



May 12, 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 / News **Bradley Steele**

Communal Reading (Col. 2:3; Rev. 5:12)

162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (1-4)

The Greatest Commands

Shepherd's Prayer **Tim Archer**

18 Faithful Love

315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (1-4)

Communion **Daniel Barcroft**

Mark 14:22-25

Bread

202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (1)

Cup

202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (4)

Offering

227 On Zion's Glorious Summit

Luke 11:1-13 **Austin Britten**

On Asking the Father **Brent Isbell**

144 O Worship the King (1,2,4)

Benediction **Jeremy Meeks**

Ephesians 3:20-21 - Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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 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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Welcome to UCC! Happy Mother's Day! Maybe we have some bonus family here today with Mom or Grandma? Maybe some others in town for a special graduation? If you are visiting, we are glad you have joined us to worship. Please fill out a Connections Card (on the backs of the seats). Put your completed card in the collection plate when it comes around. Thank you for choosing University Church today. We look forward to meeting you in person. Come back as soon as possible!

Today we continue our short May series **Jesus Gets the Last Word**. Let's look at Luke 11 this morning, where the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. Jesus actually had a lot to say about this vital subject. We should hope he might teach us the same, right? Today he gets the last word on **Prayer: Asking the Father**. Our worship leader is **Jeremy Meeks**.

Adult Education Minute: Today, our adult classes are in Week 16 of **Pilgrim Heart: The Way of Jesus in Everyday Life**. Today's lesson is **Suffering**. Next week is the final lesson in this series: **Seeking**.

No 5 p.m. Chapel Tonight. Next week, **James Thompson** will be speaking, and **Art Rosenquist** will lead singing.

Wednesdays. This week, we continue our series called **Leaning into Our Future**. We are combining our Wednesday adult classes through May 22. Join us in the Family Room at 7 p.m.

Family Night #1: Our first Wednesday Family Night is set for **May 29**. Everyone is invited to bring some **ice cream** (homemade or not) and desserts to share with each other in the MAC at 7 p.m.

NEWS AND NOTES

Sympathy: We wish to express our deepest sympathy to **Diane King** on the passing of her oldest son, David. David passed away May 2 after a long battle with cancer.

We also wish to express our deepest sympathy to **Alan and Francis Rogers** on the passing of Alan's father, Mark Rogers, last Sunday, May 5.

Baptism: We rejoice with **Levi Huddleston** and his family on his baptism Saturday, May 4.

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: May 5, 2018

Worship - **273** Coronado - **52**
5 p.m. - **31** Silver Springs - **39**

OFFERING:

May 5 \$18,416.71

ELDER MINUTES

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on Sunday afternoon, April 28, 2019. There were a number of items discussed and prayed over this month, among them:

1. Prayed for by name those who are in the hospital/skilled nursing, for those battling cancer and dementia, prayers of rejoicing on the men baptized in the prison ministry, prayers of comfort for the family of Doris Vance who recently passed from this life to her reward in heaven, prayers of rejoicing for Jacob and Marisol Groves on the birth of their son, Salvador Terry Groves, and for many others;
2. Received an initial report from David Swearingen on a new ad hoc committee formed to look at our auditorium audio/visual/PowerPoint/Internet-streaming needs and procedures;
3. Tasked a new ad hoc committee to formulate plans and procedures to ensure that those in our family who are in the hospital, home bound, etc. are visited and cared for on a regular basis. After the plans are in place, this group will then seek members from the congregation who have a gift for this ministry to join in this important part of our family life;
4. Received a report from Rusty Towell on behalf of the UCC Ad Hoc Campus Ministry Committee that was tasked to bring the elders suggestions/plans for our campus ministry. Our current interns, Pablo Sanabria and Andrea Archer, are graduating and the elders are seeking input in how to move forward. The elders will have special meetings in this area in May to ensure that there is a long-term plan in place for the fall and there after. We are hoping to announce plans for this ministry in June. Our sincere thanks to committee members: Ben Bailey, Patricia Hernandez, Jennifer Huddleston, Gerry Lara, Kim/Galanell Pamplin, James and Jaime Scudder, Pablo Sanabria, Mark/SamJung Hamilton and Rusty/Amy Towell;
5. Continued discussions on search for new minister. We are prayerful that we can discuss this more fully with the congregation in June;
6. Read, discussed, and accepted the reports from our ministers;
7. Continued discussion in many different areas in our upward-inward-outward vision and the various areas that we will need to spend time on as we lean into this vision;
8. Set the next meeting date for May 26th.

As always, the UCC elders are grateful for each of you and covet your continued prayers, just as we remember you **in our prayers.**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about what was discussed in this elder's meeting, or on any other UCC/spiritual matter, please contact me...we would appreciate the opportunity to visit with you.

Mark Hamilton, 2019 Chairman of the Elders

MARCH/APRIL PRISON MISSIONS REPORT

Dear Brethren,

The last two months have been a bit crazy at Middleton and yet they were good months. Now that the dust has settled a bit I thought I ought to give a report. For March we had 78 baptisms but in April 131. This brings our yearly total to 509! Praise God!!! We didn't have a good night on the 4th Wednesday of April. We had 27 men ready to be baptized, but as we were getting started, they racked up the farm and cancelled church! Glad we don't have such incidents happen out in the free world. We are truly blessed in our country to be able to follow Christ without government interference but don't take it for granted. The world is the world!

Classes are going well and the work continues. I want to thank everyone for your continued support. Without you, I couldn't do the work. So I give 'Thanks' to our Father for you daily.

I had a return student come up to me at the service. I could tell it was painful for him. I asked him what happened and with sadness he told me it was drugs. Is that what he wanted? No, they have that much control over a person's will. I have him in classes again, I told him we would get through this. With God's help, we will. We really need to tell our children the dangers of going down that road and help them stay off of it!

God bless each of you!

Shalom,
Hal

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Children's Church will resume next week.

Summer Nursery Help: If you would be willing to help in the nursery once or twice this summer, please contact Jennifer Welch.

VBS Decorating: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 15 from 7-8 p.m. and Sunday, May 19 from 3-5 p.m., if you would like to help make palm trees, trace designs and various other things. Please make plans to join me.

VBS Registration: You are able to go to our website and sign up for VBS! This year children four years old through fifth grade are invited to attend "Plunge", June 3-5 from 6 to 8:15 each evening.,

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Today: Because it is Mother's Day, we will not have an activity tonight. Instead, do something(s) that honor your moms today. Things like: cleaning your room, fold and put away clothes, wash dishes, clean something, pick up the towels off the floor, cook dinner, foot massage, shoulder massage, new haircut, dental work, etc. The point is, make her feel special today!

The **Senior Sunday Breakfast Reception** on May 19 will include yogurt and fruit parfaits, pigs in a blanket, mini-quiches, muffins/pastries, and fresh fruit. If you are willing to help provide any of these items or contribute funds toward them, please contact **Liz Hatch** at lhatch@esc14.net or at **325-669-3374**.

Senior Sunday Next Week: Next Sunday, May 19, at 8:15 a.m., we will begin Senior Sunday with a breakfast reception in the Family Room. This will be our congregation-focused time when members are encouraged to visit with our graduates, view table exhibits, drop off gifts and enjoy breakfast together. At the close of worship, we will recognize our graduates and pray over them in the auditorium. That evening, from 6-7:30 p.m., we will have a smaller, more intimate dinner for seniors, their families, guests and the youth group. Make plans to join us on this special day.

2019 High School Graduating Seniors

Kaua Awbrey (ACHS), daughter of Brandon and Heather Awbrey.
Austin Britten (ACHS), son of Sam and Vicki Britten.
Franky Becerra (Wylie HS), son of Francisco and Teresa Becerra.
Brianna Fox (ACHS), daughter of Brett and Sharon Fox.
Jaime Scudder (AHS), daughter of James and Mandy Scudder.

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.

Youth Ministry Sixth Grade Promotion, Sunday June 2: Promotion for new, 2019 sixth graders will be Sunday, June 2 during class time. Current fifth graders will start off in their normal class upstairs with the Greens and some of the youth group will ceremonially go upstairs to greet them and bring them down to the Youth Center (parents are invited as well). We will make this a wonderful time of getting to know you and letting you know what the Youth Ministry is all about. We are super excited to have you coming into the group and we will welcome you with open arms. Make plans to join us.

Summer Camp Travel: As usual, we will be taking two groups to camps this summer during the same time period. The **Camp Blue Haven group** will leave on Sat., June 8 and return Fri., June 21. The **Encounter group** will leave on Sun., June 9 and return Sat. June 15. We will get paperwork out soon in addition to what you have already received from the respective camps. Registration is still open for Encounter at LCUcamps.com until the end of May.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Pablo Sanabria
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Summer Changes: Because our college population changes so much in the summer, we will not have our morning class, Community Group or Dwelling Place until school starts back in the Fall. Enjoy your summer!

If you have any **questions** don't hesitate to email the campus ministry or talk to a member from the church!

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'll meet for Small Group at the Steeles' house (1725 Lincoln). Make sure and join us!

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

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
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Tonight: There is no small group.

Hosts are needed for the summer. Check the calendar on Facebook for sign ups.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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Today: Potluck in the Family Room following morning service.

May 31 - 6 p.m: Actividad de Relaciones / Relationship Activity

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 12	MOTHER'S DAY 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship 5 p.m. - No Chapel Service
MAY 15	7 p.m. - Bible Classes
MAY 19	SENIOR SUNDAY 8:15 a.m. - Sr. Sunday Breakfast Reception - Family Room 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship 5 p.m. - Chapel Service 6 p.m. - Sr. Sunday Dinner (seniors, their families, guests and youth group)
MAY 22	7 p.m. - Bible Classes
MAY 26	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship 5 p.m. - Chapel Service
MAY 29	7 p.m. - 1st Family Night in the MAC - Ice Cream (No evening classes)
JUNE 2	8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC 9 a.m. - Bible Classes 10 a.m. - Worship 5 p.m. - Chapel Service
JUNE 3	9 a.m. - Ladies Quilting Day, Room 208
JUNE 3-5	6-8:15 p.m. - VBS

PRAYER LIST

Immediate Concerns

Carol Alford
Ellis Anderson
Cathy Chisholm
Charlie Meeks
Bob Phillips
Alex Shead
Dick Turman
Bob Warner
Ian Williams

Health Concerns

Gay Barton
Vicki Blair
Carl Brecheen
Joel Cartwright
Glenda Chandler
Evie Clovis
Marie Coker
Jack Currey
Mary Ann Garrett
Phyllis Gilbreth
Ina Green
Myra Holmans
Exa Fay Hooten
Ann Hulett
Mary Johnson
Michael Jimenez
Mary Leija
Jeannette Lipford
Eddie Mahanay
Dale McAnulty
Imogene McAnulty
Martha Morris
Virginia Mosier
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June Presley
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Marilyn Reyes
Ginna Sadler
Reford Schmittou
Bettye Shipp
Yvonne Sinclair
Ben Stevens
Micaela Villanueva
Tula Wearden
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