

# THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

**LOVE DOES: Love Moves First**

1 John 4:7-12

## Message Notes

## Questions

## Bullet Points



**WELCOMING EVERYONE TO A BIGGER TABLE.**

**THIS WEEK:**  
**Sunday, 2/1** 9:15am Life Groups/Sun School; 10:30am worship, Deacon Ordination  
**Wednesday, 2/4** 5:45pm Supper; 6:30pm Bible Study/Kids/Youth  
**Sunday, 2/8** 9:15am Life Groups/Sunday School; 10:30am worship with Communion

**THIS MONTH:**  
**2/8** Pam Durso preaching Souper Bowl Sunday  
**2/15** Baptism Youth Bake Sale Kid's Valentine Party Youth/Mentor event  
**2/18** Ash Wednesday Service

**MENU this Wednesday**  
 Chicken & Pasta, Salad, Cake

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*Alicyn Jennings* Children's Pastor

### WHO WE ARE

If you've been wondering if there's a place where people are more important than dogma, where people are warm and welcoming, thoughtful, and gentle, and where grace is a verb, University Heights Baptist Church might just be the place for you.

We are a church that believes worship doesn't end with a benediction, but spills out into classrooms, neighborhoods, shelters, hospital rooms, dinner tables, and streets, right here in Springfield.

UHBC is a faith community that is going to encourage deep thinking, generous grace and compassion, and encourage everyone, men and women, to lead and to serve.

***There's room at the table for you.***

*UHBC is affiliated with both Cooperative Baptist Fellowship & American Baptist Churches.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

February 1, 2026

**THE ORDINATION OF MELISSA HALL AND BEN LUDWINSKI TO THE DEACON MINISTRY OF UHBC**

**DURING MORNING WORSHIP**

**1 FEB 10:30 AM**

**JOIN US AS WE SET APART THESE SERVANT LEADERS FOR DEACON MINISTRY & THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN ALL BE SERVANTS IN GOD'S KINGDOM**

- #60 *Be Thou My Vision*
- Welcome** Joe Miller
- God So Loved*
- Testimony & Scripture Reading** Ben Ludwinski  
*1 John 4:7-12*
- Fairest Lord Jesus (My Soul's Glory)*
- Testimony & Offertory Prayer** Melissa Hall
- Offertory** Chancel Choir  
*God Fashioned Love*
- Children's Message** Chris Brammer  
\*\*After the children's message, children K-5th grade will be escorted to the 3rd floor Treehouse Room to participate & enjoy children's church the rest of morning worship. Parents, please pick up your children there after worship.
- #621 *Lead On, O King Eternal*
- Message** Nolan Porter  
*LOVE DOES: Love Moves First*
- Ordination Prayer** Phil Hockensmith  
Chair of Deacon Board 2026
- Ordination of Deacons**
- Song of Response**  
*Fairest Lord Jesus (My Soul's Glory)*
- Closing Thoughts**  
*Doxology*

*University Heights Baptist Church*

**A Church of Thoughtful, Gentle Grace**



Bring canned soup or other non-perishable food items for Grand Oak Mission!

**Paperback Spanish-Language Book Collection**

Bob Perry is part of a ministry to the ICE detainees at the Greene County Jail. We are collecting Spanish-language PAPERBACK books to provide to the detainees, as they are often in isolation, with minimal resources. (A few months ago, UHBC provided Spanish-language bibles and copies of "The Purpose-driven Life.") If you have paperbacks that you can donate (they MUST be paperback—hardcovers are not permitted at the jail), please drop them in the bin at the back of the fellowship hall.



**TELL US YOUR FAITH STORY!**

As you may know, we've started a new feature in the Corner Crier — "Road Work" — where members of our church family can share stories of their faith journeys. We're blessed by hearing what God has done in the lives of others. In the January issue, Gail Smart graciously shared a little about the journey she has been and continues on.

If you would be willing to share little about what God's doing in your life, or the journey He has brought you through, please contact **Teresa in the office**. We're not (necessarily) looking for professional writers or someone with a dramatic movie-of-the-week story—just someone who can testify to God's faithfulness in their lives.

And you don't have to start from scratch—we'll provide you with some writing prompts to help you get started!

In these sessions we will cover how we got the Bible (since the Gideons didn't deliver it to us), Old Testament, New Testament, the Bible and relationships, the Bible and science, violence and suffering in the Bible, and we will wrap it up with a session dedicated to your Big Questions!

**THE B-I-B-L-E**

Making sense of the pocket-sized library we call Scripture



Wednesdays at 6:30pm

**UHBC FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Preliminary 2025 Fiscal Year-End

Fiscal Projected 2025 Contributions:	\$640,387
Fiscal 2025 Actual Contributions:	\$617,999
Fiscal Projected 2025 Expenses:	\$638,824
Fiscal 2025 Actual Expenses:	\$645,935

**Fiscal Year End: December 31, 2025**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

*Do you enjoy quiet time?*

*Do you appreciate a good daily devotional?*

*Does a walk in the park refresh your soul?*

If so, we invite you to spend some solitary time with Jesus here at UHBC.

**Walk the Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross are a series of prayer "stops" that help us reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross — especially the moments of suffering, love, sacrifice, and faithfulness that led to His crucifixion. For centuries, Christians have walked these stations as a way to remember, pray, grieve, and give thanks for what Jesus has done.

Our stations are outdoors, designed to guide your meditation and prayer as you walk. You can explore at your own pace and on your own schedule—on a beautiful day, or even for a quiet walk in the snow.

**Where to Find Them**

The eight stations are displayed on plaques along the fence inside the fenced grassy lawn area where the cross and picnic table are located.

These stations and plaques are inspired by the Via Dolorosa ("the Way of Sorrow")—the path in Jerusalem that remembers where Jesus carried His cross.

You'll find suggested prayers and readings in the Library Box next to the first station.

**Come, walk the stations.**

*The family of Bobbie Kinder wishes to thank UHBC friends for the visits, calls, cards, food, and prayers for Bobbie during her illness. She truly appreciated each one. Blessings to all.*

*Thank You!*

**NEXT STEPS**

1. Growing up, did you have a favorite "love song"? If so, why was it your favorite? Is there something about the lyrics that spoke to you?
2. What does love look like to you? What is the best way for someone to show you love?
3. Love isn't always easy and at the same time it isn't always work. Love is an action toward people, that's why loving God is an intentional movement toward people.  
  
In your opinion is love something we do naturally, or is it something we learn?
4. God's love is expressed through us. God's hands and feet are people, not extraordinary people - but regular people, people like us.
  - Can you pray? Pick a group of people in need and pray for them every day.
  - Can you serve? How can you become a positive part of this group?
  - Can you give? Track your spending this week, spend less and give to those in need.

*Prayer: God, you have shown us what real love looks like and we know the ways we love are proof of your work in us. Help us not grow weary in loving well. Send us to love just as you sent Jesus. Give us the courage to make the first move. Amen.*