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June 9, 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 Liz Rotenberry

Communal Reading (Psalm 24:7-10)

442 I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord (2x)

218 Blessed Jesus (no descant)

Shepherd's Prayer David Swearingen

147 I Stand Amazed (1, 3-4)

325 Boundless Love (1-3, no refrain)

Communion Bo Green

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Bread

382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth (1-2)

Cup

Offering

Children's Home Offering

Children's Church

23 Our God, He is Alive (1, 4)

One Another - 1 John 3:11-18 Bradley Steele

613 Hold to God's Unchanging Hand (1, 3)

Benediction

Worship Leader: Mark Tate

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.

Bradley Steele, Lead Minister
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Good morning! Welcome to UCC! Today we will continue our walk through UCC's new Vision statement: Upward (Love God) - Inward (Love One Another) - Outward (Love the World). Our text is from 1 John 3:11-18, and our worship leader today is **Mark Tate**.

Our Annual Children's Home Collection is Today! Each year we set aside a Sunday to support the important ministries of Foster Homes, Cherokee Home for Children, Arms of Hope, and Christian Homes of Abilene. After our regular offering, we will have a second offering for these ministry partners. Please consider contributing to these important and desperately needed ministries!

There will be no chapel service tonight at 5 p.m.

Make sure and join us **Wednesday Night at 7 p.m.** for a night of **Singing in the Family Room.**

Calendar

Children's Home Offering - TODAY

Youth Group - Encounter at LCU - TODAY

Ladies' Lunch - 6/12; 12 p.m. (Family Room)

Singing Night in the Family Room - 6/12; 7 p.m.

D6 - Children's Classes/Families - 6/12; 7 p.m. Nelson Park (by covered pavilion)

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Family Night - Watermelons - 6/26; 7 p.m. (MAC)

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:

Worship - 251
Bilingual - 62
Bright Pointe - 13
Chisholm - N/A

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5 p.m. - 20
Coronado - 66
Silver Springs - N/A
Northern Oaks - 34

OFFERING:

June 2 \$15,806.25

NEWS AND NOTES

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service celebrating the life of **Mary Johnson** will be held Saturday, June 15 at 1 p.m. in the Family Room.

THANK YOU: Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent during my heart procedure. I appreciate the thoughtfulness. ~ *Blessings, Celia Tate*

THANK YOU: I just want to say thank you for your sweet kindness shown to me while I covered the front desk during Marisol's absence. I am truly grateful and humbled that I was given the opportunity to serve you. We worship an almighty God and I pray that He will bless each of you in your daily walk. ~ *With a Grateful Heart, Kimmy Pharis*

REMAINING IN THE AUDITORIUM: We have heard from many of you about a preference to remain in the auditorium for the Summer. Our intention in moving to the MAC was simply to encourage a strengthening of our family by bringing us closer together in a more intimate space. However, in an effort to honor the congregation's desire, we will remain in the auditorium for the summer, as usual. We would like to encourage you to sit closer together to strengthen not only our bonds, but to enhance our great tradition of a cappella singing.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SURVEY: We want to compile as big a database of volunteers to draw from as possible. We have paper forms you can grab at the Welcome Center, which you can fill out and leave there, or bring to the Church Office. You can also fill out the survey online through the link in the daily news.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER NEEDS: The Christian Service Center is in great need of volunteers in the following areas:

1. To help work in the **Shoe Department** - men's, women's, boys and girls
2. To work in the **Toy Room** (the most fun job!)
3. To assist in the **Receiving Room** - helping organize and stock rooms with all the wonderful donations people in our community give us to bless those we serve.

If you or a friend would like to volunteer in one of these areas, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, **Roberta Brown** at robertabrown51@hotmail.com

"Whoever is kind to the needy honors God."

~ *Proverbs 14:31b*

Thank you so much! ~ *Jim Clark, Director*

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

From Russia with Love (UCC version)

Igor and Natasha will be visiting from Russia with their children, Elijah and Katya. Their June visit will allow them to rekindle distance friendships and to touch base with supporting churches. They will worship at UCC June 23rd. Contact Judy Siburt for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister
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Children's Church Helpers: Nathan Bryce, Ella Ice, Valeria Zuniga

VBS: We had a fun time at Vacation Bible School this last week. We enjoyed over 80 children each night. Thank you to the kitchen helpers, the recreation leaders, the craft and Bible teachers, the registration volunteers, the camera crew and the youth workers. May your lives be as richly blessed as you blessed so many with your time this last week.

D6 Summer: Children's Bible classes will not meet at the building during the summer months. Families will enjoy a time of fellowship and devotion together as we discuss spiritual disciplines. We will meet **by the covered pavilion at Nelson Park from 7 to 8 p.m. on the Wednesday nights of June 12th and 19th.**

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."
Hebrews 4:16

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. Enjoy your summer!

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

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston

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Tonight, the Southward's are hosting our group. Check Facebook for more details.

Next week, we will meet at the Gibbs's.

ELDERS MINUTES

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on Sunday afternoon, May 26, 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, for Heather Webber and Becca Steele who are expecting, and for many others;
2. Finalized a preaching schedule for the summer that includes UCC staff, UCC elders, and guest speakers (Igor Egirev, Eddie Sharp and Jerry Taylor);
3. Read, discussed, and accepted the reports from our ministers;
4. Reviewed a report from David Swearingen on the ad hoc committee formed to look at our auditorium audio/visual/PowerPoint/Internet-streaming needs and procedures. Tabled action until David could be with us to answer questions;
5. Received a report from Kris Southward on the ad hoc committee (Wanda Bradford, Roberta Brown, Bo/Becky Green, Gene/Janette Linder, Karen Southward) to formulate plans and procedures to ensure that those in our family who are in the hospital, homebound, etc. are visited and cared for on a regular basis. Anticipate a plan will be finalized within a month;
6. Received a report from James Thompson on Adult Education plans for the fall where the Sunday morning classes will be on the Holy Spirit;
7. Discussed work being done on setting up 5 additional small groups for the fall led by the Ezzells, McCalebs, Milhollands, Presleys, and Rotenberrys;
8. Received a report from the Worship Committee about possible changes to the auditorium that would help with seating, sound, and better use of space;
9. Finalized months of work on our transition plans that will be announced June 2nd;
10. Set the next meeting date for July 14th.

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
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PRAYER LIST

Immediate Concerns

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

Health Concerns

Gay Barton
Vicki Blair
Joel Cartwright
Evie Clovis
Marie Coker
Jack Currey
Phyllis Gilbreth
Ina Green
Myra Holmans
Exa Fay Hooten
Bob Hunter
Shirley Hunter
Michael Jimenez
Marshal Kellar
Shirley Kellar
Mary Leija
Jeannette Lipford
Eddie Mahanay
Dale McAnulty
Imogene McAnulty
Martha Morris
Virginia Mosier
June Presley
Marianna Rasco
Carlos Reyes
Marilyn Reyes
Ginna Sadler
Michael Sadler
Reford Schmittou
Bettye Shipp
Yvonne Sinclair
Micaela Villanueva
Tula Wearden
Nancy Witt

Romans 16:25-27

25 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: Because so many of us are out of town this week, we will not have an activity tonight.

Slow Week: Wondering where all the teens are? Most of the group is at camp this week, so we will have a very slow week with no activities happening outside of what's going on at camp.

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.

MS Mission Stay: This year's Middle School Mission Stay will be Aug. 4-7 and is for all students entering sixth grade through those who just completed eighth grade. As usual, there is no cost for the event but I do need a list of who wants to go (and friends) and t-shirt sizes by **Sunday, July 21**. We also need help from parents and/or the congregation with helping provide breakfast or dinner each night, and pools to swim in. Please let Jason know if you are willing to help in any of these ways.

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Please submit your bulletin items to Marisol Groves before noon on Wednesday. marisol@uccabilene.org

20's & 30's

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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, room 502.

Today at 5 p.m. we'll 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.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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TODAY: We are having a potluck in the Youth Center following morning service. Stay and enjoy!

*We are looking for a home to host our **family meeting on July 7**. If you are interested, please contact Vini.*

Friday, June 21, is our next Relationship Seminar.