



MISSIONS COLLECTION

SUNDAY MARCH 31

March 17, 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

Communal Reading (Psalm 108:1-4)

Bradley Steele

2 We Praise Thee, O God

3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Shepherd's Prayer

Mark Hamilton

162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

218 Blessed Jesus

Communion

Mac Ice

Luke 22:14-20

Bread

337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

Cup

337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

Offering

Children's Church

662 All to Jesus I Surrender

Mark 12:38-44

Lynette Austin

Losing Our Religion

Brent Isbell

Great Are You Lord

Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21

Worship Leader

Mark Tate

If you would like to have someone pray with you, or for you, please make your way to **Room 101** at the end of service where there are UCC members waiting just for you.

Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at www.uccabilene.org.

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister

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Good morning! If you are visiting today, we welcome you to UCC. If you are a guest, we invite you to fill out a guest registry card and place it in the offering plate. We hope to greet you in person. Please return soon!

Follow Me: Mark's Path to the Cross is our current series going through Easter Sunday. Today we stop in chapter twelve, where Jesus sits at the temple watching a widow give everything she has as a gift to the treasury. Then there is the visual of the Pharisees and scribes, making a show of their faith, attracting attention to themselves, ignoring people like the widow. It's quite a contrast, isn't it? Today let's think about what Jesus says about **Losing Our Religion**. Our worship leader today is **Mark Tate**.

Adult Education Minute: Today, our adult classes are in Week 9 of our series **Pilgrim Heart: The Way of Jesus in Everyday Life**. This study, based on a book by author Darryl Tippens, introduces us to practical, daily disciplines of discipleship, ways we can follow and imitate Jesus all week long. Today's lesson is *Forgiving*. Next week: *Listening*. We encourage all UCC members to attend a weekly class.

5 p.m. service: Tonight, **Wendell Willis** will be speaking, and **Art Rosenquist** will lead songs.

Wednesdays. This week we start a new mid-week Family Room class: **Wendell Willis** will be teaching four weeks on **How We [Really] Got the Bible: The Development of Christian Beliefs in the Early Church**. Also, **Vini Montesdeoca** begins teaching four weeks in Conversations (MAC 501) on **Being a Diverse, United Church**. This week's **WNS** features burgers and hot dogs.

CALENDAR NOTES

March 31 - Missions Special Collection

April 14 - Unity Service and Potluck with Bilingual

April 21- Easter Sunday

8 a.m. - Sunrise Service in the Courtyard

9 a.m. - Easter Breakfast in the MAC

10 a.m. - Easter Worship

11:15 a.m. - Egg Hunt for Children

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: March 10, 2019

Worship - **223** Silver Springs - **35**

Bilingual - **48** Northern Oaks - **14**

Coronado - **66** Chisholm Place - **8**

Bright Pointe - **16**

OFFERING:

March 10 \$11,913.21

CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: Nathan Bryce, Karla Ciriaco.

VBS Decorations: If you have anything swim or water related you are willing to donate for VBS decorations, please drop it off in the box located by the welcome center. Some examples, beach balls, floaties, pool noodles, goggles, inflatable pools, etc...

Take the Plunge: This will be our VBS theme this year. Our VBS will be for children four years old through fifth grade. **Save the date June 3-5.** This will be a church wide event, so be in prayer for how God will use you. I will begin visiting adult Bible classes this month.

April 7: Families, mark your calendar for Sunday evening, 5-7 in the MAC. This family night will be an introduction for our summer series.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." **2 Cor. 1:3-4**

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria
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We would like to welcome all college students joining us today!

Class: We do not have class today due to Spring Break! We will be meeting again in our classroom next Sunday.

Dwelling Place: A time of fellowship, discussion and worship. We meet Sundays at 6 p.m. (MAC 503) for a meal and a lesson.

Community Group: Our small group meets Thursday nights at the Gibbs' house at 7 p.m. Join us for a time of fellowship as we study the Sermon on the Mount!

20's & 30's

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

Tonight, check Facebook for more details.

Wednesday, we will meet at 7 p.m. for coffee, dessert and Bible study in MAC 504.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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Ladies Prayer Group will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Join us for dinner and fellowship. For location, please call the church office.

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
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Small group **tonight** will be at the Fangio's. Check Facebook for food signups.

MISSIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION

On **Sunday, March 24**, we will have an opportunity to hear briefly from short-term mission team leaders. Reminder, the Missions Special Collection is on Sunday, **March 31**. Funding will support upcoming short-term missions in Cuba, Mexico, Honduras, Ecuador, and Zambia. **The goal set for the 2019 special contribution is \$51,000.** Please plan and pray for a generous offering so we will reach or exceed this goal and continue UCC's long-standing missions tradition.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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DEEP & WIDE Today: Join us today for **Deep & Wide** from 4-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. We will resume **DEEP** (our no-frills Bible study and discussion over the Gospel of John) from 4-5 p.m. and then move **WIDE** from 5-7:30 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. Invite a friend and come join us.

Spring Youth Retreat: Our Spring Youth Retreat is now scheduled for **May 3-5** and our theme is "*Climb*." There is a lot of history behind the idea of a spiritual ascent, climbing throughout our lives to grow closer to God, and this will be the focus of our weekend. As part of that, we will also be enjoying some actual climbing of our own, for those of every age and skill level, from fun and simple to extreme and high. We are still ironing out the details but right now, it will also be camping-based and we will stay in tents as though we are on a trek up a mountain. So yes, we will be roughing it a little, but we still have all (most/many) the amenities we normally have in a retreat. This has been an especially difficult retreat to schedule, with so many personal and school schedules as well as our own UCC retreat last weekend to work around. I recognize this may still not be a good time for you or your teen, so please let me know ASAP if you have a conflict and we will see if we have any flexibility. If you are an adult who would be interested in attending, please let Jason know as soon as you are able too.

HS Mission Trip: Our HS Mission Trip is set for **July 12-20** in Nashville, Tennessee where we will be working with the Nashville Inner City Ministry for the week. Total trip cost and more details will be coming soon but as usual, the cost will be quite reasonable so that everyone will be able to attend. If you are an adult who would be interested in attending with us (and maybe even helping drive a van) please let Jason know as soon as possible.

Huddles Resume Wednesday Night: We will resume our regular small-group Huddles on 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., and the **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center. Think of a friend to invite each week to join you for this time of sharing, prayer, study and fun.

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 your's. 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.

Senior Sunday is set for May 19. More details and senior information packets coming soon

UYM Girls Event: "Shine!" Saturday March 30 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. More details to come (or you can text Morgan with questions!)

NEWS AND NOTES

Under Construction! Please be careful, we have started repairs and construction. Follow the signs and go around the closed off areas, **do not try to cross through them.**