



JUST GO!SPEL

MARK'S URGENT JESUS

September 16, 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 Bradley Steele

Call to Worship (Philippians 2:2-11)

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Revelation Song

Mark 1:35-39 Andrea Archer

Lonely Places Brent Isbell

How Great is Our God

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.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister
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Just Gospel! In Mark 1:35-39, we get a glimpse into the rhythm of Jesus' life on earth. After spending a lot of time with crowds of people, he retreats to "a deserted place" to pray alone. Simon and the disciples seem to interpret this as lost time. When they attempt to bring him back, Jesus opts to move on to other communities. We sometimes forget that evangelism needs retreat and renewal. Even the Son of God needs to spend quiet time with the Father. Evangelism is depleting, people-intensive work. Squaring off against demons holding people in bondage is demanding ministry. Jesus will not be distracted by the promise of easy crowds and popular activity. Neither should his followers. Today: **Lonely Places**. Our worship leader is **Jeremy Meeks**.

Adult Education Minute: Our adult classes are in Week Four of a fall congregational series called **God's Holy Fire**. Our focus today is *Basic Exegesis*. The Adult Teaching Committee believes this is a critical study, so we encourage each of you to participate. Next week: *The Importance of Genre*. Please read Prov. 22:6; 23:13-14; and Rev. 13:1-4 to prepare.

Tonight we will *not* have a 5:00 p.m. Chapel service. Instead, we invite everyone to return at 6:20 p.m. as we host the opening night of **ACU Summit** here in our University Church auditorium. **Randy Harris** will be speaking from Ephesians 1:3-14 on *God's Standing Ovation: Praising His Glorious Grace*. The service includes a joint concert featuring ACU's Acapella Chorus and the Alumni Chorus.

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

Looking ahead. On **September 30**, I will be trading places with **Vini Montesdeoca**. I will preach in Bilingual, and Vini will preach to you. We want to swap roles occasionally to strengthen connections between our groups. In addition, we will host our Bilingual family for a full **Unity Service** on **November 11**, followed by a full-church potluck meal!

Welcome to UCC! Are you visiting for ACU Summit? Whatever brought you, thank you for joining us today! Please fill out a **Connections Card** (on seat backs) and drop it in the offering plate later (or fill it out via phone at uccabilene.org/card). We are so glad you came today and hope to greet you in person. Come back soon!

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: Sept. 9, 2018

Worship - 358
Bilingual - 87
Coronado - 58
Silver Spring - 48
Chisholm Place - 12

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: M. Trammell, D. Ice, L. Bryce

Children's Church Focus: Our theme this semester for children's church is "Building your Life on Christ". Our lessons have started out with the focus on sharing. If you are ever curious about our time together once we leave the auditorium, we enjoy having guests worship with us.

Wednesday Night Bible Class: Please be sure and sign up to be a helper one time this semester for our elementary Bible class. In case you missed the sign up, please e-mail me at: jenniferw@uccabilene.org. I am teaching kindergarten through fifth grade, due to schedule conflicts not allowing individuals to teach this semester. But I can only have this combined group and actually teach with a helper present. Thank you!

Fall Family Fun: Make plans to enjoy the outdoors on Sunday evening, **Sept. 30** at the "Trammells' Bunkhouse" located near Coronado's Camp. More information will be headed your way soon. In the mean time, **mark the date on your calendar** and pack you lawn chair and mosquito spray in the trunk of your car. Food and drinks will be provided.

"...I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me." **Psalm 13:5-6**

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria
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We would like to welcome any college students with us today.

Our Sunday morning class begins at 9 a.m. in our regular classroom (MAC 503). We will be going to Rusty Towell's house this **Wednesday**, meeting in the MAC at 6:15 p.m. so we can carpool there.

We will not have our meal nor Sanctuary today. Summit is starting tonight! You are encouraged to join in the Auditorium from 6:20 to 8 p.m.

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
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Tonight, we will meet at Jason's Deli at 5 p.m. This will leave plenty of time to eat and allow those of you attending Summit or Fight Night to get there early.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

Ladies Bible Class won't be meeting this Wednesday morning because of Summit. Class will resume on September 26 in the Family Room.

Tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Family Room, please come to hear and learn about **World Christian Broadcasting's** latest news from new president, Andy Baker.

Tonight at 6:30 p.m.: Fight Night with Les Parrott, at the Abilene Civic Center. Tickets can be purchased at lesandleslie.com

The Gibbs would like to invite their church family to their **final adoption hearing for their three youngest children**, on Thursday, September 27th at 1:30 p.m. at Judge Rotenberry's courtroom. And, on Saturday, September 29th, the Gibbs will host a big celebration in the MAC, all are welcome to join as well.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: We will not have an activity tonight, as we traded off-weeks last Sunday. Plus the Craddocks' are lacing up their gloves for the "Fight Night" event with Les Parrott at the Civic Center tonight. Enjoy the time with your families or friends...or catching up on homework.

New Intern Introduction: We are pleased to announce our new youth ministry intern, **Morgan DeBoer**. Morgan is a graduate student in the Graduate School of Theology at ACU, is originally from Iowa and went to York College in Nebraska, earning a degree in English. Morgan has been a member at UCC since February and has already been plugged into the youth ministry and other ministries at ACU. We are so excited to have Morgan working with us through the school year and into next Summer. Please take time to come meet Morgan and make her feel welcomed.

Huddles Continue Wednesday Night: During the school year, our Wednesday nights look a little different than during the summer, as we move to a smaller group format. Our HS students meet in a home, while our MS teens continue to meet in the Youth Center and occasionally other locations for a field trip. The **HS Huddle** will meet at the home of James and Mandy Scudder, just a half-mile down Campus Ct. Lance and Bicky Tolar will also be leading this group. The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center, being led by Jason and Karla Craddock, along with Jacob and Marisol Groves. Our new youth ministry intern, Morgan DeBoer will be spending a few weeks at each Huddle before rotating to the next one. Everyone is asked to think of someone whom they can invite each week to join them for this time of sharing, prayer, study and fun. This is where we want our group to grow from, as we relax in the middle of our week to share, pray, study and grow together. Did I mention there will always be snacks too?

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.

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.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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Ladies prayer group will meet 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).

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