



December 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.

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The Thrill of Hope Brent Isbell

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Benediction (Romans 15:5-6)

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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Good morning! Welcome to University Church. Today we begin the season of Advent together by lighting the first candle and thinking about **The Thrill of Hope**. We will be in Jeremiah 32-33 and Luke 21. If there is anything our dark world needs, it's a living hope among God's people. Our worship leader today is **Steve Austin**.

Adult Education Minute: Today, our 9 a.m. adult classes continue our church-wide Advent study, **Feasting on the Word**. Our focus today is *Living in the Meantime*. Next week we will talk about how John came to *Prepare the Way*, so read Luke 3:1-6.

Chapel Service at 5 p.m. Our speaker tonight is **Bradley Steele**, and **Gene Linder** is leading singing.

Wednesdays. This week, we will begin a three-week series called **That the World May Know**, using select videos from teacher Ray Vander Laan. **Steve Austin** and I will co-host this short look at intersections between Scripture, the lands of the Bible, and the eternal message of God for his people. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Family Room. Come at 5:45 p.m. for our final 2018 Wednesday Supper (chicken).

Did You Know that UCC has a **Men's Ministry**? In fact, we just met yesterday for a Guys' Service Saturday, doing some small jobs for some worthy families. It was a real blessing for those people, and it was a lot of fun for us. Last month we had a movie and chili night. Our men's group meets periodically for fellowship, service, and other faith-building activities. Men and boys, if you are interested in joining or helping us, simply contact **Bradley Steele** or me at the church office (673-6497).

Calendar Check

That the World May Know - Dec. 5-19, 7 p.m. in Family Room

UCC Christmas Party - Dec. 9, 5-6:30 p.m. (MAC)

UCC Office Closed - Dec. 24-26; Jan. 1

No 9 a.m. classes / 10 a.m. worship only - Dec. 23, 30

Candles and Carols Service - Dec. 24, 6-7 p.m. (Chapel)

Our **Young at Heart Ministry** has provided poinsettias for our dear widows and widowers. So please, feel free to pick them up at your convenience.

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: Nov. 18 2018

Worship - 263 Northern Oaks - 10
Bilingual - 56 Chisholm Place - 12
Coronado - 43 Silver Springs - 31

OFFERING:

Nov. 25 \$7,887.03

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Children 3 years old through fifth grade will be released today for children's church.

REINDEER NIGHT OF FUN: Tonight, our families can make plans to put on their antlers, and come to the **MAC at 5:15 p.m.** for food and games. Bring food to share and *let the reindeer games begin.*

Christmas Caroling: This **Wednesday night, December 5**, children kindergarten through fifth grade will go caroling. Parents are invited to attend this special night. We will meet upstairs at 7 p.m. and then walk down to load up in the vans. ***If families with younger children would like to participate, please plan to drive your own vehicle.***

Outreach Project: This year our UCC children, kindergarten through fifth grade, will go on a shopping trip **Wednesday night, Dec. 12.** We will be helping a grandmother who is currently taking care of her two grandsons. Please plan to send \$5 to \$10 with your child. We will put our money together and shop for this family. If you would like to volunteer to go on this shopping trip, please talk to Jennifer Welch.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

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

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

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

Christmas Party: Our campus ministry Christmas Party will be on **December 8th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Pamplins' house. Join us for some good food and fellowship!

20's & 30's

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 until January.

Today, join us for the **Baby Shower** honoring **Daniel and Yukari Garcia's Baby Boy** in the Family Room from 2:30-4:30 p.m. *They are registered at Target and Amazon.*

Quilting Day will be Monday, **December 3** at 9 a.m. in room 208.

The family of Cleve Cullers would like to **thank you** for the many cards, prayers and expressions of condolence. Our family became members of UCC in 1955 and daddy was dedicated to its membership throughout his entire life. He loved University Church of Christ. We would also like to thank all the people that provided lunch for our family and also daddy's Bible class (*Don Favor and Gene Linder*) for the many years of close association and fellowship he enjoyed and we are grateful he was a member of a church family that cares so much.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Deep & Wide Today: Join us today for **Deep & Wide** from 4-7 p.m. in the Youth Center. We will go **Deep** (our no-frills Bible study and discussion over the Gospel of John) from 4-5 p.m. and then move **Wide** at 5 p.m. with a time of worship, food and fun. We will have hotdogs and fries for dinner so please bring \$3 to help cover the cost of food. Stick around afterward from 7-7:30 p.m. to join Sanctuary in the Chapel.

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?

UYM Christmas Party: We will have our annual Youth Group Christmas party on **Sunday, Dec. 16**, in the Youth Center so make plans to join us. More details to come next week.

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 for a night of games and fellowship. See more details on Facebook or the children's ministry section of bulletin.

We need a host for our next small group on December 16th.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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Ladies prayer group will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. **All ladies** are invited to join us for dinner and prayer time. **(Even if you don't speak Spanish).** Call the Church office for more information.

WHITE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please make every effort to attend our UCC "*White Christmas*" party this year on **December 9, 5-6:30 p.m. in the MAC.** We'll play games, have a chicken and biscuit supper, and sing some too!

A list of needs and volunteers for the event has gone out online.

We need workers to help prepare food, set up, serve, and clean up.

Please text or email **Liz Rotenberry**

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.
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