



JUST **GO!** GOSPEL

MARK'S URGENT JESUS

September 2, 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 Jason Craddock

Call to Worship (Psalm 15)

509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Prayer Steve Austin

How Great is Our God

662 All to Jesus I Surrender

Communion Bradley Steele

Bread

276 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Cup

662 All to Jesus I Surrender

Offering

Children's Church

18 Faithful Love

Mark 1:14-20 Marisol Groves

Follow Me Brent Isbell

810 Listen to Our Hearts

Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:11)

Worship Leader Jeremy Meeks

REFLECTIONS

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On your Mark. Get set. GOspel! Mark's style is fast and powerful, more like firing a cannon than weaving a story. No Advent or Christmas. No Bethlehem birth. No Jerusalem visits. Mark just gets right to the Gospel, the Good News. For Mark, it breaks out in the wilderness with scruffy John baptizing folks confessing sins. Then, the One he proclaims shows up, presenting himself for washing! Heaven opens up, and the voice of God says, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased."

Jesus never shows up where you'd expect. Down to the Jordan, immersed by John. Into the desert, tempted by Satan. Then, surprisingly, to the lake. He frequents poor Galilean villages and boat docks. He walks comfortably among common people. He says something big—really Good News—is breaking through; a new King with a new kind of reign is doing something remarkable. Oh, and get this part: He invites peasants who smell like fish to join this amazing future!

Don't be afraid. He won't force you to be a missionary or strong-arm you into ministry. But he will ask. He's not afraid to show up anywhere or at any time to invite you to leave old familiar ways and habits. It's always safer to stay close to your nets (if you've fished all your life)—or cling to whatever makes you comfortable. But the real adventure is with Him. He's still saying, **Follow Me!** Our worship leader is **Jeremy Meeks.**

Adult Education Minute: Today our adult classes are in Week Two of our congregational series **God's Holy Fire.** Our focus today is *The Bible as the Word of God.* The Adult Teaching Committee believes this is a critical study, and we encourage each of you to participate. Next week: *The Grand Narrative of the Bible.* Please read Psalm 78 to prepare.

Tonight's Chapel: At 5 p.m., I will speak and **Eric Lemmons** will lead songs. Next week at 5 p.m., we are hosting a **Service of Prayer for the Healing of Our Sick.** Many of our brothers and sisters are fighting disease or physical challenges. Everyone is invited!

Labor Day. Many are enjoying a long weekend. The UCC office is closed tomorrow in observance of the holiday.

Wednesdays at UCC. Join us Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Family Room as we continue our series on **Christ and Culture** with **James Thompson.** In MAC 501, Conversations will continue **Domestic Violence: What, Why and How to Help** with **Lisa Merchant** from ACU.

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.

CLASS TIMES:

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

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sanctuary - 7 p.m.

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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: Aug. 26, 2018

Worship - 358 Northern Oaks - n/a
Bilingual - n/a Silver Spring - 36
Coronado - 66 Chisholm Place - 10

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Wednesday Night Bible Class: For the families who attend on Wednesday night, please look for the sign up sheet when you drop your child off for class this Wednesday. I have been unable to find teachers for our Wednesday night classes, so I will lead a rotation center Bible class. Thank you in advance for signing up.

Fall Sunday Morning Teachers: The Sunday morning teachers who are teaching your children have dedicated to not only teaching each Sunday, but plan to meet one time a month before Bible class to pray for each other, your children and you. Please take time to pray for your child's teacher and in some way show them your appreciation for taking on this important role every Sunday. Thank you!

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"

Matthew 9:36-38

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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We would like to welcome any college students with us today.

Sunday morning class begins at 9 a.m. in MAC 503. We will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in MAC 503.

Join us tonight for **Sanctuary at 7 p.m.** in the Chapel!

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.

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
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There is **no small group tonight** because of Labor Day weekend. Enjoy the evening with your family!

Next week, small group will be hosted by the Kings.

NEWS AND NOTES

Ladies Bible Class will resume on **Wednesday, September 5 at 10 a.m.** in the Family Room. Bradley Steele will be teaching and childcare will be provided.

Fall semester ESL classes will resume on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in the MAC, starting on **September 5**.

Come to a **Sip and See** to meet the new son of Hailey and Charles Rotenberry: **Campbell Paul Rotenberry**. On **September 9th, from 2-4 p.m.** at the home of Cheryl Mann Bacon. Diapers and wipes are welcomed. Proud Grandparents: Liz and Paul Rotenberry, Debbie and Randy Clinton.

This Sunday, **Sanctuary will be at 7 p.m.** Join us for some community worship in the Chapel.

Tuesday Night Lights! The UCC ministry to young women gets a reboot this fall. We will kick off Tuesday Night Lights on **Sept. 11** at the home of Celia Tate at 6:30 p.m. Come to eat, talk, reconnect, put your feet in the pool or dive right in. All young women, 40ish and younger are invited whether you're single, married, a mom or not. Join us for dinner, fun and fellowship. Childcare will be provided at 6:15 p.m. in the Early Childhood Center. RSVP no later than Monday noon to Jennifer Welch (Jenniferw@uccabilene.org). Upcoming events planned for Tuesday Night Lights will be presented at this dinner. See you there!

Fight Night with Les Parrot, at the Abilene civic Center on Sunday, **September 16th** from 7-9:30pm. Fight Night will provide a time of growth for couples throughout the entire community, tickets can be purchased at lesandleslie.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Dive-in Movie Tonight (Changes from Last Week): There are a couple of changes from last week, so make sure to read carefully. Since Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer, we are going to celebrate with a devo, hamburger-hotdog cookout and a Dive-in movie at the Trammells' tonight from 5-10 p.m.! You will need to be dropped off and picked up at the Trammell home. Our movie tonight will be *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure* (PG but edited for content). If you want to sit in the grass during parts of the movie, you may want to bring a blanket to sit on. We will have plenty of outdoor games to play as well. Parents, please make plans to pick up on time since it will be late when we finish. It's all going to be a lot of fun, so invite your friends to join us as we officially say bye to summer!

Activity Schedules: If you or your kids have any activities (school or otherwise) coming up, please let Jason know so we can plan to make it out to support them.

Wednesday Night: We will have a devo and class on Wednesday night from 7-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Center, followed by snacks and hangout time. We know you've been sitting in class all day, so Wednesday nights are pretty low-key and relaxed, where we will have some snacks, a little fun and some thoughtful discussion and Bible study. Huddles will officially begin Sept. 12. The HS Huddles will be meeting again this year at the Scudder home with the Scudders and Tolars leading. The MS Huddle will continue to meet in the Youth Center with the Craddocks and Groves leading. It's going to be a great year, so make plans now to join us and think about who you will invite to come with you.

Sign up for a CRADtalk: CRADtalks are "Conversations Worth Having" with Jason and/or Karla Craddock. During these conversations there will be a little small talk, but we want to dive into our students' spiritual lives, offering some coaching and strategies for spiritual growth and just focus on building students up. Our goal is to leave with a plan for growing deeper in relationship with God and praying over anything for which you may want prayer. Guys will generally just go out with Jason, and girls will go out with either Jason and Karla or just Karla. So, please let us know when you can get together and we will set up for some time at Sonic, over coffee, or somewhere else.

UCC ELDERS

Tim Archer
Steve Austin
Mark Hamilton
Ted Presley
Paul Rotenberry
Kris Southward
David Swearingen
Mark Tate (Sabbatical)
James Thompson
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Please submit your bulletin items to Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday, marisol@uccabilene.org