



April 21, 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

Blake and Randi Williams

346 *He Lives*

Days of Elijah

Shepherd's Prayer

Steve Austin

528 *I Know Than My Redeemer Lives*

464 *Because He Lives*

Communion

Wendell Willis

Luke 22:14-20

Bread

Coloring Song

LTC Chorus

Cup

Every Giant Will Fall

LTC Chorus

Offering

344 *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Mark 16:1-8

Darby Ice

The Tomb is Empty

Brent Isbell

Shout to the North

Benediction

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 elders waiting just for you.*

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

REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister

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Happy Easter! Welcome to UCC! If you are a guest today, please fill out a Connections Card (found on the seat backs). It's quick and easy. You can use that card to share contact information, request prayers, or even let us know you want to be a member here at University Church. Then drop your card in the offering plate. You can also do this on your phone at uccabilene.org/card. Please, come again soon!

Today we will conclude our **Follow Me** series, focusing on Mark 16 and the good news of our risen Messiah: **The Tomb is Empty**. Our worship leader is **Eric Lemmons**. As a special treat, our **LTC Chorus** will be singing for us this morning.

Many of you were present earlier at our **Sunrise Service** in the UCC courtyard. Several of our brothers and sisters led us in songs, prayers, Scripture, and communion—celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord. In our Time of Remembrance, we read the names of dear family and friends we lost to death this last year. Sunrise is a special tradition!

We also send a huge thanks to the many folks who helped host our **Easter Breakfast** in the MAC! Thanks to our cooking team, servers, clean-up crews, and everyone involved. The food was delicious. Easter Breakfast is a great way to show hospitality to our guests and neighbors, share fellowship with each other, and give all our hard-working Sunday School teachers a deserved holiday break!

Immediately following worship this morning, our Children's Ministry will host an **Easter Egg Hunt** due north of the UCC auditorium, across E.N. 16th Street on the ACU Sewell Theatre corner. This is for all families with young children! Word on the street is that a special guest rabbit will be available for photos. The Egg Hunt will conclude our morning activities. There will be no 5 p.m. service today.

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: April 14, 2019

Worship - **260** Coronado - **58**
5 p.m. (LTC) - **154** Northern Oaks - **33**
Chisholm Place - **12** Bight Pointe - **21**

OFFERING:

April 14 \$11,322.56

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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PRAISE GOD THE TOMB WAS EMPTY! HAPPY EASTER

Easter Egg Hunt: We will have an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following our worship service. Please plan to line up on the north wall after service. We will walk across to the ACU area together where we will enjoy two separate egg hunts. One hunt for toddlers and preschoolers and a second hunt for kindergarten through fifth grade.

VBS Meeting: If you would like to help in VBS this year please make plans to join me Sunday evening, **April 28 at 4:15 p.m. in room 101!** "Plunge" is our theme this year. Be ready to dive in to God's word and the hearts of our children.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." **1 Peter 1:3**

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Pablo Sanabria, Campus Intern
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We do not have a class today at 9 a.m. As a church we will be having a sunrise service in the courtyard at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast in the MAC at 9 a.m. and regular service at 10 a.m.

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

Community Group: We do not have a small group this week due to Good Friday!

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.

Today at 5 p.m. we will join the Resurrection Celebration at the Festival Gardens in Nelson Park.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

Ian Williams is being moved to Encompass Rehab where he will have more physical therapy. Please keep the Williams family in your prayers.

Join us at Nelson Park (Festival Gardens) at 5 p.m., to celebrate the Resurrection. We'll have food, games, fellowship, and an egg hunt. Bring a side dish (meat provided). Price of admission: Bring someone and introduce him/her your church family!

Starting Tuesday, **Kimmy Pharis** will be covering the Church office front desk while Marisol is gone on maternity leave. You can email Kimmy at marisol@uccabilene.org or call the Church office.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Ella Ice** who was baptized at Jacob's Dream on Sunday, April 7. Ella is the daughter of Laura and Mac Ice.

Ella Ice

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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There will be No Activity Tonight due to Easter Sunday. You are encouraged to go to the **Easter Celebration at Nelson Park Festival Gardens at 5 p.m.**

Spring Youth Retreat: Our Spring Youth Retreat will be **May 3-5** and our theme is CLIMB. All paperwork is due by April 28 and the cost is only \$25! We are trying something new this year and will be staying in tents (most of us) and "roughing it" at the Southward ranch in Glen Rose for the weekend. I know some of you have ended up having activities on Saturday morning, so we have moved our amazing climbing activity at Siloville in Hico to Saturday night to hopefully accommodate most of your schedules and can perhaps get a vehicle to help transport everyone from Abilene. At Siloville, besides having options to climb to the top of a 60+ foot converted silo, there will be other fun activities available for those who don't want to climb high or medium or low. We just want you to come with us! The idea behind CLIMB is simply learning how to make a spiritual ascent to God. It takes work and great intention but He is waiting for each of us to join him on the mountain or in the wilderness. Paperwork is now on the Youth Center desk and has been emailed out.

Special UYM REEL Faith, APRIL 28: Before our retreat, we will have a retreat-themed REEL Faith using the amazing documentary film *Free Solo* (PG-13 but edited for content). While not mandatory, it is important for you to try to attend if you are planning to go on the retreat with us. It will be good for those not going on the retreat too. I can't do the film justice with a short description, so go watch the trailer for a sense of the movie. It is about a man who is preparing for one of the most difficult climbs, but without any climbing gear. We see why he wants to do it, how he trains and prepares for it, the dangers and fears he faces, people he consults with along the way and the progression of his journey as a climber from a young age. It is a powerful and tense film that we all need to see. All are welcome so let's fill our theater.

Senior Sunday Volunteer Meeting: Sunday, April 28, we will have a meeting for anyone (youth group parent or not) who is willing to help organize our **Senior Sunday festivities, May 19.** We will discuss the day's plans and divvy up responsibilities for making this a special day for our graduating high school students.

HS Mission Trip: Is set for **July 12-20** in Nashville, Tennessee. 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.

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
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Tonight, there is no small group.

Hosts are needed for the summer. The small group calendar is available on our Facebook page.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

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Tonight, join us at Grover Nelson Park Festival Gardens at 5 p.m. for our Easter Celebration.

On April 26 we are having the second part of our Relationship Seminar in the Family Room at 6 p.m.