



BELIEVE

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
JOHN

August 25, 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 Jason Craddock

Call to Worship
Communal Reading (*Psalm 24:1-4*)

Salvation Belongs to Our God

532 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Kindergarten Blessing

779 *I Love You, Lord*

Shepherd's Prayer Gustavo Villanueva

923 *I Am Coming, Lord*

Communion David Ballard

Bread

924 *Just As I Am*

Cup

924 *Just As I Am*

Offering

How Deep the Father's Love

416 *Footprints of Jesus*

John 1:35-42 (ESV)

Come and See Bradley Steele

664 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

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 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'll continue our walk through the Gospel of John. Our text today is from John 1:35-42. Our worship leader is Mark Tate.

Thank you so much for your generosity last Sunday! Our annual **Operation Blue Jeans Special Collection** raised **\$17,787**. We are still accepting donations, so if you would like to make a contribution either write "Operation Blue Jeans" on the memo line of your check or bring your contribution by the church office.

On **Sunday, September 8**, we will have a **Ministry Fair** in the Auditorium immediately after service. We will all have the opportunity both to see and learn about all of the wonderful ministries going on at UCC as well as sign-up for those ministries that interest you. In addition, if you are not currently involved in a Small Group, this will be your opportunity to sign-up and let us know that you would like to be a part of one.

There is no 5 p.m. Chapel Service tonight.

ELDER MINUTES

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on Sunday afternoon, **August 18, 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 (Jon Ashby on the passing of Darlene, Nelma Phillips on the passing of Bob, and for the David Castaneda family), rejoiced over recent baptisms (Aiden Estrada, Kate Tolar and Lizzie Bryce), for those expecting little ones soon (Becca Steele and Heather Weber), our college ministry as it swings into action, for our visitors, and for many others;
- 2. Approved** the minutes from our previous meeting;
- 3. Read, discussed, and accepted the reports from our ministers;**
- 4. Discussed** our Ministry Fair on September 8th, Back-2-School blessing, meal and neighborhood outreach on August 21st, and the planning for an elder/staff planning retreat for 2020 to take place in October or November;
- 5. Discussed the prison report from Hal Howell** who has informed us that the prison staff has cancelled services in the summer due to the heat which has also meant there were no baptisms at Middleton in July. It also appears that the education building we use for classes may be taken from us. We are looking into possible solutions;
- 6. Set the next meeting date for September 15, 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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NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: August 18, 2019

Worship - 322	Silver Springs - 15
Bilingual - 35	Coronado - 73
Bright Pointe - 28	Chisholm Place - 14
5 p.m. - 36	Northern Oaks - 33

OFFERING:

August 11	17,744.07
August 18	11,793.34

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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Wednesday Night Teachers: Our fall Wednesday night classes will begin this week. Teachers are still needed in various age classrooms. If you would be willing to teach, please contact Jennifer Welch.

Back to School Blessing: If you missed the blessing and bar-b-que this last Wednesday night you missed good food, fellowship and fun. We hosted a little over 340 UCC families, friends and visitors. Thank you to all who made this evening a great success. The water slide was a huge success and a lot of fun. I never made it to the water gun fight, but there was definitely a fun water battle!

Kindergarten Bible Presentation: We will enjoy meeting our new UCC children who started kindergarten this year. Please keep these little ones and their parents in your prayers.

Children's Church will resume Sept. 8.

"But now, this is what the Lord says - he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.'"

Isaiah 43:1

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Jason Craddock
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Sunday AM: We will have our weekly Sunday morning Bible class at 9 a.m. in MAC Room 503 (that's in the Gym) and we invite all university students to come join us for this time of getting to know each other and Bible study. We'll even have donuts and K-cups ready! So set an alarm (or two) and come join us!

Wednesday Night Interest Meeting: We will have an interest meeting at 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday night in MAC 503 (the gym) immediately following Wednesday Night Supper. We'd like the input of students as we rebuild our Campus Ministry program, to meet the needs of the students. We all know that our goal as Christians is to be formed in the image of Christ in all parts of our life, but how exactly do we encourage that within a Campus Ministry? That's what we want student input about so we can tailor this ministry to the needs of our students. Join us Wednesday night for dinner and discussion.

If you ever have any questions, don't hesitate to email the campus ministry or find Jason Craddock at the front after morning worship!

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, join us for bible study, coffee and dessert at 7 p.m. in room 504.

TRANSITIONS

Andrew Huddleston
huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com

Tonight we will meet at the Lemmons' at 5 p.m. Food sign-ups are on Facebook.

There will be no small group next week.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
jason.craddock@uccabilene.org
Jordan Turney, Youth Intern

Devo and Dinner Tonight: Join us from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center for a time of worship followed by dinner. We will have a giant sandwich for dinner along with chips and cookies. Bring \$3 if you can to help cover the cost of food.

Wednesday Night: We will have one last combined Huddle this week before splitting up for our Fall Huddle groups. So come this Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. for some time of sharing, prayer and study.

Huddles Start Date: Fall Huddles will begin on September 4. The Craddocks will be hosting the HS Huddle this year at 650 Washington Blvd. (just a mile down the road). The MS Huddle will meet in the Youth Center and be led by Jordan and Sabrina Turney. There is plenty of room for other adults to get involved, so please let Jason know if you are interested in helping.

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.

OPERATION BLUE JEANS - \$17,785

Thank you, University Church family, for your outpouring of financial gifts last Sunday. You helped us bless over **340 kids** so far this summer with new school clothes, new shoes and children's Bibles! The University Church is like the Proverbs 31 woman: *"She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy."*

Praise the Name of the Lord.

Jim Clark, Director

NEWS AND NOTES

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.

Wednesday Ladies Bible Class starts on September 4th at 10 a.m. in the Family Room. Tom Milholland will be teaching.

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!

If you need the book used for Sunday morning class **"Poured Out"** you can download it on your phone by getting the Abilene Library app called "Hoopla" and then entering your Public Library Card number. If you have any more questions, call Marisol at the Church office, and she will be able to help you.