



JUST **GO!** SPEL

MARK'S URGENT JESUS

October 7, 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 (Psalm 8)

Hosanna, You're My King

Here I Am to Worship

Prayer James Thompson

There's a Stirring

578 *We Will Glorify*

Communion Mac Ice

John 6:51-58

Bread

797 *Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

Cup

797 *Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

Offering

Children's Church

In Christ Alone

Mark 4:1-9 Marnie Fangio

Ears to Hear Brent Isbell

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Benediction (Jude 24-25)

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! This morning, we are in Mark 4. Here Jesus is in a boat, teaching crowds on the Galilee beach. Most of this chapter is parables, little subversive stories about the Kingdom. Maybe they don't seem controversial to us? But to Jewish peasants these stories were almost like political cartoons, shocking if you understand the symbols but harmless if you don't get it. Jesus imagines a world where farmers waste perfectly good seed on rocks, thorns, and asphalt. Jesus imagines the Kingdom as a place where little things make a big difference and where God's people trust him—not politics or power—to change the world. Do we have **Ears to Hear?** Our worship leader today is **Jeremy Meeks**.

Adult Education Minute: Today, our 9:00 a.m. adult classes are in Week 7 of our fall church-wide series called **God's Holy Fire**. Our focus this morning is *Historical Narrative: The Old Testament*. Next week: *Old Testament Poetry*. Please read Psalms 22-24 in preparation.

Tonight in the 5 p.m. Chapel service, our **UCC Children's Ministry** will be leading our worship time. Come encourage our kids! Afterward, everyone is invited to the Youth Center for cookies and hot chocolate!

UCC Wednesdays. This week, **Brady Bryce** continues teaching in the Family Room. This is the second of a three-week series titled **K(N)ow Good News**. Join us! Let's learn how Christians can share good news with our lives and words, despite the many challenges from our culture.

In the Conversations class, **Yukari Garcia** will continue facilitating a three-week class on **Understanding the Refugee Resettlement Process and How We Can Help** (MAC 501).

Did You Know that most Wednesdays in the fall and spring semesters, we offer a free **Wednesday Night Supper** in the MAC from 5.45-6.45? This is a great place to visit with other UCC members and welcome college students and guests from our neighborhood. Come join us. If you would like to volunteer to serve, contact Marisol in the church office (325-673-6497). This week, it's **Chinese food!**

Calendar Check

ACU Homecoming - Oct. 12-14

Tailgates-n-Treats - Oct. 28, 5:30-7 p.m. in the west lot

Guys Night Out (Chili and Movie) - Nov. 2, 6-9 p.m.

Unity Service and Potluck with Bilingual - Nov. 11

Feed the Hungry - Nov. 18

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. 30, 2018

Worship - **317** Northern Oaks - **39**
Coronado - **65** Chisholm Place - **12**
Bilingual - **73** 5 p.m. - **32**

OFFERING:

Sept. 30 \$9,186.75

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: Valeria Zuniga, Alyssa Garza, Ella Ice.

Lesson Topics for Children's Church:

Oct. 7 & 21 - Prayerfulness
Oct. 28 & Nov. 4 - Honesty and Truthfulness
Nov. 18 & 25 - Obedience and Kindness
Dec. 2 & 16 - Faithfulness

Sunday Evening Oct. 7 - Families, please make plans to attend the chapel service at 5 p.m. The children will be participating in this time of worship together. Following our time of worship, everyone is invited to bring their sandwiches to the youth center and we can fellowship and eat together.

"For a man's ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all his paths."

Proverbs 5:21

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, then moves to the chapel at 7 p.m.

GATHERINGS

Bradley Steele, Associate Minister
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Tonight, check our Facebook Group for 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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Next Sunday, October 14 at 12 p.m. we will have our monthly potluck at the Youth Center. **Everyone is invited!**

NEWS AND NOTES

Seasons, Ladies Sunday Bible Class meets in room 123 at 9 a.m.

Ladies Bible Class will be meeting this Wednesday at 10 a.m., **in the Chapel.**

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

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!

Tuesday Night Lights! Will be held on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. Look for you e-mail announcing the 4 options for this night, all include dinner and, of course, childcare. **You will need to respond with your choice to the evite and to Jennifer Welch for childcare today!**

Homeless Care Packages. Join us on Sunday, October 21 at 4 p.m. in the Family Room as we assemble care packages for our brothers and sisters in need.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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MAC Attack Tonight: Today from 5-7:30 p.m., we will meet in the MAC. While we should be alright, alright, alright without Matthew McConaughey's stirring recitations from the written works of Cormac McCarthy, we will instead be attacking the MAC tonight with some indoor soccer and other games as well as assigning patryonic surnames to each other. Sounds like a lot of fun huh? If we are truly lucky, we might get a stirring recitation of some of the written works of Cyrus McNeely by our own McGarvey Ice but don't hold your breath, he's in high demand. Bring \$3 to help cover the cost of corndogs and Mac-n-Cheese. Invite a friend to come join us!

Encounter LE at LCU, Nov. 16-18: For the fifth year, LCU is hosting a weekend retreat/conference called Encounter LE. LCU will be providing all food, keynote speakers, powerful worship experiences and entertainment. Each person will need to register on their own at LCUcamps.com/Encounter-LE. The early registration fee is \$50 (before Nov. 2), covering meals, entertainment and a t-shirt. If you register after that, it will be \$55 but without a t-shirt. We will cover the hotel and travel cost out of budget. So, go ahead and sign up as soon as you can and let Jason know you are going so we can plan accordingly.

Huddles Continue Wednesday Night: We will continue our normal small-group Huddles Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. 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, Jacob and Marisol Groves and Alan Caffey. Our new youth ministry intern, Morgan DeBoer will be spending a few weeks at each Huddle before rotating. 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.

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
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Tonight, we will join the children's ministry in the chapel at 5 p.m. There will be no meal tonight.

Next Saturday, we have our annual breakfast tailgate before the **ACU homecoming parade**. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. outside the playground/youth center. See Facebook for more details.

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