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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

May 26, 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 (Exodus 20:1-2)

144 O Worship the King (1-3)

3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Shepherd's Prayer **Odell Wilson**

4 To God Be the Glory (1, 3)

383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (1, 3)

Communion **Jason Craddock**

Luke 22:14-20

Bread

922 Jesus Paid It All (1)

Cup

922 Jesus Paid It All (3)

Offering

Children's Church

The Greatest Commands

Mark 12:28-34 **Marcia Moore**

On What Really Matters **Brent Isbell**

The Love of God (1-2, 4)

Benediction

Eric Lemmons

2 Corinthians 13:13 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. *Go in peace.*

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.

FINAL REFLECTIONS

Brent Isbell, Preaching Minister

I remember that time when, after months of anxious planning, we debuted our brand-new video projector and screen in Sunday worship. **I remember** when my parents lost their house to a wildfire in 2011, and this church sent a very generous gift to help them recover. **I remember** our first Christmas Eve candlelight service. **I remember** those cool Sundays we worshiped together in the MAC while the auditorium was being remodeled. **I remember** baptizing Jordan here in this baptistery. **I remember** Unity Sundays, singing and praying in two languages with our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters. **I remember** going to teach in Russia with Royce Money in 2015, spending time with Igor, soaking in the Neva church's angelic singing. **I remember** our first Easter Sunrise service. **I remember** the first Tailgates-n-Treats and those Block Parties. We were under-prepared for the huge crowds, but it was fun! **I remember** sharing Monday staff meetings with dear friends, including seventeen different ministers and staff (and probably a dozen interns) over the years. Our prayer times were always the best part. **I remember** watching my girls riding little-girl bikes and scooters and later learning to parallel park in the UCC west lot. **I remember** about a million quiet, important exchanges in hospitals, hospice units, homes, church corridors, my office—honest conversations nobody ever really knew about but the two of us and the Lord. **I remember** all those funny, unpredictable Children's Time Sundays with Jennifer and our precious kids (many of them not kids anymore). **I remember** so many saints who have gone home ahead of us. So many funerals and gravesides over a decade. Some came too early. I won't even start with names, but many of them will always make me smile. **I remember** baptisms, baby dedications, and Back to School Blesses. **I remember** the weeks when everything seemed to go wrong yet, amazingly, we all survived somehow. **I remember** big-hearted folks giving tons of resources to buy blue jeans and backpacks, send mission teams, support children's homes, help disaster victims, and more. And God never let us run out, did he? **I remember** the deep joy I always got from preparing and delivering somewhere north of 500 sermons and classes for you good people. **I remember** that first Sunday when we first began to hear our sisters speak out loud and begin to share their gifts with us in public worship. That was a very important day. **And I remember** that first day—August 2009—when you ordained me into ministry here at UCC. I committed to faithfully serve with integrity for as long as you called me to do so. I have done that—imperfectly—but with good conscience and to the best of my ability. Thank you for sharing life in Christ. I will remember these good things. Grace and peace.

Brent

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: May 19 2019

Worship - 281 5 p.m. - 28
Bilingual - 47 Coronado - 71
Bight Pointe - 16 Northern Oaks - 20
Silver Springs - 43

OFFERING:

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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: Valeria Zuniga, Karla Ciriaco

Register for VBS: You are able to go to our website and sign up for VBS or at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. 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 the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:7

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Pablo Sanabria, Campus Intern
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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.

If you have any **questions** don't hesitate to e-mail the campus ministry or talk to a member!

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 Steels' 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, we will meet at the Huddleston' at 5 p.m.

Next week we will meet at the Barcrofts'.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister

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

NEWS AND NOTES

Isbell Family Reception: Please make plans to attend a reception honoring the **Isbell family** immediately *following service this morning in the Family Room*. A journal with refillable pages will be available for you to write a sweet note, memory or blessing for them to enjoy and cherish.

Thank You: I lack the words to thank you all for the prayers, food, cards, and money that so many of you have helped with. The Lord's power has been evident for so many to see, not just in Ian's existence and his recovery, but in your quiet faithfulness. Rocky and I - I especially - have rarely known what we needed when you've asked, but in his grace, you've met our needs and blessed our family beyond measure. Ian left Encompass rehab Tuesday morning for the VA polytrauma rehab in San Antonio. We ask that you continue praying for Ian, his wife Ashley, and son James. *-With profound gratefulness, Rocky and Debbie Williams*

Thank You: A special thanks to my church family for the lovely plant and the many cards and prayers. *- Sincerely with love, Diane King and family*

May 27: Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

May 29: First Family Night in the MAC - Ice Cream, 7 p.m.

June 3: Quilting Day, 9 a.m., Room 08

June 3-5: VBS

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Breakfast for Dinner and a Devo Tonight: Join us for breakfast for dinner, a devo, and fun tonight from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Summer Huddles Begin Wednesday:

Wednesday night from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Center, we will kick off Summer Huddles with a time of worship followed by snacks. So make plans to join us and invite a friend.

Sixth Grade Orientation Next Sunday:

We did something different last year and had an afternoon/evening middle school orientation, instead of Sunday, morning that worked out really well because it gave us a lot more time together. So, this year we are doing it again. Our promotion from fifth to sixth grade will happen next Sunday evening, June 2 from 5-7:30 p.m. We will have lots of activities, introductions, dinner and will show everyone the ropes of life in the youth group. Make plans to join us and parents are certainly invited to attend as well.

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.

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. Paperwork is available on the Youth Center desk and has been emailed out. Registration is still open for Encounter at LCUcamps.com until the end of May.

PRAYER LIST

Immediate Concerns

Carol Alford
Cathy Chisholm
Cheryl Ballard
Charlie Meeks
Bob Phillips
Alex Shead
Dick Turman
Bob Warner
Ian Williams

Health Concerns

Ellis Anderson
Gay Barton
Vicki Blair
Carl Brecheen
Austin Britten
Joel Cartwright
Evie Clovis
Marie Coker
Jack Currey
Mary Ann Garrett
Phyllis Gilbreth
Ina Green
Ann Hill
Myra Holmans
Exa Fay Hooten
Ann Hulett
Bob Hunter
Shirley Hunter
Mary Johnson
Michael Jimenez
Marshal Kellar
Shirley Kellar
Mary Leija
Jeannette Lipford
Eddie Mahanay
Dale McAnulty
Imogene McAnulty
Martha Morris
Virginia Mosier
Patricia Perryman
June Presley
Marianna Rasco
Carlos Reyes
Marilyn Reyes
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Please submit your bulletin items to Kimmy Pharis before noon on Wednesday. marisol@uccabilene.org