

On July 26, seven members of UCC traveled to **Cuba** on a mission trip. Those participating were: Ted and Ellen Presley; Pablo Sanabria; Madison Pamplin; Tim, Carolina, and Andrea Archer.

The main purpose of the trip was to participate in the National Youth Conference in Matanzas, Cuba, an event that UCC has helped sponsor since 2014. Team members led a workshop at the conference and Tim, Pablo, and Ted gave presentations. Early in the week, before the conference began, Carolina and Ellen spoke at a ladies event at the church in Matanzas. The next day, Madison, Andrea, and Pablo helped lead a children's day there.

The group also visited a state-run children's home that the church helps with produce from the church's farm; the following day, they took the children on an outing to the beach. Afterwards, Madison charmed the kids by doing "hair weaves"; even the boys wanted in on the action!

It was very encouraging for all who went to be able to witness the vibrant spirit of the growing Matanzas church. There were more than a dozen baptisms while the group was there, a regular event for a church that baptizes between 150-200 per year. Most of those baptized were from the various new churches that evangelist Tony Fernández works with in the province of Matanzas.

Overall the trip was a great success. UCC can take great pride in what was done during this mission trip and what is being done in the ongoing work that we support in Cuba.

sermon notes

upcoming events

- 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) — *Hamburgers*
- Oct. 16** – Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 in the MAC (Gym) — *Bush's Chicken*
- Oct. 23** – Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 in the MAC (Gym) — *Pizza*
- Oct. 27** – Tailgates & Treats

WELCOME

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 3:22-36. Our worship leader is **Jeremy Meeks**.

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.

James Thompson will be speaking tonight at our 5 O'Clock Service in the Chapel, and **Gene Linder** will be leading singing.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. we have several class options:

Family Room: We have **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, Conversations Class. "Tolerance and Hospitality within the Church: Exploring Romans 14-15". **Vini Montesdeoca**. God calls us to a genuine expression of the love of neighbor in a multicultural, multiethnic, multi-religious society. We are called to live in a community with different ways of thinking.

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.

WORSHIP

Welcome/News Lance Tolar
Call to Worship
Communal Reading (*Psalms 86:8-10*)

Great Are You Lord

We Shall Assemble

Prayer Tim Archer

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Communion Brandon DeLano
John 6:35-40

Bread

Jesus Name Above All Names

Cup

Oh How I Love Jesus

Offering

Children's Church

The New Song

John 3:22-36

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Take The Lord With You

Worship Leader: Jeremy Meeks

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

Movie Night: On Friday evening **Oct. 4**, children first through fifth grade are invited to enjoy the movie *"Pete's Dragon"*, 5:45 to 8 p.m. **Please RSVP your child's spot by Wednesday, Oct. 2.** We will enjoy pizza and popcorn while we watch the movie.

"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ." **Galatians 1:10**

YOUTH MINISTRY (6th–12th Grade)

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

Attack the MAC Tonight: Join us from 5-7:30 p.m. in the MAC for volleyball, basketball and dinner. Bring \$3 to help cover the cost of food if you can.

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 to opportunity for our group to grow. Did I mention there will always be snacks too?

Activity Schedules: If you have school or extracurricular activities coming up, please let Jason know so we can plan to make it out to support them. A photo of a schedule would be great too.

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Today, you are invited to attend a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Ingrid Sarai Ciriaco**. This will be 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

BY THE NUMBERS

September 22, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Worship – **296**
Bilingual – **43**
Coronado – **66**
Northern Oaks – **23**
Silver Springs – **35**
Bright Pointe – **24**
Chisholm Place – **13**

OFFERING

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CAMPUS MINISTRY (Young Adults)

Jason Craddock — campus@uccabilene.org

Labyrinth Picnic Lunch: Join us today at the Labyrinth at Hunter Welcome Center for a picnic lunch. We will enjoy a laid-back introduction to this ancient spiritual practice and enjoy starting our week by grounding ourselves for the challenges and stressors that come with college life. A picnic lunch will be provided! Text Morgan De Boer at (712) 309-1342 with any questions.

Sunday AM: We invite all university students to come join us for our weekly Sunday morning Bible class at 9 a.m. in MAC (Gym) Room 503. 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. It will be a relaxed time of sharing, prayer and faith discussions., right after Wednesday Night Supper from 7-8 p.m. in the MAC (Gym) in room 503.

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

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 meet at the Gibb's' home. Check Facebook for food signups. A host is needed for next week.

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.

SMALL GROUPS

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