

One of the things that makes the University Church of Christ unique is our Bilingual Worship Service that meets right across the hall in the Chapel. Sometimes we are asked why it is a bilingual worship service instead of just Spanish, which is the more typical arrangement. The reason for this is that – as a church – we want the focus to always be on the unity between our Spanish- and English-speaking brothers and sisters. In the words of **Galatians 3:28**, through Christ, “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Believers have been united in Christ and nothing else in this world can make a claim on our identity as children of God.

So, it is from this understanding that we operate, not as separate churches but as one. And we like to proclaim and reinforce this often by offering a bilingual worship service every week in the Chapel, holding joint activities throughout the year and a United Service a few times each year in the Auditorium.

We will have our next **United Service, next Sunday, November 10** in the Auditorium. Steve Austin will be preaching and members from both services will be leading our worship time in Spanish and English. It will be a special time and is an opportunity to remind ourselves of what truly unites us together.

**Afterwards, we will share a potluck meal together in the MAC.** Enchiladas will be provided but we ask that everyone else provide the rest. **Last names ending in A-M** should bring a side dish, while those **ending in N-Z** should bring a dessert. Make plans to join us.

## upcoming events

### Wednesday, Nov. 6

- **Ladies Bible Class** at 10 a.m. in the Family Room
- **Wednesday Night Supper** at 5:45 p.m. in the MAC (Gym)
- **The Family Room class and Conversations** will be combined in the Family Room for “**Jesus in the Movies,**” a series led by **Wendell Willis.**

### Sunday, Nov. 10

- **United Service** at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium
- **United Potluck** to follow in the MAC. A-M bring side dishes. N-Z bring desserts.

### December 24 – Christmas Eve Service

## 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 is from John 6:60-69. In a pluralistic culture, where multiple worldviews (and ultimate sources of meaning) compete for our attention, one would think we would find happiness. After all, if multiple options are available, shouldn't that imply that happiness is more accessible? And yet, if our age could be characterized by any one word, that word would most likely be anxious. Rather than being comforted by the multiplicity of options, we're overwhelmed by them. How does one choose? But more than that, what if the promises those options make are empty? What if the meaning we're continually searching for continues to elude us?

Today, we'll ask an increasingly controversial question: what if there is a way to find meaning (to have deep and lasting life), but following that way requires acknowledging that there is no other? Our worship leader is **Steve Austin.**

A huge “**Thank You**” to all of our volunteers who served at **Tailgates & Treats** last Sunday Night! Because of your service and enthusiasm, this annual event was a huge blessing to our community. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for our annual **Feed the Hungry Sunday**, which will be on November 24. Please consider making a donation, either monetary or canned goods, to support the Christian Service Center in their important ministry to our community.

Come join us at our **5 O'Clock** evening service tonight at 5 p.m. **Rusty Towell** will be speaking, and **Robert Brown** will be leading singing.

## WORSHIP

*Be Unto Your Name*

**Welcome** Karen Swearingen  
**Call to Worship** — Col. 2:3 and Rev. 5:12

*Worthy Art Thou*  
*Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty*  
*I Stand in Awe*

**Shepherd's Prayer** Ted Presley

*Lamb of God*

**Communion** Tom Milholland  
*1 Cor. 11:23-26*

**Bread**

*By Christ Redeemed*

**Cup**

*By Christ Redeemed*

**Offering**

**Children's Church**

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

John 6:60-69

**To Whom Would We Go** Bradley Steele

*Thy Word*

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](mailto:jenniferw@uccabilene.org)

**Tonight:** Families are invited to meet in the family room from 5-6:30 this evening. We will enjoy a potluck dinner together, so bring enough food to feed your family and a dish to share with the class. Afterward, we will all do a Thanksgiving craft.

**Save the Date:** On Sunday evening, November 17, the Children's Ministry would like to invite you to a banquet honoring Nick Barbato. Nick was a long-time UCC member who left money to the Children's Ministry when he passed away. Please make plans to come and enjoy a meal and some fun stories from a few of Nick's friends. Please plan to RSVP for this event as the meal will be catered. You can RSVP by calling the church office or to Jennifer at [jenniferw@uccabilene.org](mailto:jenniferw@uccabilene.org).

*"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." Psalm 27:4*

## YOUTH MINISTRY (6th–12th Grade)

Jason Craddock, Youth Minister — [jason.craddock@uccabilene.org](mailto:jason.craddock@uccabilene.org)

**Cookout Tonight:** Come join us at the Craddocks' home for a fall cookout and devo from 5-7 p.m. We will have some outdoor games, then roast hotdogs over the fire pit, have S'mores for dessert and end with a deco together.

**Huddles Continue this Wednesday Night** from 7-8 p.m. at the their normal locations. The **HS Huddle** will meet at the Craddock home (650 Washington Blvd.). The **MS Huddle** will meet in the Youth Center.

## NEWS AND NOTES

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**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.

**Christian Homes Dinner, Nov. 11:** Please join Christian Homes & Family Services for the annual fall dinner featuring Josh and Aly Taylor, stars of TLC's "Rattled" on Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Abilene Convention Center. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6qq97zj>

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## NUMBERS

October 27, 2019

### ATTENDANCE

English Worship – 267

Bilingual – 37

Online Viewers – 91

Northern Oaks – 36

Silver Springs – 23

Coronado – 74

Bright Point – 31

### OFFERING

\$9,532.41

## CAMPUS MINISTRY (Young Adults)

Jason Craddock — [jason.craddock@uccabilene.org](mailto:jason.craddock@uccabilene.org)

Morgan DeBoer — [morgan@uccabilene.org](mailto: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 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!

## GATHERINGS (20's & 30's)

Bradley Steele — [bradley@uccabilene.org](mailto: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 — [huddleston\\_andrew@yahoo.com](mailto:huddleston_andrew@yahoo.com)

**Tonight**, families are invited to meet in the family room from 5-6:30. We will enjoy a potluck together so bring food to feed your family and a dish to share with the class. After we eat, we will do a Thanksgiving craft together.

**Next Sunday** we will meet at the Gibbs' home.

## BILINGUAL MINISTRY (Spanish-English Group)

Vini Montesdeoca, Bilingual Minister — [vini@uccabilene.org](mailto:vini@uccabilene.org)

**Ladies Bilingual Bible Class** 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

**Ezzell & McCaleb**

**Rotenberry's**

**20s & 30s**

**Southward's**

**Green's**

**Young Families**

**S.A.L.T**

**Presley's**

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## LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

### Immediate Concerns

Carol Alford  
Carl Brecheen  
Cathy Chisholm  
Milton Evitt  
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  
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  
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