



January 20, 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

Communal Reading: Psalm 100

74 Praise the Lord!

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

The Lord's Prayer Paul Rotenberry

How Great is Our God

Communion Blake Williams

Luke 22:14-20

Bread

288 Fairest Lord Jesus

Cup

288 Fairest Lord Jesus

Offering

Childrens' Church

I Will Rise

Mark 9:2-8 Andrea Archer

No Skipping the Hard Parts Brent Isbell

Salvation Belongs to 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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Good morning! Welcome to University Church! We are always happy to have guests. If you are visiting, please fill out a guest registry card and place it in the offering plate. And, above all, come back soon!

Follow Me: Mark's Path to the Cross is our new sermon series. Today we are in Mark 9, climbing the mountain with Jesus and three of his disciples. What we see at the top is pretty amazing—bright white light, clouds, ancient heroes of faith. But even more important is what we hear! Heaven's voice: *"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"* What does it mean to follow Jesus? One thing it must mean is that we learn to listen to what really matters. We learn to listen to things that make no earthly sense to us. We learn to listen, even when he says we're headed to suffering and a cross. Today: **No Skipping the Hard Parts** (9:2-13). Our worship leader today is **Jeremy Meeks**.

Adult Education Minute: Today, most of our adult classes start a brand- new series called **Pilgrim Heart: The Way of Jesus in Everyday Life**. Last week, author Darryl Tippens whetted our appetites for this great study in practical, daily disciplines of discipleship, ways to follow Jesus on Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Today's lesson is about *Worldly Spirituality*. Next week: *Body and Soul*. We strongly encourage every UCC member to attend a weekly 9 a.m. Bible class.

Chapel service, 5 p.m. This evening, our speaker will be **Tim Archer**, and **Gene Linder** will lead singing.

Wednesdays. This week we continue our mid-week class series: **Mac Ice** is teaching in the Family Room on **Surveying the Wondrous Cross: The Cross in Art**. Also, **Bradley Steele** is facilitating in *Conversations* (MAC 501) on the subject **Creation Care**. Please, do yourself a favor and find a Wednesday class to join! **Wednesday Supper** this week is pizza.

BAPTISM

Ivan Zuniga

1956 Bridge Ave.

Abilene, Tx. 79603

Ivan is part of our Youth Group, and he was baptized by James Scudder on Wednesday, January 16.

SAVE THE DATE - UCC SPRING RETREAT

Where: H. E. Butt Camp in Leakey, Tx.

When: March 01 - 03

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: Jan. 13 2019

Worship - **295** Silver Springs - **26**

Bilingual - **86** Northern Oaks - **20**

Coronado - **61** Chisholm Place - **12**

OFFERING:

Jan. 13 \$29,404

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know: This will be our new theme this semester for Children's Worship. Children three years old through kindergarten are welcome to come and join us each Sunday, following the Lord's Supper.

Save the Date: VBS will be June 3-6 each evening.

Fostering Deeper Relationships with Your Children Through Empowered Parenting:

Abilene Christian School seeks to partner with parents to provide support, offer guidance, and foster understanding of the issues and challenges facing families in today's environment. ACS invites you to join us on the following dates in the ACS Band Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. All parents, ACS and guests, are welcome to attend at no charge. Please, no children.

January 31: *Solid Foundation of Parenting: Creating a Winning Culture in your Home*

February 28: *Navigating the School Environment: Tips and techniques for understanding and helping your child in the school environment*

March 28: *Discipline in a Loving Home Part I: Creating an Environment of Connectedness, Vulnerability, and Trust*

April 25: *Discipline in a Loving Home Part II: Practical Ideas for Implementing Effective Discipline Strategies*

If you would like to attend one or all these sessions, baby sitting will be available at UCC from 6:10 - 8:15. The cost is \$5 per family and reservations will need to be made the Sunday before the event night on Thursday. Thank you!

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).

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.

20's & 30's

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

Wednesday, for the next 2 weeks, 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
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Tonight, we are meeting at the Williams' house for small group at 5. Thank you Williams' for being so gracious and opening up your home two weeks in a row!

Next week, we will meet at the Gibbs'.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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Thank you to the "Linder/Faver" class for joining us for service and fellowship last Sunday.

Ladies Prayer Group will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at **Carolina Archer's** home (910 E. N. 12th St.). Join us for dinner and fellowship.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Extended Deep & Wide Today: Join us today for **Deep & Wide** from 4-9 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** from 5-9 p.m. with a time of worship, food and fun. We will have pizza for dinner so please bring \$3 to help cover the cost of food. We are extending to 9 p.m. because everyone is out of school tomorrow, so we'll stay a little later and do a little more. Bring athletic attire because we will do some moving around. We'll have a devo, play some games and have some free time. Invite a friend and come join us.

Souper Bowl Party - Feb. 3: Our annual Super Bowl party will be Sunday night, Feb. 3, from 5-9 p.m. (or as soon as the game ends) in the Youth Center. Save the date now and make plans to join us for some food, games, and football. Our theme is the "Souper Bowl" and we want most of our food to Center around soups this year. I think it'll be fun and different. As always we will have the football game in the theater, video games across the hall, food and board games in the Big Room with the game playing in the background. We'll have lots of food so be sure to invite a friend(s) to join us. We will also give out prizes during halftime for the best soup, creativity and other snack, so bring something awesome! Please let Jason know what you plan to bring so that we can buy the right amount of extra food.

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 Scudders' home, will also be leading this group. The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center. 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 21 at 9 a.m. in room 208.

January 27. We're inviting our neighborhood to enjoy a free meal with us at 6 p.m.. During the meal, we'll be blessed in hearing a testimony from Josh Welch. After the meal, at 7 p.m., we'll have a time of worship in the MAC. **If you would be interested in helping, please let Bradley know.** As we lead up to the event itself, please be in prayer for us and those we meet, that this might be a time for the gospel to deeply take root within all of us.

It's time for **FAMILY DINNERS** again! Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., and childcare is provided. Sign up with Liz Rotenberry for Saturday, January 26 or Saturday, February 2.

UCC, Please accept my thanks for all the support, prayer, and all the visits both at home and hospital to me during a long recovery for my foot. I have felt God's presence like a fingerprint on my heart. With much love,
GINNA SADLER.

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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