



July 7, 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 Cheryl Bacon
Communal Reading (*Psalm 86:8-10*)

590 *Jesus is All the World to Me*

749 *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

Shepherd's Prayer Kris Southward

52 *Father and Friend*

253 *Sweet Adoration*

Communion Ben Bailey
Matthew 26:26-29

Bread
777 *Dear Lord and Father*

Cup
777 *Dear Lord and Father*

Offering
777 *Dear Lord and Father*

Acts 1:12-26 Darby Ice

Sermon Eddie Sharp
628 *Will You Not Tell It Today?*

Benediction Jude 5:24-25

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 elders 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 be blessed by hearing from a familiar face. **Eddie Sharp** will be preaching to us from *Acts 1:12-26*. Our worship leader today is **Steve Austin**.

I want to make you aware of two upcoming events to put 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.

Our **Chapel Service is tonight at 5 p.m.** **James Thompson** will be speaking, and **Roger Welch** will lead us in Singing.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, Reford and I were married in this building in 1959. After teaching in the Houston area and San Marcos for 9 years, we returned to Abilene and this congregation with our two children. Since 1968 the members of this congregation have been our extended family. During Reford's illness your prayers, visits, and cards were such a blessing. My family and I want to give a special thanks to everyone who helped with the family meal after the memorial service. The food was delicious and family members had one more chance to visit before leaving Abilene. **-Virginia Schmittou**

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: June 30, 2019
Worship - **268** Silver Springs - **34**
Bilingual - **35** Coronado - **61**
Bright Pointe - **22** Chisholm Place - **12**
5 p.m. - **30**

OFFERING:
June 30 \$13,414.61

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

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Children's Church will resume Sept. 8.

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

Nursery Cradle Roll Training: There will be a nursery Bible training class on Sunday, July 14 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.

For I do not trust in my bow, nor does my sword deliver me. But you give over our enemies. You put those who hate us to shame. In God we have boasted all day long, and Your name we will praise forever. Selah... **Psalms 44:6-8**

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.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister
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Our family gathering will be **today at 4 p.m.** in the Youth Center. We will be watching a family movie!

Next Sunday, July 14, join us after service in the Youth Center for our monthly potluck!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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Devo and Free Time Tonight: Join us from 5-7:30 p.m. for a devo, pizza and free time in the Youth Center. Bring \$3 if you've got it to help cover the cost of food.

No BLAST This Week: As we prepare for HS Mission Trip, we will not have BLAST this week.

Wednesday Night Pool Party and Dive-In

REEL Faith: Wednesday night, we will meet at the Trammel home from 6-11 p.m. for a pool party, games, cookout, and outdoor REEL Faith. We will be watching *Jaws* (70s PG but edited for content). Often we are joined on our faith journey by people who are quite different than us yet we are bound by a shared purpose. We will discuss how our different gifts and experiences can help us as we journey together in our walk of faith. Invite a friend and bring a blanket to sit on.

HS Mission Trip: Our trip is now less than a week away (July 12-20)! All travel info has been emailed out and is available on the Youth Center desk. Jason needs to know exactly who is going and your t-shirt size by the end of today so we can get t-shirts ordered. **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.

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.

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
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Since many of us are still out of town, there will be no small group tonight.

Next week we will meet at the Fangio's.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS: CUBA

University Church of Christ has financially contributed to the missions fund of the church in **Matanzas, Cuba, since 2013**. Currently, these funds are being used for work in 52 congregations in the province, with 14 other locations being the target for new congregations in the near future. The Versailles congregation is a vibrant group of Christians actively participating in evangelizing efforts throughout the province of Matanzas. Tony Fernández has been a part of this congregation all his life, following his parents' example and commitment to the ministry. These Christians covet our prayers as they daily face unimaginable obstacles in the work of the church. Please join them in praising the Lord and asking for His continuous provision and blessing over the following situations:

- Daily prayer meetings, Monday through Friday, followed by breakfast provided for 85-100 elderly men and women.
- Weekly Bible study cells. Frequent activities for the youth, the women, the elderly and the men.
- Yearly event "Abriendo Caminos" to equip missionaries to help new churches grow.
- The farm and its harvest of grains, fruits, vegetables, and production of milk, which help feed the brethren and the population in general.
- Weekly new souls added to the church. This year alone there have been 78 baptisms in Matanzas.
- Pray for their spiritual growth as they are faced with temptations to return to the world.
- The families of inmates in the jail where Tony serves as chaplain. Some family members have been attending church.
- Emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual strength and stability for Tony and his partners to face the challenges of their daily ministries.
- Safety in the roads that lead to the multiple mission churches. Loose animals and cars in poor mechanical conditions pose grave dangers.
- The church bus: pray for God's intervention to provide human and material resources needed to have the bus functioning again.
- The success of the upcoming National Youth Conference to be held at the end of July in Matanzas, including the team from UCC preparing to depart July 26.

"We press forward with God's grace. There are many limitations to our work, but we are constantly seeking solutions. Without the help of UCC, all of this would be very difficult to achieve. Thank you! God is faithful." **Tony Fernández.**

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