



MISSIONS COLLECTION

SUNDAY MARCH 31

March 24, 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 91:2; Romans 10:9,13

Bradley Steele

63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

Behold Our God

Shepherd's Prayer

Paul Rotenberry

991 This is My Father's World

In Christ Alone

Communion

Jason Morris

Mark 14:22-25

Bread

Before the Throne of God Above

Cup

Before the Throne of God Above

Offering

Children's Church

Be Thou My Vision

Mark 14:3-9

Randi Williams

They Scolded Her

Brent Isbell

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Benediction: Romans 15:13

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 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
brent@uccabilene.org

Good morning! If you are one of our guests today, welcome to UCC. We invite you to fill out one of our guest registry cards and place it in the offering plate. We hope to greet you in person. Please come back soon!

Follow Me: Mark's Path to the Cross is our current series going through Easter Sunday. Today we are in the first few verses of chapter fourteen. Jesus is at Bethany, just outside Jerusalem. He is only hours away from death. At a private dinner party, a woman comes to anoint him with a jar of very expensive perfume. Mark says those present, including his own disciples, *rebuked her harshly* (14:5). Then, in one of his most memorable speeches, Jesus defends this nameless woman. Today, let's think about what it means that **They Scolded Her**. Our worship leader today is **Eric Lemmons**.

Adult Education Minute: Today, our adult classes are in Week 10 of our series **Pilgrim Heart: The Way of Jesus in Everyday Life**. Today's lesson is *Listening*. Next week: *Discerning*.

5 p.m. service: Tonight, **Rusty Towell** will be speaking, and **Gene Linder** will lead songs.

Wednesdays. This week we continue our new mid-week Family Room class: **Wendell Willis** is teaching on **How We [Really] Got the Bible: The Development of Christian Beliefs in the Early Church**.

Also, **Vini Montesdeoca** is teaching in Conversations (MAC 501) on **Being a Diverse, United Church**. The class is a series on unity and diversity. How can UCC be different and united at the same time? We will be talking about present (customs, ethnicity, language, education, perspectives) and how we will be involved in God's spiritual purposes. This week's **Wednesday Night Supper** features Chinese food.

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 17, 2019
Worship - **286** Silver Springs - **26**
Bilingual - **68** Northern Oaks - **26**
Coronado - **58** Chisholm Place - **13**
Bright Pointe - **11**

OFFERING:
March 17 \$12,684.55

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: Lizzie Bryce, Ashlen Pamplin.

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.

Prayer Time: On Sunday morning, **March 31**, all teachers for the children's ministry this semester will gather upstairs at 8:30 a.m. in room 219 for prayer.

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.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." **Ephesians 5:29**

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Pablo Sanabria, Campus Intern
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We would like to welcome all college students joining us today!

Class: Join us for a class every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in our regular classroom (MAC 503).

Dwelling Place: A time of dinner, fellowship and worship. We meet Sundays at 6:15 p.m. (MAC 503).

Community Group: Our small group meets every Thursday nights at the Gibbs' house at 7 p.m. Join us for a time of fellowship and growth while we are studying the Sermon on the Mount!

If you are interested in learning more about the college ministry, do not hesitate to contact me through the email listed here, or talk to me in person. Have a blessed week!

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
vini@uccabilene.org

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
huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com
Tonight, we will meet at the Gibbs'.

Next week, we will meet at the Huddlestons'.

Ladies, be on the lookout for information on a girls' night after Easter.

MISSIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today, we will hear briefly from the teams going to Cuba, Mexico, Honduras, Ecuador, and Zambia. **Reminder, the Missions Special Collection is next Sunday, March 31.** 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 fun organized games and a giant sandwich for dinner! Bring \$3 to help cover the cost of food and 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 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.**

Wednesday Night Huddles: 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 are still having repairs and construction. Follow the signs and go around the closed off areas, **do not try to cross through them.**

Dear fellow Christians, It is so wonderful to know that the whole Church is praying for me. Thank you for all the cards, and flowers that you have sent since I've been ill. Each one is appreciated. Thanks, **Jody Decker**