

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on Sunday afternoon, **September 15, 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** (for Elizabeth Marines and Jan Lemmons on the passing of their mothers, for Milton Evitt on the passing of his sister, and for Harland Rall/Kyle Ramage on the passing of their sister-in-law/aunt), rejoiced with the Weber and Steele families on the birth of their sons (Maxwell and Benjamin, respectively), and for many others;
2. **Approved the minutes** from our previous meeting;
3. **Read monthly ministry reports from our ministers;**
4. **Reminder of our approval for a slate of candidates for Rainbow Bible School** by e-mail earlier in the month;
5. **Approved changing the way Rainbow Bible School board members are selected.** Since RBS was first formed as a separate entity in 2000 all new board members had to be approved by UCC elders. The elders feel that action, while very important after RBS became its own entity, is no longer warranted and will notify RBS that this requirement is not needed anymore;
6. Discussed the **continual need for teachers in our children's ministry and are so grateful for those whose gift is teaching our little ones;**
7. Discussed the need to continue to **promote our Upward, Inward, Outward vision** in all that we do.
8. Grateful to staff for the **new logo for UCC.**
9. Discussed the possibility of forming a new "**Christianity 101**" for those new to the faith;
10. Heard from the Chairman of the **Buildings and Grounds Committee**, Blake Williams, on capital projects they are considering which includes: Potential minor changes to auditorium seating, auditorium A/V system relocation to main floor, painting in the Family Room, and remodel of men's restroom in the Family Room. These items will be discussed later as cost estimates are received;
11. While we rejoice with **Jacob and Marisol Groves** on their new jobs at a family camp in central Texas we are saddened that this necessitates Marisol leaving our church staff in early October. She has done an absolutely remarkable job and we will miss her hard work, dedication, willingness to take on new projects, and her smiles and hugs. Bradley updated us on the search process for a new secretary with interviews happening soon;
12. **Reminder of our staff/elder 2020 planning retreat on November 2nd;**
13. Set the next meeting date for **October 19, 2019.**

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.

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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 3:1-21. Our worship leader is **Mark Tate**.

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.

Jason Craddock will speaking tonight at our **5 O'Clock Service** in the **Chapel**, and **Jacob Groves** will be leading singing.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Family Room, October 2: **Mac Ice** with "Texts That Shaped Us". Churches of Christ have always sought to be a Biblical people. We have always prized Bible study as a feature of our congregational life. This class will examine some of the Biblical texts, from both Old and New Testament, that Churches of Christ in the 20th century paid especially close attention to.

MAC Classroom 501, October 2: Conversations class, **Vini Montesdeoca** with "**Tolerance and Hospitality within the Church: Exploring Romans 14-15**". God calls us to a genuine expression of the love of neighbor, in a multicultural, multiethnic, multi-religious society, and a community with different ways of thinking.

WORSHIP

We will Glorify

Welcome/News Lynette Austin

Call to Worship

Communal Reading (Psalm 66:1-2, 4)

How Great is Our God

770 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Prayer Steve Austin

Bind Us Together

Communion Tom Milholland

1 Corinthians 10:14-17

Bread

382 *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth*

Cup

382 *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth*

Offering

382 *Why Did My Savior Come to Earth*

Children's Church

287 *There is a Redeemer*

John 3:1-21

Born from Above Bradley Steele

Before the Throne of God Above

Worship Leader: Mark Tate

upcoming events

Sept. 25 – Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 in the MAC (Gym) — *Chick-fil-A* and Connect night at 7 p.m. in the Courtyard

Oct. 27 – Tailgates & Treats

Oct. 2 – Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 in the MAC (Gym) — *Chinese Food*

Oct. 9 – Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 in the MAC (Gym) — *Burgers/Hot Dogs*

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

Children's Church: What fun to be back together after a summer break. We are learning the *"Fruits of the Spirit"* and our studies will include Bible characters who displayed different fruits of the Spirit. As we look at love, please include language at home that will remind them to incorporate this fruit of the Spirit into their daily activity and way of thinking.

School Lunches: I would love to have the opportunity to eat lunch with your child at their school. I will pass around a clipboard in Bible class to see if children want to sign up for a lunch date.

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked, stand in the way of sinners or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on his law day and night." **Psalms 1:1-3**

YOUTH MINISTRY (6th–12th Grade)

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

Chapel Service Tonight: We will join the Chapel Service at 5 p.m. where Jason will be speaking and Jacob Groves will be leading singing. Afterward, we will have dinner and free time in the Youth Center until 7:30 p.m. Donate \$3 if you can 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

Quilting Day will be Monday, September 23 at 9 a.m. in room 208.

Ladies Bible Class is every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Family Room.

Join us in the Family Room for a **Devo night** on Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m.

You are invited to attend a Bridal Shower honoring **Ingrid Sarai Ciriaco**. This will be on September 29 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. in the Family Room. She is registered at Target.

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.

ESL Ministry needs volunteers to teach classes on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. It is beneficial if you speak Spanish, but is not a requirement. If you would like to help this ministry, please contact Paulette Haught at 325-660-7285

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BY THE NUMBERS

September 15, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Worship – **314**
Bilingual – **45**
Northern Oaks – **30**
Silver Springs – **18**
Coronado – **75**
Bright Pointe – **22**
Chisholm Place – **13**

OFFERING

\$13,405.59

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 in the Courtyard for a night of devotionals.

TRANSITIONS (Young Families)

Andrew Huddleston — transitions@uccabilene.org

Tonight, we will meet at the Gibbs' new house. Check Facebook for address and food signups.

Hosts are needed for September 29 and October 6.

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.

