



August 18, 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** Daniel Barcroft  
Call of Worship  
Communal Reading (*Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9,13*)

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*

**Baby Dedication** Salvador Terry Groves

*He Has Made Me Glad*

Ancient of Days

**Shepherd's Prayer** Tim Archer

*Highest Place*

*Here In This Place*

**Communion** Jim Clark  
*Luke 22:14-20 (ESV)*

**Bread**  
*It Is Well With My Soul*

**Cup**  
*It Is Well With My Soul*

**Offering**

**Operation Blue Jeans Special Collection**

*Days of Elijah*

**John 1:19-34 (ESV)**

**Behold, the Lamb** Bradley Steele

*Our God He Is Alive*

**Worship Leader: Eric Lemmons**

*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).*

**Bradley Steele**, Lead Minister  
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**Good morning!** Welcome to UCC! Today we'll continue our walk through the Gospel of John. Our text today is from John 1:19-34. Our worship leader is **Eric Lemmons**.

**Today** is our annual **Operation Blue Jeans** special collection. **Operation Blue Jeans** is a fantastic ministry put on each year by the **Christian Service Center** to provide clothes, shoes, and Bibles to students throughout Abilene. 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.

Our annual **Back to School BBQ** is **this 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, sausage and hot dogs for the kids), 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!

**Adult Teaching Committee Minutes:** The fall Bible classes start August 25. Following the spring curriculum's study of spiritual disciplines, the committee decided to study the Holy Spirit and the Mission of God, based on Leonard Allen's written curriculum and book (**Poured Out: The Spirit of God Empowering the Mission of God. ACU Press, 2018**) and also including the additional study guide, "Studies in the Holy Spirit," written by James Thompson. We believe these will be good resources for personal and communal spiritual growth. They should help us understand and embrace what God is doing through the mission of our UCC community and beyond as we are guided by the Holy Spirit. If you personally are interested in purchasing the book, please contact the church office. They can help you buy it at a discounted price. During the week of the ACU Summit, **September 15**, Leonard Allen will speak about this material at a church-wide combined class in the auditorium. Please join us for this event and be blessed as we study, learn about, and experience the Holy Spirit's work in our community this fall.

Join us for **5 p.m. Worship Service in the Chapel**. **Josh Welch** will be speaking, and **TBD** will be leading singing.

**NURSERY FACILITIES**

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

**ATTENDANCE: August 11, 2019**  
Worship - **281** Silver Springs - **34**  
Bilingual - **45** Coronado - **66**  
Bright Pointe - **28** Chisholm Place - **12**

**OFFERING:**  
**August 11 TBD**

**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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**Fall Semester:** Teachers for Wednesday night for our fall semester are needed for the children's ministry. If you would like to help, please contact Jennifer Welch.

**Nursery:** Our volunteers love your little ones and look forward to taking care of them while you enjoy your time of Bible class and Worship. Please be sure and pick up your little ones as soon as service is over and then return to visit with friends. Thank you.

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

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**  
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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. in MAC classroom 504.

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

**Wednesday**, we will be joining the Back-To-School celebration at MAC (gym).

## TRANSITIONS

**Andrew Huddleston**  
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**Tonight** we will meet at the Gibbs' at 5 p.m. Food sign-ups are on Facebook.

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

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Jason Craddock**, Youth Minister  
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**Back-to-School Devo Tonight:** We are in-between first days of schools, with ACS having already started on Thursday and AISD beginning this next Thursday. Tonight, from 5-7:30 p.m. starting in the Youth Center, we will have some focused prayer time on-location at a couple of different schools. Bring some money for a fast food meal afterwards.

## Back-to-School BBQ and Blessing on

**Wednesday Night:** Join the rest of the church on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. in the MAC and Courtyard for some food, fun and blessing. Oh, and you might want to wear something you're not afraid to get wet!

**Huddles Start Date:** Fall Huddles will begin on September 4. We will have combined Huddles in the YC until then.

## BILINGUAL MINISTRY

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

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

## THANK YOU

**To our University Church Family:**

Thank you so very much for the food, cards and calls, and specially your prayers during my four surgeries and recovery. My family and I appreciate your love, care and thoughtfulness. With our love, in His name.

**-Bob Warner**

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Quilting Day:** August 19 at 9 a.m. in room 208.

We are starting our **Wednesday Night Suppers** on September 4. If you would like to help by bringing dessert for one of our meals, please contact Lydia Zuniga.

On **September 8th** we will have our **Ministry and Small Groups Fair** in the Auditorium right after service. There you will find volunteer opportunities, learn more about our Ministries and find a Small Group if you do not have one already. Please stay and visit!

## FALL CALENDAR

**AUGUST 21** 6-8 p.m. MAC : Back-To-School BBQ and Blessing

**AUGUST 25** 9 a.m. Bible Classes

**AUGUST 28** 7 p.m. Family Room - Texts that Shaped Us Part 1 by Mac Ice  
7 p.m. MAC 501 - Mental Health Part 1 by Susan Green

**SEPTEMBER 1** 9 a.m. Bible Classes

**SEPTEMBER 4** 5:45-6:45 p.m. MAC - Wednesday Night Supper  
7 p.m. Family Room - Texts that Shaped Us Part 2 by Mac Ice  
7 p.m. MAC 501 - Mental Health Part 2 by Susan Green

**SEPTEMBER 8** 9 a.m. Bible Classes

**SEPTEMBER 11** 5:45-6:45 p.m. MAC - Wednesday Night Supper  
7 p.m. Family Room - Texts that Shaped Us Part 3 by Mac Ice  
7 p.m. MAC 501 - Mental Health Part 3 by Susan Green

**SEPTEMBER 15** 9 a.m. - Auditorium (All Church combined class) - Leonard Allen, Overview

**SEPTEMBER 11** 5:45-6:45 p.m. MAC - Wednesday Night Supper  
7 p.m. Family Room - Texts that Shaped Us Part 4 by Mac Ice  
7 p.m. MAC 501 - Mental Health Part 4 by Susan Green