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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

June 2, 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 (Rev. 15:3-4)*

*Hosanna You're My King*

*I Stand in Awe*

**Shepherd's Prayer**                      **Steve Austin**

*To God be the Glory*

*All Who are Thirsty*

**Communion**                              **Gene Linder**

*Mark 14:22-25*

**Bread**

*Be Still and Know (vs 1&2)*

**Cup**

*Surround Us Lord*

**Offering**

*Children's Home Video*

**Children's Church**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**Matthew 22:34-40**                      **Austin Britten**

**Sermon**                                  **Paul Rotenberry**

*How Great is Our God*

**Benediction**                              **Jeremy Meeks**

Romans 15:5-6 - May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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 elders waiting just for you.*

*Our Sunday morning service is broadcast live at [www.uccabilene.org](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

A friend of ours said recently, "My kids have been out of school for three days, and they're already on a summer schedule. Getting up early? Forget it!" That's probably true for many of us, whether we have school-age children or not. For some, summer means slowing down just a little, getting outside more often, enjoying fresh fruits and vegetables, and generally reveling in the bounty of the world. For others, this is a time of accelerated activity with work in yards and fields, the framing of houses and paving of roads. But whichever rhythm of life we move to, summer offers a different season.

The same is true at church. Although many of us travel, life continues for the congregation. During this time of transition and renewal, it's good to remember that. In the next few weeks, we will enjoy several great activities in addition to weekly worship and Bible study on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Those events include

- Vacation Bible School (June 3-5)
- Quilting Day (June 3)
- Children's Homes Special Collection (June 9)
- Youth Group Encounter (June 9-15)
- Family Night in the MAC - watermelons (June 26)
- High School Mission Trip to Nashville (July 12-20)
- Family Night in the MAC - chips and dips (July 31)
- Operation Blue Jeans (August 11)
- And many more!

In addition, this summer we will send forth mission teams far and near, and many of us will be involved in ministry both in Abilene and elsewhere. Not to mention forthcoming potlucks in the MAC as we worship together there as well.

Finally, for all of us, summer poses a challenge to the rhythms of our spiritual lives. It's easy to lose focus on the things that matter most. So, what can we do to continue growing upward toward God and closer to our fellow human beings? One place to start is with a simple exercise every day, which some people call the prayer of examen. At each day's end before the head hits the pillow, we can ask ourselves a few simple questions:

- Where did I see God today?
- What am I grateful for today?
- What happened today, for good or ill?
- What can I improve on tomorrow?
- What do I eagerly look forward to when I consider tomorrow?

And yes, it's good to change "I" to "we" sometimes because we are all part of a great family called the church. These simple questions become a guide for prayer and self-reflection, and just a few minutes spent on them each day can make a big difference. Try them and see what happens!

**WELCOME**

Shanee Estrada, Aiden and Jaxson  
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**NURSERY FACILITIES**

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

**ATTENDANCE: May 26, 2019**

- Worship - **288**                      5 p.m. - **16**
- Bilingual - **N/A**                      Coronado - **72**
- Bight Pointe - **26**                      Chisholm - **N/A**
- Northern Oaks - **33**                      Silver Springs - **N/A**

**OFFERING:**

**May 26** \$10,210.01

**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 will resume next week.

**VBS:** Vacation Bible School will **start tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. and finish at 8:15 p.m.** for children four years old through fifth grade. We will enjoy three evenings together as we "**Plunge**" into learning more about Jesus. Please be sure and invite your neighborhood children to join us for VBS. Registration is available on-line or at the check-in each evening.

**VBS Decorating:** If you are willing to help decorate for VBS, please come to the **MAC at 2:30 p.m. today.**

**VBS Volunteers:** If have you are already signed up to help with VBS, please plan to meet in the **MAC at 3:30 p.m. today.** If you decide you would like to help and haven't signed up, *it's not too late.* Please come join the rest of the volunteers today.

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

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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. During the months of **June and July** we will meet with the Friends & Families class in the **MAC 502.**

**Tonight** we will meet for Small Group at the Steeles' house (**817 Canyon Ct.**). 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 Barcrofts' at 5 p.m.

A **host** is needed for next week.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister  
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**Sixth Grade Orientation Tonight:** Our promotion from fifth to sixth grade will happen **TONIGHT** from 5-7:30 p.m.! We will have fun 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 as well.

**Summer Camp Travel:** All paperwork emailed this past week is due when you arrive for departure. As usual, we are 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 LCU Encounter group will leave on Sun., June 9, immediately following morning worship and return Sat., June 15. If you are still interested in going to Encounter, please let Jason know and we might be able to pull some strings for late registration.

**Tuesday BLAST:** Join us Tuesday from 9-3:30 p.m. as we go to serve at Silver Springs in the morning and to Adventure Cove in the afternoon. Bring a sack lunch, swimsuit, towel and \$5 towards your water park admission. We will cover the rest. You can be picked up at the water park at 3:30 or at the Youth Center at 3:45 p.m.

**Summer Huddles Begin Wednesday:** I was a week ahead of myself last week since we had our first Family Night in the MAC on Wednesday. So, Summer Huddles will begin *this* 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 invite a friend and come join us!

**HS Mission Trip:** Our trip this year is set for July 12-20 in Nashville, Tennessee, and we will be working with the Nashville Inner City Ministry for the week. The total cost for the trip is only \$30 plus a handful of fast food meals on the road. We keep it so inexpensive because we want all our teens to go with us. If you are an adult who would be interested in attending with us (and hopefully able to drive a van), please let Jason know as soon as possible.

## PRAYER LIST

### Immediate Concerns

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

### Health Concerns

Ellis Anderson  
Gay Barton  
Vicki Blair  
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  
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  
Reford Schmittou  
Bettye Shipp  
Yvonne Sinclair  
Ben Stevens  
Micaela Villanueva  
Tula Wearden  
Brenda Whitsett  
Nancy Witt

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Sympathy:** We express our deepest sympathies to the family of **Mary Johnson**, on her passing Monday evening. A Memorial Service will be held June 15 at 1 p.m. in the Family Room. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

**Thank You:** Thank you dear church family for the ways you loved on us during Austin's recent illness and hospital stay. Your prayers, cards, meals and other ways you served were meaningful and sustained us during a challenging time. Austin is recovering well and we are grateful to the Great Physician for his healing mercies! *Blessings and love, Vicki, Sam, and Austin Britten*

**Bible Class & Worship in the MAC:** Beginning next **Sunday, June 9**, our 9 a.m. auditorium bible class and 10 a.m. worship service will meet in the MAC. We will return to the auditorium on August 4.

## UCC ELDERS

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Please submit your bulletin items to Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday. [marisol@uccabilene.org](mailto:marisol@uccabilene.org)