

# THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

**RECONSTRUCTING FAITH:**  
*When The Old Story Stops Working*

## Message Notes

### Psalm 13:1-6

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long must I bear pain in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?  
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.  
But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

**THIS WEEK:**  
**Sunday, 3/1** 9:15am Life Groups/Sun School; 10:30am worship with The Lord's Supper  
**Wednesday, 3/4** 5:45pm Supper; 6:30pm Bible Study, Youth/Kids Activities  
**Sunday, 3/8** 9:15am Life Groups/Sunday School; 10:30am worship

**THIS MONTH:**  
**3/8** Daylight Savings Begins  
**3/10** M&M Meetings  
**3/22** Board Meetings  
**3/29** Palm Sunday

**MENU this Wednesday**  
 Pizza, Salad, Dessert

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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

March 1, 2026



*Thank God, I'm Free*

**Welcome** Nolan Porter

*Now Thank We All Our God*

**Scripture Reading** Miles Porter  
*Psalm 13: 1-6*

*Come Jesus Come*

**Offertory Prayer** John Megee

**Offertory** Chancel Choir  
*Psalm of Hope*

**The Lord's Supper**  
*Come to the Altar  
I Know a Name*

**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.

*#448 Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

**Message** Joe Miller  
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**Song of Response**  
*Come Jesus Come*

**Closing Thoughts**

*Doxology*

**University Heights Baptist Church**

**A Church of Thoughtful, Gentle Grace**

## Hey! You! Yeah, You!

Are you in college? Are you out of high school, looking at your options? Have you left college, just starting in the “real world?” Are you just trying to figure it all out?

*Whatever your story is, there's room for you at  
The Table!*

## Sundays

Breakfast in the Heights at 9:45am



## Mondays

Bible Study in

the PSU at Missouri State, 6pm

For more info, email [joe@uhbc.org](mailto:joe@uhbc.org), or call or text him at 417-872-7312.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL IDEAS

It's not too late to start a devotional practice during Lent, as we move toward Easter. Here are some ideas:

- ◆ Walking through the Stations of the Cross, in the grassy fenced area by the cross and picnic table here at UHBC, is a great way to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice.
- ◆ Habitat for Humanity has a weekly series on their website, focusing on putting our faith into practice.
- ◆ Read and meditate on a different Psalm each day to explore themes of repentance, trust, and God's steadfast love.
- ◆ “The Unvarnished Jesus,” by Brian Zahnd is a beautiful reflection seeking to strip away all the ways we cover over the real Jesus.
- ◆ “Were You There? Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals,” by Luke A Powery, provides devotions based in the music that fostered hope and sustained enslaved Black people.

## 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.

## UHBC WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Feb 20, 2026

### Revenues

Fiscal Projected YTD Contributions: \$ 99,218

Fiscal YTD Actual Contributions: \$ 69,240

### Expenses

Fiscal Projected YTD Expenses: \$ 99,218

Fiscal YTD Actual Expenses: \$ 81,753

Fiscal Year End: December 31, 2026

**M&M is collecting items for Safe to Sleep through March 8. Items urgently needed are:**

- Dry Coffee Creamer
- Decaf Coffee Pods
- Hot Hands
- Travel Size Toothpaste
- Laundry detergent or pods

**The collection basket is in front of the library.**

## SUPPORT OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS!

*We have a number of our congregation's members who have physical issues and illnesses that prevent them from joining us in person.*

*They are so grateful to know that they are remembered by their faith community.*

*If you would like to drop a postcard to one of these beloved brothers and sisters, there is a board outside of the parlor with pre-addressed and stamped cards for each of them.*

*Feel free to take several, write personal notes and drop them in the mail.*

*You'll make someone's day!*

## NEXT STEPS

- When you read Psalm 13:1-6, what do you think the writer is going through? What has led him to this place? Does his honesty make you uncomfortable? Why? Why not?
- Was there a point in your life of faith where you believed or thought you had all the answers? As you reflect, did that help you be a more graceful person, or did it foster some arrogance?
- Often when we talk about prayer, we say things like "prayer works" or our "prayers are working." Where do we get the idea that faith should "work?" Is this what faith looks like, or is there something we may be missing?
- What were you told about God growing up, or in the early stages of your faith journey? Do those definitions still hold up or have they changed? Do you view God as a "lawgiver," "judge," or "loving parent?" When did you first adopt that view?
- Have you ever had anything happen in your life where you felt like God was out to get you?