

One ministry whose impact far outweighs it's size is our Ladies' Quilting Group, which meets every Monday at 9:00 AM. This group, in addition to making quilts, also serves as a hotbed of evangelism to people that normally wouldn't find themselves at UCC, which it has done for years. And the quilts, more than just being beautiful, also serve an amazing purpose. These quilts have made their way to all kinds of places: from UCC members, to the Christian Service Center, to the many Children's Homes that we support around the state. In a very real and tangible way, these quilts are manifestations of the love of Jesus, whose love brings warmth to cold places.

If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please contact **Ann Hulett**, **Virginia Schmittou**, or **Wanda Bradford**. They would love to welcome you!

upcoming events

Dec. 4 – Wednesday Night Supper at 5:45 p.m. in the MAC (Gym) — *Bush's Chicken*

Dec. 8 – Church Christmas Party at **5:00 PM**. Come join us in the **MAC** for a wonderful time of food, friends, and fellowship!

sermon notes

WELCOME

Bradley Steele, Lead Minister
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Good morning! Welcome to UCC! Today we'll begin a short walk through the Gospel of Matthew; our text is from **Matthew 24:36-44**. Today marks the beginning of Advent season, which is also the beginning of the Christian year. And so today, our first Sunday in this new year, we'll look towards the Second coming of Jesus as we look forward to our remembrance of his first arrival at Christmas. Our worship leader today is **Steve Austin**.

A warm welcome to all of our guests! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family!

Save the date for our annual **UCC Christmas Party** on Sunday, **December 8**, at **5:00 PM**. Come join us for a wonderful time of food, friends, and fellowship!

Also, mark your calendars for our annual **Carols and Candles**, our annual **Christmas Eve Service**. It will be held in the **Chapel** from **6:00-7:00 PM** on **December 24**.

Come join us at our **5 O'Clock** evening service tonight at **5:00 PM** in the Chapel. **Bradley Steele** will be speaking, and **Josh Welch** will lead singing.

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.

WORSHIP

Song

Welcome Nathan Gibbs
Call to Worship Psalm 27; John 4:23

Song

Song

Song

Shepherd's Prayer Mark Hamilton

Song

Communion Alan Caffey
Matthew 26:26-29

Bread

Song

Cup

Song

Offering

Song

Children's Church

Song

Matthew 24:36-44

Stay Awake Bradley Steele

Song

Worship Leader: Steve Austin

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

Tonight: Families will enjoy a presentation by Karen and Houston Heflin covering the topic *Spiritual Formation at Home*. They will share with us scripture and creative ideas to equip us as we lead our children to grow in the Lord. Babysitting will be provided for this time. Please plan to drop your child off in the gym at 4:50. We will meet in the family room from 5 to 6 p.m. Families will need to eat before or after the event.

Wednesday Nights: This Wednesday night, children, kindergarten through fifth grade and parents who want to attend, will gather in the auditorium at 7 p.m. We will visit a few UCC folks that are homebound and decorate their room with festive holiday colors. We will need to leave the building by 7:07, so please be on time.

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7

YOUTH MINISTRY (6th–12th Grade)

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

No Activity Tonight: With so many still out of town for Thanksgiving, we will not have an activity tonight. We will resume next Sunday.

Huddles Will Resume Wednesday Night from 7-8 p.m. at their usual locations. The MS Huddle meet in the Youth Center and be led by Jordan and Sabrina Turney. The HS Huddle will be moving this year to the home of Jason and Karla Craddock (650 Washington Blvd.). 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. Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend to join us for this time because this is an ideal to opportunity for the group to grow closer together and in size.

Youth Ministry Christmas Party will be Sunday, Dec. 15 from 5-9 p.m. We will have food, games and a Christmas movie so make plans to join us. We will get jmore details out next week as well as an online sign-up, but be thinking about side dishes you might like to make yourself.

NEWS AND NOTES

ESL Ministry needs volunteers to teach classes on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. If you would like to help this ministry, please contact Paulette Haught at 325-660-7285. You do not need to speak a second language to participate.

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NUMBERS

November 24, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Worship – 312

Bilingual – 61

Northern Oaks – 36

Silver Springs – 14

Coronado – 66

Chisholm Place – 11

Bright Pointe – 31

OFFERING

\$9,981.38

CAMPUS MINISTRY (Young Adults)

Jason Craddock — jason.craddock@uccabilene.org

Morgan DeBoer — morgan@uccabilene.org

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 Wednesday Night: Our Wednesday night Campus Ministry program is called The Peak and is 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!

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.

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 join the children's ministry activity.

Next Sunday, is the church wide Christmas party.

Dec. 15th, we will meet at the Gibbs'. That will be our final small group until January.

BILINGUAL MINISTRY (Spanish-English Group)

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister — vini@uccabilene.org

Ladies Bilingual Prayer Group gathers 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

Ezell & McCaleb

Rotenberry's

20s & 30s

Southward's

Green's

Milholland's

Young Families

S.A.L.T

Presley's

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LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

Immediate Concerns

Zach Ice

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Carl Brecheen

Cathy Chisholm

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Ian Williams

Health Concerns

Ellis Anderson

Roma Lee Aberegg

Gay Barton

Vicki Blair

Phyllis Gilbreth

Ina Green

Myra Holmans

Exa Fay Hooten

Ann Hulett

Bob Hunter

Shirley Hunter

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

Alex Shead

Bettye Shipp

Yvonne Sinclair

Micaela Villanueva

Nancy Witt

Harry Rowland