini@uccabilene.org](mailto:vini@uccabilene.org)

**Ladies** prayer group will meet at Carolina Archer'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.

Join us for monthly **Potluck on August 12th** at 12 p.m. in the Youth Center. Everyone is invited!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Aug. 5 - Aug. 22

- AUG. 5** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship  
5 p.m. - Chapel Service, *Wendell W. - Speaker, Art R. - Song leader*  
8 p.m. Sanctuary: Community worship
- AUG. 8** 7 p.m. - Bible Classes  
7 p.m. - Family Room Class: *An Inclusive People - Vini Montesdeoca*
- AUG. 12** **OPERATION BLUE JEANS**  
8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship  
5 p.m. - No Chapel Service  
8 p.m. Sanctuary: Community worship
- AUG. 15** 7 p.m. - Bible Classes  
7 p.m. - Family Room Class: *A Righteous People - Andrew Huddleston*
- AUG. 19** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship  
5 p.m. - Chapel Service, *Mark H. - Speaker, Eric L. - Song leader*  
8 p.m. Sanctuary: Community worship
- AUG. 22** 7 p.m. - Family Night #4 - Back-to-School Burger Bash

## 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  
Marisol Groves **before  
noon on Wednesday.**  
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