



July 28, 2019

WORSHIP

Welcome/News **Brent Ballard**
Communal Reading (*Psalm 95:1-2*)

Come Now is the The Time to Worship
226 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Shepherd's Prayer **David Swearingen**

10,000 Reasons
Still

Communion **Topher Fangio**
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Bread
410 He Leadeth Me

Cup
410 He Leadeth Me

Offering
What the Lord Has Done In Me

Ezekiel 37:1-14 **Carole Mahanay**

Divine Resuscitation **Dr. Jerry Taylor**
129 Amazing Grace

Benediction *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

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.



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.

Bradley Steele, Lead Minister
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Good morning! Welcome to UCC! Today we'll be blessed by hearing from **Dr. Jerry Taylor**, Associate Professor in Bible, Missions, and Ministry at ACU. He will be preaching from **Ezekiel 37:1-14**. Our worship leader today is **Jeremy Meeks**.

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 hear 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!

Vini Montesdeoca will be speaking tonight in the **5 p.m. Chapel Service**, and **Gene Linder** will be leading singing.

BAPTISM

Aiden Estrada was baptized on July 21 at UCC. Aiden is the son of Shanee Estrada.

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: July 21, 2019
Worship - **267** Silver Springs - **19**
Bilingual - **45** Coronado - **62**
Bright Pointe - **31** Chisholm Place - **13**
Northern Oaks - **28**

OFFERING:
July 21 \$11,880.93

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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D6 Summer: We will enjoy a family night in the MAC this Wednesday evening.

Family Devotional Books: As we focus on "Spiritual Disciplines" for our family, families are encouraged to use the "Good Dirt" devotional book. If you have not picked yours up please let me know and I will get you a copy.

Children's Church will resume Sept. 8.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." **Psalm 46:1**

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
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Due to many of us being out of town, there will be no small group this week.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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Ladies Prayer Group at 6:30 p.m. Join them for fellowship, prayer, and food!

The location changes every week, call the office for this week location.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Special REEL Faith Tonight: In honor of Nathan and Lizzie Bryce's last day with us before their move, we will be having a special REEL Faith today from 3-8 p.m. We will be watching...(wait for it)... **Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13 for some scary images). We will watch the movie, enjoy dinner together and get to say farewell (for now) to our good friends. Invite a friend to join us. "May the wind under your wings bear you where the sun sails and the moon walks." — Gandalf

Wednesday Intern Appreciation: Our intern, Haley Alvarez, will be with us through the end of Mission Stay but due to some scheduling conflicts as the Summer begins to draw to a close, we will have a time of appreciating her time with us on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Center. We will start with a devo and then put her front and center as we tell her why we love and appreciate her. We will have a nicer, sit-down dinner (no cost) around tables (i.e. not pizza or corn dogs in a circle on the floor) so it should be a nice time. Make plans to join us and invite a friend!

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 and there is still plenty of room to join us. I do need a list of who wants to go (and friends) and **t-shirt sizes** by Sunday, July 28 (extended). 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.

NEWS AND NOTES

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!!

On August 4, Bradley Steele will officially start as our full time minister. Join us after service in the MAC for lunch, as we celebrate this day together. If your last name starts with **A-M** please bring side dishes or salads; if it starts with **N-Z** please bring desserts. We will provide Enchiladas, Chips and Salsa.

PRAYER LIST

ELDER MINUTES

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on Sunday afternoon, July 21, 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, hospice care, for those battling cancer and dementia, for the families of those who have lost dear loved ones (*Weems, Schmittou, Carmichael, Evitt, Welch and Simpson*), for our youth minister search committee and for the next youth minister God leads us to, and for many others;
2. **Approved** the minutes from our previous meeting;
3. Read, discussed, and accepted the **reports from our ministers**;
4. Discussed training for **small group leaders**, the starting of four **new small groups** (*Ezzells/McCalebs, Milhollands, Rotenberrys, and Presleys*) the first of September, a Ministry Fair in late August, Back-2-School blessing/meal/neighborhood-outreach in August, and the planning of a special service for Bradley and Becca Steele on August 4th as Bradley begins his new role as minister at UCC;
5. **Welcomed Jordan Turney** to our meeting. Jordan will be a youth intern and we are excited that he (and his wife, Sabrina) will be working with our youth!
6. Reported that **Morgan DeBoer** will transition from being a youth intern to being a university intern. Morgan is working in California for the summer;
7. Received a preliminary report from the **Buildings and Grounds Committee** about an idea of replacing our stadium seating with pews. Costs and benefits of this proposal are being looked at as this idea is still in its infancy;
8. Set the next meeting date for **August 18, 2019**.

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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