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MARK'S URGENT JESUS

September 23, 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 Liz Rotenberry

Call to Worship (Psalm 1)

Faithful

484 You Are My All In All

Prayer Rusty Towell

Shine On Us

Here in This Place

Communion Mark Hamilton

Matthew 26:26-29

Bread

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Offering

Children's Church

Just for Today

Mark 2:13-17 Austin Britten

The Business of Sinners Brent Isbell

15 Step by Step

Benediction (Romans 16:25-27)

Worship Leader Eric Lemmons

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 2, Jesus eats with "sinners." But we're all sinners, right? Yes, but here Jesus is identifying with people far outside accepted social circles. Put yourself in Levi's shoes. Chances are, he worked for Herod Antipas, taking tolls near Capernaum. Many still remembered when you could walk that road tax-free. You can imagine how Levi was treated. One day, Jesus came to his station: "Follow me." For some reason, Levi was ready to go! Maybe because Jesus was the first person in a long time to treat him like a human, not an IRS agent. Maybe he knew he was sick and needed a spiritual doctor. Maybe Levi was ready to work for a new sort of king! One thing is sure: For Jesus, there's no point in a healer only keeping company with healthy folks. His actions and words ring out like a bell in today's divided world, telling us what time it is: The Doctor is in and seeing patients! From God's point of view, the party has just begun. Today: **The Business of Sinners.** Our worship leader is **Eric Lemmons.**

Adult Education Minute: Our adult classes are in Week Five of a fall church-wide series called **God's Holy Fire.** Our focus today is *The Importance of Genre.* The Teaching Committee believes this is a critical study, so we encourage participation. Next week: *Historical Narrative: The Book of Acts.* Please read Acts 5:1-11; 8:8:26-40 in preparation.

Tonight in the 5 p.m. Chapel service, **Rusty Towell** will be speaking and **Gene Linder** will lead songs.

UCC Wednesdays. Join us Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the MAC for an inter-generational **Connect** night. These are always fun, and there's something for everyone. We will be learning some important things about our elders! Next week—on **October 3**—new class series will begin. **Brady Bryce** will be teaching in the Family Room, and **Yukari Garcia** will be in Conversations (MAC 501).

Looking ahead. Next Sunday, I will trade places with **Vini Montesdeoca** in Bilingual. I will preach there, and Vini will preach to you. We want to do this occasionally to strengthen ties between our groups.

Did You Know that if you want your contribution automatically deducted from your bank account, it's very easy to do? Please contact **Jill** at 325- 673-6497, and she will walk you through the process!

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. 16, 2018

Worship - 346 Northern Oaks -39
Coronado - 65 Silver Spring - 19
Bilingual - 72 Chisholm Place - 11

OFFERING:

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: A. Britten, A. Pamplin, B. Fox, K. Awbrey

A Muddy Mess: Thank you to Barry Young for making brick molds and Bradley Steele's class for helping our kindergarten through fifth grade this last Wednesday night. We successfully, and with a bit of muddy mess, made mud bricks. As we study the life of Moses, the story comes to life as we think about the Israelite slaves in captivity working this hard day after day.

Fall Family Fun: Make plans to enjoy the outdoors next Sunday evening, Sept. 30, 5:15 - 7:15 at the "Trammells' Bunkhouse" located near Coronado's Camp. If you are planning to come, please shoot me an e-mail or text. This does help give me an estimate as I purchase food. I will put the directions to the bunkhouse on the Transitions facebook page and a copy in adult Bible classes on Sunday morning.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."
Proverbs 9:10

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

Sunday morning class beginning at 9 a.m. in our regular classroom (MAC 503).

Our **small group** meets Thursday nights (901 Washington Blvd.) at 7 p.m.

Sanctuary, a time of fellowship, discussion and worship. Meets Sundays at 6:15 p.m. (MAC 503) for a meal and then move to the chapel at 7 p.m.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Associate Minister
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Tonight, Small Group will be at the Rhodes' house at 5 p.m., check our Facebook Group for the address.

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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Tonight, we will meet at the Gibbs' (901 Washington Blvd.) at 5 p.m. Check Facebook for food signups.

Next week, we will join the children's ministry for a cookout.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

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

THANK YOU

Dear UCC Family, The Family of Mable Bailey have been blessed by your many expressions of love, care and sympathy. You "showed up" for us in our times of loss and need, and we are deeply grateful. God bless you, my beautiful Church Family. Love, Judy S.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Devo and Dinner Tonight: Join us tonight for a devo followed by Dolphinky's for dinner. If you don't know what Dolphinky's is, just imagine Sharky's with fewer options but made with more love! Afterwards we will have some free time in the Youth Center until 7:30 p.m. Invite a friend to join us and bring \$3 to help cover the cost of food.

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 Change for Wednesday: This week Huddles will meet in the MAC from 7-8 p.m. During the school year, UCC regularly has **CONNECT** events focusing on inter-generational ministry. We will put a couple of teens with groups of others who are older, so we can form community outside of the youth group. Please plan to join us for this important time of connecting with the rest of the church.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

Ladies Bible Class will be meeting this Wednesday in the Family Room, and for the month of October they will be meeting in room 502 (MAC)

Wednesday Night Supper, will resume this week on September 26 at 5:45 p.m. in the MAC with Mexican Food. Donations are welcomed!

The Family Room will be **out of service for the month of October** due to kitchen remodeling, but Wednesday Night Classes will still be in there.

Quilting Day, it will be on Monday, October 1st at 9 a.m. in room 208.

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 Rotenberg's courtroom. And, on Saturday, September 29th, the Gibbs will host a big celebration in the MAC, all are welcome to join as well.

On Monday, October 8 at 7 p.m. in the MAC, we will have **sports day for men**. Come and invite a friend or neighbor to have fun together. Hope to see you there!

UCC ELDERS

Tim Archer
Steve Austin
Mark Hamilton
Ted Presley
Paul Rotenberg
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