

## ELDERS MEETING MINUTES

The UCC elders held their monthly meeting with ministry staff on Sunday afternoon, October 20, 2019. There were a number of items discussed and prayed over this month, among them:

- 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 Angela Estes on the passing of her mother, Evie Clovis, for Rosario Gibbs and Gay Barton on the passing of their respective sisters-in-law, for Tommy Morris on the passing of his sister, and for the Marie Coker family who passed away the week of October 14th), and for many others;
- Approved the minutes from our previous meeting;
- Read monthly ministry reports from our ministers and discussed each with them;
- Approved James Thompson, 2020 elder chair, to be placed on the First Financial Bank check-signing card;
- In our Upward/Inward/Outward vision we discussed ways on how to communicate with our church family various ways we can serve our UCC family and the Abilene community under the "outward" portion of this vision;
- Discussed refinements to the Breeze database program;
- Discussed a specific request by a wedding party who has reserved the Family Room for a reception;
- Discussed general topics for our upcoming staff/elder retreat on November 2nd (worship, budget, vision);
- Due to the retreat and the holiday season, we will not have a regular elders meeting in November. Next meeting will be either the first or second Sunday in December.

As always, the UCC elders are grateful for each of you and covet your continued prayers, just as we remember you in our prayers.

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.

Mark Hamilton  
2019 Chairman of the Elders  
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## upcoming events

**TONIGHT – Tailgates & Treats** in the West Parking Lot from 5-7 p.m.

**Oct. 30 – Ladies Bible Class** at 10 a.m. in the Family Room

**Wednesday Night Supper** at 5:45 p.m. in the MAC (Gym) — *Pizza*

**The Family Room class and Conversations** will be combined in the family room for "Jesus in the Movies," a series led by **Wendell Willis**.



## WELCOME

**Bradley Steele**, Lead Minister  
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**Good morning! Welcome to UCC!** Today we'll be blessed by hearing a word from one of our elders, Steve Austin. Our text today is from Luke 7:11-17. Our worship leader is Jeremy Meeks.

Come join us at **Tailgates & Treats tonight from 5-7 p.m.** in the UCC West Parking Lot. We will have lots of games, a petting zoo, a dark maze, and candy. We'll also have lots of food, including chili, Frito pie and corn dogs. It's gong to be a lot of fun but also remember that this is an outreach event, so make plans to meet a lot of guests. So, let's continue to pray 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. Don't miss the opportunity for a night of fun and fellowship!

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.

There will be no **5 O'Clock Service** this evening. Instead, come out and join us at **Tailgates & Treats**.

## WORSHIP

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**Welcome** Blake Williams  
**Call to Worship** — Psalm 100

*We Shall Assemble*

**Shepherd's Prayer** Gustavo Villanueva

*How Great Is Our God*  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Communion** Kim Pamplin  
*Mark 14:22-25*

**Bread**

*Faithful Love*

**Cup**

*Faithful Love*

**Offering**

**Children's Church**

*Salvation Belongs To Our God*

Luke 7:11-17

**A Touch of Jesus** Steve Austin

*Lord Reign In Me*

Worship Leader: Jeremy Meeks

### 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)

**“Who Am I”:** On Wednesday night, Oct. 30 children first through fifth grade are encouraged to dress in a biblical times costume. We will gather in the chapel for class and children will give three clues for others to guess their Bible character. Prizes will be given for the class who has the most participate, best costume and the child who knows the most about their character.

**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 that donated 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 RSV for this event as the meal will be catered. You can RSV by calling the church office or e-mail [jenniferw@uccabilene.org](mailto:jenniferw@uccabilene.org).

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!” Psalm 100:1*

## YOUTH MINISTRY (6th–12th Grade)

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

**No Youth Activity Tonight:** Since tonight is our Tailgates & Treats event, all are encouraged to help out in some way at the event. Many of you have already signed up to help man a booth, or help with the maze or assist in some other way. But if you have not signed up yet see Jason or Jennifer to get an assignment. All helpers need to arrive at

**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

You are invited to a **Wedding Shower for Ensley Towell**, this afternoon, from 2-3:30 p.m., at the home of Jennifer Binkley (6433 Bay Hill Drive). Ensley is registered at Amazon and Walmart.

**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/y6qg97zj>

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### 2019 Elder Chairman

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## NUMBERS

October 20, 2019

### ATTENDANCE

English Worship – 353

Bilingual – 44

Online Viewers– 67

Sunday 5 O’Clock –34

Northern Oaks – 22

Silver Springs – 32

Coronado – 73

Chisholm Place – 11

University Place – 12

Bright Point – 19

### OFFERING

\$8,692.19

## 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 — [transitions@uccabilene.org](mailto:transitions@uccabilene.org)

**Tonight**, there will be no small group activity due to Tailgates & Treats.

**Next Sunday** we will join the Children's Ministry for some fall family fun.

## 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**

Linda Ezzel — [lindaezzell@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaezzell@hotmail.com)

**Rotenberry's**

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**20s & 30s**

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**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  
Gina Sadler  
Michael Sadler  
Teresa Seckler  
Alex Shead  
Bettye Shipp  
Yvonne Sinclair  
Kris Southward  
Micaela Villanueva  
Tula Wearden  
Nancy Witt