



January 6, 2019

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 95:1-7)

290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

How Great is Our God

Shepherd's Prayer Mark Hamilton

Better than Life

Shine On Us

Communion Jason Morris

#### 1 Corinthians 10:14-17

##### Bread

Amazing Grace

##### Cup

Amazing Grace

##### Offering

828 Instruments of Your Peace

Genesis 18:1-8 Elijah Tolar

Be Our Guest Jason Craddock

Shout to the North

#### Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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](http://www.uccabilene.org).

### REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister  
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**Happy New Year! Welcome to University Church!** Today is the first Sunday of 2019, and we are so glad you chose to join us. Worshiping with God's people is a great way to begin the year.

**Jason Craddock** is preaching today. Jason has been UCC's Youth Minister for the past ten years. He and **Karla** and their girls—**Kaila, Alexa, and Luci**—are a treasured part of this congregation. This past fall, Jason did a graduate project looking into some of our hospitality practices and opportunities here at University Church, and today he is going to share some of what he learned and challenge us to do more to become a congregation with an open door! Our worship leader today is **Eric Lemmons**.

**New Sermon Series:** Next Sunday, I will return to the **Gospel of Mark** and pick off where we hit pause back in late November. This spring, straight through Easter Sunday, we will look at the back half of Mark (chapters 8- 16), thinking seriously about Jesus' call to discipleship.

**Adult Education Minute:** Today our 9 a.m. adult classes conclude our **Feasting on the Word** series with a lesson from Matthew 2:1-12. Next Sunday, January 13, we begin a new series—**Pilgrim Heart: The Way of Jesus in Everyday Life**. We will have a combined adult class kickoff at 9 a.m. that week in the auditorium, featuring guest teacher **Darryl Tippens**. Please join us as we begin this exciting new study together.

**Chapel Service** at 5 p.m. Our speaker tonight is **Kris Southward**, and **Art Rosenquist** is leading singing.

**Wednesdays.** This week we resume mid-week classes with two brand-new studies: **Mac Ice** is teaching in the Family Room on **Surveying the Wondrous Cross**, and **Bradley Steele** is facilitating in Conversations (MAC 501) on the subject **Creation Care**. I encourage you to find a Wednesday class to join! **Wednesday Suppers** restart on Jan. 16.

#### Calendar Notes:

- AISS Classes Begin** - Mon., Jan. 7
- 9 a.m. Class Kickoff: Darryl Tippens** - Sun., Jan. 13 (Auditorium)
- New Sermons Begin (Mark 8-16)** - Sun., Jan. 13, 10 a.m.
- ACU Classes Begin** - Mon., Jan. 14
- UCC Office Closed: MLK, Jr. Holiday** - Mon., Jan. 21

**CLASS TIMES:**  
Sunday - 9 a.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

**WORSHIP TIMES:**  
Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

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#### NURSERY FACILITIES

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

**ATTENDANCE: Dec. 30 2018**

Worship - 201	Silver Springs - 36
Bilingual - 47	Northern Oaks - 30
Coronado - 63	Chisholm Place - 11

**OFFERING:**  
**Dec. 30** \$51,581.66

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Children's Church:** Children's church will resume on January 13.

**Teacher's Meeting:** We will have a teachers meeting on Wednesday evening, January 9 at 6 p.m. This meeting is for all the teachers starting to teach this semester.

**Wednesday Night:** Teachers are still needed on Wednesday evening. If you would be willing to teach, please visit with Jennifer Welch.

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*  
**2 Corinthians 5:17**

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

**Class:** No college class this morning. If you're in town, we encourage you to join another group for class.

No Sanctuary or community group this week. Enjoy your winter break!

## 20's & 30's

**Bradley Steele**, Associate Minister  
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**Tonight**, check Facebook for more details.

**Wednesday**, we will join the Conversations Class at 7 p.m. in MAC 501.

Don't forget to join us for class on **Sunday** mornings at 9 a.m. in MAC 504.

## TRANSITIONS

**Andrew Huddleston**  
[huddleston\\_andrew@yahoo.com](mailto:huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com)

## Happy New Year!

**Tonight**, we will meet at the Bowmans' (642 Green Valley Dr.). Food sign-ups are on Facebook.

Hosts are needed for the following 2 weeks.

## 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 at Catherine Rall's home. **Even if you don't speak Spanish.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**DEEP Resumes Today:** Join us today for **DEEP** (our no-frills Bible study and discussion over the Gospel of John) from 3-4 p.m. in the Youth Center. Then stick around for **WIDE** afterwards.

**WIDE Devo and Dinner:** Join us for **WIDE** from 5-7:30 p.m. where we will have a devo followed by pulled-pork sandwiches and free time. Bring \$2 to help cover the cost of food.

**Winterfest Update:** Some have asked, but we have decided to try something different this year instead of Winterfest. Winterfest has always been so difficult, since it is so close to Christmas break, and money is often tight for families too. So, instead we are planning guys' and girls' mini-retreat getaways at a ranch house in February, and a full group retreat later in the Spring. We talked with the teens about this on Sunday and overall they were excited about trying something different. We will have dates soon for the mini-retreats and Spring retreat too.

**Huddles Resume 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?

**New Year's CRADtalk:** All of us have things we want to change at the beginning of each new year, so let's start off your new year with a CRADtalk to talk about yours. 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 focus on building students up. 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

**Quilting Day**, Monday **January 7** at 9:30 a.m. in room 208.

**Ladies Bible Class** will resume on **January 9** at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. Rachel Montesdeoca will be teaching.

**Austin Britten's Eagle Scout Court of Honor** will be on Sunday afternoon, **January 13**. More details to come!

**7 p.m. Sanctuary** will resume on **January 13**.

**Wednesday Night Supper** will resume **January 16** with a chicken strip meal.

It's time for **FAMILY DINNERS** again! Our UCC group has enjoyed these so much, and it's time to get together again. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., and childcare is provided. We will begin sign-ups next Sunday for dinners on Saturday, January 26 or Saturday, February 2. We would like to arrange dinners of 10 or more guests. **So, if you would like to host** please contact Liz Rotenberry this week at:

## UCC ELDERS

Tim Archer  
Steve Austin  
Ted Presley  
Paul Rotenberry  
Kris Southward  
David Swearingen  
Mark Tate (Sabbatical)  
James Thompson  
Rusty Towell  
Gustavo Villanueva

## Chair

Mark Hamilton

Please submit your bulletin items to Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday.  
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