



# ministry fair

AUGUST 28  
7 p.m. - MAC

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.

July 14, 2019

## WORSHIP

**Welcome/News**                      **Randi Williams**

Communal Reading (*Psalm 89:1-4*)

122 *The Love of God*

915 *Trust and Obey*

**Shepherd's Prayer**                      **Mark Hamilton**

*Shout to the Lord*

890 *In the Land of Fadeless Day*

**Communion**                              **Gary McCaleb**

*John 13:1-14*

### Bread

694 *Servant Song*

### Cup

309 *In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*

### Offering

429 *Oh, to Be Like Thee*

**Luke 10:38-42**

**Only One Thing**                      **Bradley Steele**

932 *O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow*

### Benediction

**Worship Leader: Steve Austin**

*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](http://www.uccabilene.org).*

**Bradley Steele**, Lead Minister

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**Good morning!** Welcome to UCC! Today our text is from **Luke 10:38-42**, the story of Mary and Martha, a short passage in which Jesus powerfully reminds us what our souls truly need. Our worship leader today is **Steve Austin**.

Make sure the three following events are on your calendar:

First, our annual **Operation Blue Jeans** special collection will be held on **Sunday, August 18**. Operation Blue Jeans is an amazing ministry put on each year by the **Christian Service Center** to provide clothes, shoes, and Bibles to students throughout Abilene. Starting at the end of July, we'll begin seeing videos in which we'll here from UCC members who use their free-time to serve at the CSC, as well as those who have been blessed by UCC's partnership with the CSC. I pray that this year we're not only inspired to give monetarily to such an important ministry, but that we're also compelled to get involved in regular service at the CSC, which is both a massive part of UCC's history and an integral piece of how our church serves as the hands and feet of Jesus in the city of Abilene.

Second, we'll be holding our annual **Back to School BBQ** on Wednesday, **August 21 from 6-8 p.m.** We want our focus this year to be on this being our first **outreach** event of the school year. This coincides with both Welcome Week at ACU and the start of school for AISD. So students, teachers, and professors, please mark this date down and invite both your peers and pupils, and for the rest of us, start inviting your friends and neighbors. We're going to have lots of food (brisket and sausage), games in the courtyard, and a word of blessing for all of our students as they begin the new school year. Let's get excited as we use this event to lean into the third part of our vision: Love the World. God is alive and active in our world! It's our job to bear witness to His infinite love as we reach out and welcome our neighbors. We have **Invitation Cards** at the **Welcome Center**. Stop by and grab a few to hand out to your friends and neighbors!

Third, on Wednesday, August 28 **we will have a Ministry Fair in the MAC at 7 p.m.** Come see and get plugged into one of the many wonderful ministries UCC is involved in. We'll also be doing **Small Group** sign-ups, so if you're not currently in a Small Group, come join us and get plugged into this powerful ministry!

There will be **no 5:00 PM Chapel Service tonight**

### CLASS TIMES:

Sunday - 9 a.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

### WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday - 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

### NURSERY FACILITIES

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

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### ATTENDANCE: July 7, 2019

Worship - **275**  
Bilingual - **TBD**  
Bright Pointe - **29**  
5 p.m. - **26**

### OFFERING:

**July 7 \$12,566.75**

Silver Springs - **29**  
Coronado - **69**  
Chisholm Place - **13**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Jennifer Welch**, Children's Minister  
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**Nursery Cradle Roll Training:** There will be a nursery Bible training class **today from 4 to 5 p.m.** If you would be willing to teach cradle roll once or twice a month in our nursery class, please plan to attend the meeting.

**D6 Summer:** We will meet this Wednesday evening at the Stevenson Splash Pad located at 441 E. North 7th Street.

**Children's Church** will resume Sept. 8.

*"I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."*

**Luke 21:3-4**

## 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**, Lead 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 **MAC 502**.

**Check Facebook for tonight's small group location.**

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

## TRANSITIONS

**Andrew Huddleston**  
[huddleston\\_andrew@yahoo.com](mailto:huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com)

**Tonight**, we will meet at the Fangio's home at 5 p.m. Check Facebook for food sign up.

A host is needed for next week.

## BILINGUAL MINISTRY

**Vini Montesdeoca**, Bilingual Minister  
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**Today**, join us after service in the Youth Center for our monthly potluck!

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Quilting Day**, Join the quilting ladies on Monday, July 15 at 9 a.m. in room 208.

Join us for our **3rd Family Night** of the summer on **July 31st** at 7 p.m. in the MAC: **Chips and Dips**. Bring some snacks and a friend!!

## THANK YOU

Dale and Imogene want to thank the church for the beautiful poinsettia plant you gave us in the early fall and today, July 9th, it is still so lovely and blooming. We have never had one last this long and be so lovely. So, thank you! It is still so lovely that there is no way it is to be tossed out yet. We buy one every year so that will give you an idea just how great it is and has been! We will have our 64th Anniversary in August, to give you an idea how precious that is and has been for us! God bless each of you and we both send our heart felt thanks! Also, thanks for your prayers for our health! **Dale and Imogene McAnulty**

**5 p.m. Chapel.** If you would like to be part of the service, either singing or speaking. Please let Marisol know by calling the church office.

## IBARAKI CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Every year, ACU hosts a summer camp for students from Japan. This year we have 21 students, 2 teachers and their tutors attending service today, please make them feel at home.

## FAMILY LIBRARY

The **UCC Family Library** has a wide selection of reading materials and videos for all ages. The UCC Family Library is open on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:15 p.m.

## MISSION TRIPS

Please keep our mission teams in your prayers.

### Zambia

Todd Bailey, James, Angela and John Estes are already there

### Nashville, Tennessee

July 12-20  
UCC Youth Group (High School)

### Honduras (Towell Family)

July 15-26  
Rusty, Ramsey, Travis, Ensley and Cecily Towell

### Ecuador

Vini Montesdeoca leaves July 15

### Cuba

July 26 - August 5  
Carolina, Tim and Andrea Archer, Pablo Sanabria, Ted and Ellen Presley, Madison Pamplin.

## ELDERS FINANCE REPORT

The Elders want to give a report on UCC's finances at the 2019 halfway point and to update the church on the status of the oil revenues we have received over the past twelve months.

Through June 30, 2019 total giving from Sunday morning collections was \$361,177. This is just a few thousand less than what we had received at the same time last year. Our normal operating expenses are down about \$12,000 from the same time last year.

Thus, we are tracking on much the same path as last year which bodes well for the remainder of 2019. As a reference point, please note that by the end of 2018 our revenues exceeded our expenses by almost \$40,000. We are very blessed to be part of such a generous community.

In January, 2017 the Elders signed a lease for some mineral interests the church owns in Loving County, TX near Mentone (generously donated to UCC decades ago by Wade and Sue Smith). In May, 2018 two horizontal wells came on line and in November, 2018 two more wells were completed. Conversations with the oil company lead us to anticipate additional wells to be drilled next year, but as you know in the oil industry we cannot assume anything and are grateful for what has been done thus far.

We have received twelve checks thus far totaling \$288,953. Production in this area tails off quickly, and we have seen production in the initial wells go down by 50% in 12 months. Oil prices are also down. Since we have no say over production or price it is impossible for us to budget what future revenues will look like. Earlier this year we spent \$200,000+ out of our emergency funds to replace much of the aging, leaking, and inefficient air-conditioning/heating system in the main building. The 1950s system still heats and cools the auditorium but the vast majority of everything else is now controlled by modern methods. The oil royalties received thus far have helped replenish our emergency funds to pay for items such as this. Unused oil funds have been put into our emergency account.

Finally, the Elders express their deep gratitude for every member's support of the work here at UCC (and for the gift from the Smiths many, many years ago).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your fellow servant,

**Kris Southward, CPA, UCC Elder**

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**No Activity Tonight:** Most of us are in Nashville for our HS Mission Trip this week so we will not have an activity tonight.

**No BLAST or REEL Faith This Week:** We will also not have BLAST or REEL Faith this week due to Mission Trip.

**Wednesday Night:** Join us Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. in the Big Room of the Youth Center for youth group time, followed by snacks and some hangout time.

**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.

## STAY CONNECTED

University members and friends can **stay connected** with UCC via Facebook. Like the Facebook page at:  
[www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene](http://www.facebook.com/UCCAbilene)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR - July 14 - August

- JUL. 14** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship (Bradley Steele)  
5 p.m. - No Chapel Service
- JUL. 17** 7 p.m. - Family Room Class - Carson Reed
- JUL. 21** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship (Tim Archer)  
5 p.m. - Chapel Service. Mark Hamilton - Speaker; Art R. - Song leader
- JUL. 24** 7 p.m. - Home Away from Home (International Students)
- JUL. 28** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship (Jerry Taylor)  
5 p.m. - Chapel Service. Vini Montesdeoca - Speaker; Gene Linder- Song leader
- JUL. 31** **7 p.m. - Chips and Dips Family Night in the MAC**
- AUG. 4** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship (Bradley Steele)  
5 p.m. - Chapel Service. Bradley Steele - Speaker; Josh Welch - Song leader
- AUG. 7** Worship Service for Missions
- AUG. 11** 8:30 a.m. - Coffee, Juice and Donuts, MAC  
9 a.m. - Bible Classes  
10 a.m. - Worship (Bradley Steele)  
5 p.m. - No Chapel Service