



TODAY OPERATION BLUE JEANS & SHOES

August 12, 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 Steve Austin

Baptism

144 *O Worship the King*

Agnus Dei

Prayer James Scudder

314 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Communion Jim Clark

Luke 22:14-20

Bread

Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You

Cup

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Offering

Operation Blue Jeans Garnie Hatch

God Will Make a Way

Philippians 4:10-14 Lynette Austin

A Sweet Secret Brent Isbell

915 *Trust and Obey*

Benediction (Hebrews 13:20-21)

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! Are you visiting? If so, thank you for joining us! Please fill out one of those **Connections Card** (on seat backs). Drop it in the offering plate (or fill it out via phone at uccabilene.org/card). We are glad you came today and want to greet you in person. Come back soon!

It's Blue Jeans Sunday! For fifty years, **Operation Blue Jeans** has been one of our great UCC traditions. Every August, we take a special offering for our friends at **Christian Service Center** to provide clothes, shoes, and back-to-school items for hundreds of Abilene families. Many depend on us, so let's be generous for boys and girls in our city!

Today we continue our series **Stellar: A Life That Shines**. In Philippians 4:10-14, Paul shares his great "secret." Ever known someone who just can't keep a secret? Well, some secrets are too sweet to be kept! Next week we finish Philippians, and on Aug. 26, we begin our fall messages from the **Gospel of Mark**. We will be emphasizing evangelism and outreach to our neighbors, so begin reading Mark with actively sharing the Good News in mind. We're calling our fall series **Just Gospel**.

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

Join us this Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room as we conclude our **People of God** summer series. Our last speaker will be **Andrew Huddleston**, and his topic is **A Righteous People**. The next week—**August 22**—is our **Back-to-School Burger Bash**, so invite your friends to join us in the MAC that evening for some great food!

Nine years ago, the Isbell family came to Abilene from Houston. How you have blessed us! And I pray we have been a blessing in return. We have shared much, great days and difficult days and everything in between. There has been a lot of change, but also a lot of things that, thankfully, have stayed the same. As we begin Year Ten, I look forward more than ever to sharing the mission of Jesus with you dear people. You know, our best days are ahead. What an honor it is to preach for the University Church of Christ. You are our family, and we love you beyond words. Thank you!

BAPTISM

Audrey Williams
6350 Summerhill Road
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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: **Aug. 5, 2018**
Worship - **241** Northern Oaks - **32**
Bilingual - **51** Silver Spring - **21**
Coronado - **61** Chisholm Place - **13**
Chapel P.M. - **32**

OFFERING:
Aug. 5 TBD

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

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

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OPERATION BLUE JEANS SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION IS TODAY!

Please prayerfully consider how you can financially support this drive to help the hundreds of low-income students that are coming to the Service Center this summer for new school clothes, new shoes and a children's Bible. To God be the glory!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Wednesday Night: Families will meet in the MAC from 7 to 8 p.m.

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 make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." **Psalm 16:11**

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, check Facebook for more 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.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

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

Today, everyone is invited to join us for our Potluck, at 12 p.m. in the Youth Center!

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com

Tonight, Small group will be at the church playground at 5 p.m. Bring your own dinner and stay as long as you want.

A host is needed for next week. The small group calendar has been updated and posted on Facebook for signups.

NEWS AND NOTES

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, **today** from 2-3:30 p.m. at The Clubhouse, Whistle Stop RV Resort (695 E. Stamford Street). Selections are available at Target.

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

Back-to-School Burger Bash: Wednesday, August 22 at 7 p.m. in the MAC. If you can, please, bring scissors, glue sticks, and/or plastic pencil boxes to help our adopted school, Taylor Elementary. This is a great opportunity to bring friends, co-workers, people who live on your street, strangers, anyone who enjoys food and fellowship. It's also a great chance to help our community.

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.

"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.

Fall semester ESL classes will resume on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the MAC, starting on **September 5**. **Anyone interested in helping with this ministry** is invited to an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in the MAC on Wednesday, August 29.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: Since it is the second Sunday of the month, and Jason and Karla are out of town, we will not have an activity tonight.

Wednesday Night: We will have a devo and class on Wednesday night from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Center followed by snacks and hangout time.

REEL Faith on Tuesday: This Tuesday we will be watching the comedic, global phenomenon, 1980/84's *The Gods Must Be Crazy* (80s PG but edited for content). It is the story of a remote African tribe who is thrown into chaos when a Coke bottle falls from the sky and they choose a representative to return the bottle to the end of the earth. This story runs parallel to other stories of a bumbling scientist, a school teacher and a band of guerillas. The story is essentially a fish(es) out of water tale where someone who belongs to one way of life is confronted with foreign other ways. We will talk about our own similar state in this world. If *TGMBC* doesn't work, then we'll go with *Crocodile Dundee* instead (PG-13 but also edited for content).

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 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

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