



BELIEVE

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

JOHN

August 11, 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 **Rosario Gibbs**

Call of Worship
Communal Reading (*Col. 2:3; Rev. 5:12*)

27 *Blessed Be Your Name*

Baby Dedication **Higen Daniel Garcia**

Here I am to Worship

Shepherd's Prayer **Ted Presley**

Before the Throne of God Above

62 *I Exalt Thee*

Communion **John Estes**

John 6:35-40 (ESV)

Bread

574 *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Cup

574 *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Offering

Operation Blue Jeans Video

118 *God Has Smiled on Me*
83 *God Is So Good*

John 1:1-18 (NRSV)

Grace Upon Grace **Bradley Steele**

Days of Elijah

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.

Bradley Steele, Lead Minister
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Good morning! Welcome to UCC! Today we'll begin a new series working through the Gospel of John entitled: Believe. Our text today is from John 1:1-18. Our worship leader is **Jeremy Meeks**.

Make sure the following events are on your calendar:

First, our annual **Operation Blue Jeans** special collection is next **Sunday, August 18**. 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.

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!

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

NURSERY FACILITIES

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

ATTENDANCE: August 4, 2019

Worship - **302** Silver Springs - **24**
5 p.m. - **26** Coronado - **70**
Bright Pointe - **24** Chisholm Place - **16**

OFFERING:

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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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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.

Wednesday Night: The children will meet in the big room of the Early Childhood center.

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.

Children's Church will resume September 8.

"Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity."

Prov. 21:23

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. in MAC classroom 504.

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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Tonight we will meet at the Huddleston's at 5 p.m.

Next week we will meet at the Gibbs'.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister
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No Activity Tonight: It's the second Sunday of the month so that means we won't have an activity tonight. So, plan something fun with a friend or join your parents' small group.

Wednesday Night: Join us on Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. for a devo and hangout time in the Youth Center. It's the last Wednesday night before ACS starts back so we need some prayer time for the school year as well. Invite a friend and come join us.

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

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Russians Teaching Russians About Christ
The Neva Church of Christ and Igor Egirev
St. Petersburg, Russia

UCC has supported the mission of bringing Christ to Russia for over 30 years. We now can look back and see God's hand in the growing number of believers in this large and challenging country.

Igor Egirev, here from St. Petersburg, shared with us recently about Neva Church and the two main dimensions of the work in Russia:

The Christian Resource Center Russia (CRCR) based at the Neva church, reaches across Russia with: Russia Bible School (RBS), a correspondence course of study, and online and regular mail that reaches and evangelizes those seeking God from across this vast country. Also, we work through a singing program, newsletters and Bible study and spiritual growth conferences that edify the scattered congregations throughout Russia.

The Institute of Theology and Christian Ministry (ITCM) trains Russian ministers for Churches of Christ in Russia and other Russian-speaking areas as they grow in leadership in their congregations. Royce Money and Brent Isbell traveled to Russia in the last few years to encourage and teach, which strengthen our partnership in this work. May UCC continue to share in taking God's love and Word to the people of Russia through the work of Igor and his colleagues and the Neva Church of Christ.

THANK YOU

Thank you UCC family for your outpouring of love at the passing of my Dad. Your beautiful cards, letters of sympathy and words of encouragement have meant so much to us.

Our comfort is knowing that Mom and Dad are reunited and resting in the arms of Jesus.

Love,
Brenda and Milton Evitt

PRAYER LIST

NEWS AND NOTES

Today! You are invited to attend a come-and-go Baby Shower honoring **Rebecca Steele** at Celia Tate's home from 2-3:30 p.m. Selections are at Target, Amazon and Little Giant Kidz.

On **September 8th** we will have our Ministry and Small Groups Fair in the Auditorium right after service.

Card Ministry: Sandra Willis needs a couple of new people to help send cards to our older members for holidays and birthdays. The cards and stamps are provided by the church. If you think you would enjoy this ministry, please contact her