



Our new logo reflects our new vision for our congregation, a vision that is not new but instead reaffirms the core commitments of the Christian faith. "The University Church of Christ body should be growing in three dimensions: growing *upward* towards God, growing *inward* towards one another, and growing *outward* towards our community."

The cornerstone of this faith community is the core of the gospel message: "Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor 2:2). And it is *to* the cross that we all come when we gather together as believers. For the cross not only reminds us of Jesus sacrifice, revealing God's radical and inescapable love for humanity, but it also always and necessarily points to what lies beyond it: resurrection. As Christians, we are the ones who worship a crucified and *risen* Savior, in whom "we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).

This living, moving, and being is reflected here with the open pathways of the cross formed by the arrows leading to it. The arrows that create the image of the cross thus always point us back to the church's center: the cross of Jesus Christ, through which God reconciled himself to humanity, thereby enabling us to reach *upward* to Him. But the cross not only accomplishes vertical reconciliation; its effects are also horizontal, reconciling humanity to each other. It is through confession of a crucified and risen Savior in baptism, that we are formed into a new people, the church, in which we are continually reaching *inward* in love towards one another as Christ's body. Finally, it is this internal love, this unity as the body of Christ, that serves as a witness to the world that God has sent Jesus and has loved us even as He loved his Son (John 17:20-26). It is, therefore, the cross and the community it forms that leads us to reach *outward*, bearing witness to the One who calls all people to himself (John 12:32).



upcoming events

- Sept. 15** – All-Church Class in the Auditorium at 9 a.m.
- Sept. 18** – Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 in the MAC (Gym) — *Mexican Food*
- Sept. 25** – Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 in the MAC (Gym) — *Chick-fil-A*
- Oct. 27** – Tailgates & Treats
- Oct. 2** – Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 in the MAC (Gym) — *Chinese Food*



SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

WELCOME

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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 2:13-25*. We'll be blessed by hearing from **Tim Archer**. Our worship leader is **Eric Lemmons**.

On behalf of Becca and myself, I would like to sincerely thank **James and Tim** for filling in for me these two weeks as Becca and I welcome our son, Benjamin, into the world. Both God and our Elders have been good to us!

Make sure and mark your calendars and start telling your friends and neighbors about our annual **Tailgates & Treats** celebration, which will be held in the **UCC Parking Lot** from **5 - 7 p.m., on Sunday, October 27**. We're beginning to collect candy now, so if you would like to donate, please drop some off in one of the bins in the foyer or at the office. Let's begin praying now that God will use us through this event to bear witness to his unending and incomparable love as we welcome our neighbors to our church.

There will be no **5 p.m.** service this evening. Instead please join us at **7 p.m. in the Auditorium** as UCC hosts the opening night of **ACU's Summit**. The **Alumni Chorus** will begin singing at **6:20 p.m.** and service will start at **7 p.m.** **Mike Cope** will be speaking. I have no doubt it will be a great blessing to all of us!

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Family Room we have **Mac Ice** teaching a 4-week series of "Texts That Shaped Us".
MAC Classroom 502, Conversations class, **Susan Green** with a 4-week series of Mental Health classes called "Am I Crazy, Am I Bad, or Do I Just Need Answers?"

WORSHIP

Welcome/News Kara Barcroft
Call to Worship
Communal Reading (Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6)
My God Most High

Prayer David Swearingen
Still
His Grace Reaches Me

Communion Stan Lambert
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Bread
My Eyes are Dry
Cup
Blessed Jesus
Offering

Children's Church
Wonderful Grace of Jesus
John 2:13-25 Carolina Archer
"My Father's House" Tim Archer

Shout to the Lord
Worship Leader: Eric Lemmons

CLASS TIMES

Sunday - 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday - 10 a.m.
5 p.m. in the Chapel

SMALL GROUPS

Check the bulletin for times and locations.

We also have a Spanish-English **Bilingual Worship Service** that meets in the Chapel at 10 a.m.

NURSERY FACILITIES

are available during worship in the Early Childhood Center for your convenience.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Birth–5th Grade)

Jennifer Welch, Children's Minister — jenniferw@uccabilene.org

School Lunches: I would love to have the opportunity to eat lunch with your child at their school. If your child would like for me to do that, please just let me know and we will set calendar date.

Children's Church Volunteers: If you are in the youth or college group and would like to help in children's church, please contact Jennifer Welch.

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." **James 1:12**

YOUTH MINISTRY (6th–12th Grade)

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister — jason.craddock@uccabilene.org

REEL FAITH: Gridiron Edition Tonight: Tonight we will watch the 1993 classic, Rudy (PG) from 5-8 p.m. in the Youth Center. Based on a true story, there are plenty of themes in this movie but the most obvious one is perseverance in the face of overwhelming odds. We will have corn dogs and tater tots for dinner so donate \$3 if you to help cover the cost of food.

Huddles Continue Wednesday Night: Our Fall Huddles will continue Wednesday night from 7-8 p.m. Huddles are our Youth Ministry small groups where we meet in the middle of our week for a relaxed time of sharing, prayer, Bible study and growing together. The HS Huddle will be at the home of Jason and Karla Craddock (650 Washington Blvd.). The MS Huddle will meet in the Youth Center and be led by Jordan and Sabrina Turney. Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend to join us for this time because this is an ideal opportunity for our group to grow. Did I mention there will always be snacks too?

NEWS AND NOTES

Save the date for the **Baby Shower** honoring Heather Weber on Sunday, October 20, 2-3:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Heather is registered at Target and Amazon.

Please come to a reception for **World Christian Broadcasting** on 15 in the UCC Family Rm. after the Summit lecture. You will hear the latest great news from Andy Baker, president, see the latest video and pray about WCBC's mission covering the earth every day with the gospel of Jesus!

Dear church family: Your love and care for us is amazing and we thank you for prayers, food, and visits. You have lifted our spirits through your caring deeds, and we thank you, honor you and love you. **Carl, Smitty, Patti, Stacy and Marcus Breechen.**

We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and expressions of sympathy we have received after the loss of Jim's beloved sister Beverly. We have been so comforted by them. We are thankful for all of you. **Jim and Joyce Cole.**

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BY THE NUMBERS

September 8, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Worship – 298

Bilingual – 45

Northern Oaks – 17

Silver Springs – 37

Coronado – 73

Bright Pointe – 26

Chisholm Place – 13

OFFERING

\$13,319.85

CAMPUS MINISTRY (Young Adults)

Jason Craddock — campus@uccabilene.org

Sunday AM: We will have our weekly Sunday morning Bible class at 9 a.m. in MAC (Gym) Room 503 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!

The Peak Continues this Wednesday Night: Our Wednesday night Campus Ministry program is called The Peak and will open to all college students or those around that age. During the midpoint of our weeks, we will gather together to encourage each other through a time of sharing, prayer and faith discussions. It will be a relaxed time right after Wednesday Night Supper, from 7-8 p.m. in the MAC (Gym) in room 503.

UCC Geography: Here at UCC, you may notice the use of "the MAC" and wonder what that has to do with a gym. "MAC" stands for Ministry Activity Center and it is where a variety of activities and classes meet and it is truly a multi-purpose facility. Now you know what we mean when we say "see you in the MAC."

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

GATHERINGS (20s & 30s)

Bradley Steele — bradley@uccabilene.org

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 (Young Families)

Andrew Huddleston — transitions@uccabilene.org

Tonight, we will be hosted by the Fangio's home. Check Facebook for location and food sign-ups.

Next week, we will be at the Gibbs' home.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY (Spanish-English Group)

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister — vini@uccabilene.org

Ladies Bible Class, every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The location changes every week; please call the church for more details.

Men's Prayer Group, every Saturday at 7 a.m. at McDonald's on Judge Ely.

LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

