



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 so, 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. 11** – Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 in the MAC (Gym) — *Pizza*
- 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



SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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 2:1-12*. We'll be blessed by hearing from **James Thompson**. Our worship leader is **Steve Austin**.

Thank you so much for your generosity last Sunday! So far, our annual **Operation Blue Jeans** Special Collection has raised **\$17,787.00**. 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.

Stick around after service today for our Ministry Fair in the Auditorium. 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 will be no 5 p.m. service this evening.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

On Wednesday's at 7 p.m. we have several class options for all ages.

Family Room we have **Mac Ice** teaching a 4 week series of "Texts that Shaped Us".

MAC Classroom 502, at the 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

Here I Am to Worship

Welcome/News **Dawne Meeks**
Call to Worship
Communal Reading (Psalm 27; John 4:23)

Shine on Us

52 Father and Friend

Prayer **Paul Rotenberry**

163 His Name is Wonderful

Communion **Blake Williams**

Mark 14:22-25

Bread

261 Lord of Our Highest Love

Cup

261 Lord of Our Highest Love

Offering

Children's Church

75 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

John 2:1-12

You Saved the Best Wine Until Now

James Thompson

116 God Will Make a Way

Worship Leader: Steve Austin

CLASS TIMES

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

WORSHIP TIMES

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

SMALL GROUPS

meet each Sunday night.
Check the bulletin for times and locations.

We also have a Spanish-English **Bilingual 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: This morning following the Lord's Supper, children three years old through kindergarten will be released to go to their time of worship.

Wednesday Night Lead Teacher: A teacher for our four and five-year-old class is still needed for this semester. If you would be willing to teach, please contact Jennifer Welch.

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." **Colossians 1:13-14**

YOUTH MINISTRY (6th–12th Grade)

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

No Activity Tonight: it's the second Sunday of the months, so we will not have an organized activity as a group.

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?

Teen-Led Wednesday Night Supper: This week is the Youth Ministry's turn to serve pizza in the MAC from 5:15-6:45 p.m. We need 6 volunteers and hopefully a parent or two to help supervise. Please let Jason know if you can help.

NEWS AND NOTES

Save the date for the **Baby Shower** honoring Heather Weber on Sunday, September 15 from 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 September 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 everyday with the gospel of Jesus!

A Message from the Adult Teaching Committee: Next week, **September 15**, the church-wide combined Bible class will be held in the auditorium at 9:00. (All adult classes will meet together.) The author of the book *Poured Out* and writer of this fall's adult curriculum, **Dr. Leonard Allen**, Dean of the Hazelip School of Theology at Lipscomb University, will be our guest speaker. He will talk about the work of the Holy Spirit in the church today, the topic of this fall's study. Doughnuts and coffee will be provided in the southwest foyer in the main building before class time. We hope you will all join the class and welcome and greet our visitors as ACU's Summit begins.

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BY THE NUMBERS

September 1, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Worship – 291

Bilingual – 40

Northern Oaks - 27

Coronado – 67

Bright Pointe - 24

Chisholm Place - 14

OFFERING

\$16,697.41

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 (20's & 30's)

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 Barcrofts'. Check Facebook for location and food sign-ups.

Next week, we will be at the Fangios'.

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 McDonalds on Judge Ely.

LIFTING UP IN PRAYER



Immediate Concerns

Carol Alford
Carl Brecheen
Cathy Chisholm
Milton Evitt
Jim Mitchell
Ian Williams

Health Concerns

Ellis Anderson
Roma Lee Aberegg
Cheryl Ballard
Gay Barton
Vicki Blair
Joel Cartwright
Evie Clovis
Marie Coker
Phyllis Gilbreth
Ina Green
Ann Hill
Myra Holmans
Exa Fay Hooten
Ann Hulett
Bob Hunter
Shirley Hunter
Michael Jimenez
Marshal Kellar
Shirley Kellar
Mary Leija
Jeannette Lipford
Dale McAnulty
Imogene McAnulty
Martha Morris
Virginia Mosier
Norma Franklin
June Presley
Marianna Rasco
Carlos Reyes
Marilyn Reyes
Kay Robbins
Gina Sadler
Michael Sadler
Teresa Seckler
Alex Shead
Bettye Shipp
Yvonne Sinclair
Kris Southward
Micaela Villanueva
Tula Wearden
Nancy Witt