


THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

**RECONSTRUCTING FAITH:
Building a Faith That Exists in the
Real World**

Message Notes

Matthew 7:24-27

24 "Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"



THIS WEEK:
Sunday, 3/15 9:15am Life Groups/Sun School; 10:30am worship
Wednesday, 3/18 5:45pm Supper; 6:30pm Bible Study, Youth/Kids Activities
Sunday, 3/22 9:15am Life Groups/Sunday School; 10:30am worship; 4pm Board Meetings

MENU this Wednesday
Meal-in-One Casserole, salad, fruit, rolls, pie

THIS MONTH:
3/22 Board Meetings
3/29 Palm Sunday

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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.

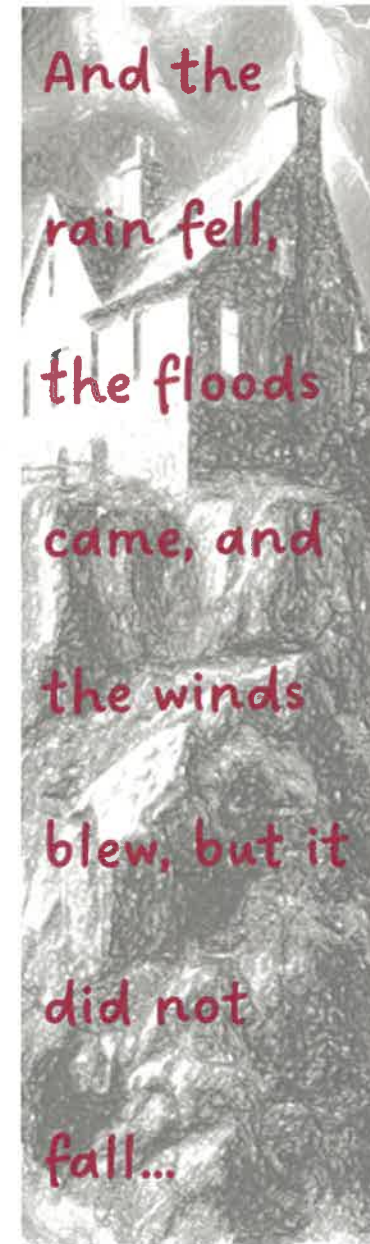
UHBC is a faith community that is going to encourage deep thinking, generous grace and compassion, and encourage everyone, men and women, to lead and to serve.

There's room at the table for you.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

March 15, 2026



<i>Procession and Hymn</i>	Bell Choir
<i>#14 Praise to the Lord</i>	
Baptism	Jack Fayette
<i>Left It In the Water</i>	
Welcome	Joe Miller
Scripture Reading <i>Matthew 7:24-27</i>	Henry Haynes
<i>Firm Foundation (He Won't)</i>	
Offertory Prayer	Loren Broaddus
Offertory	Bell Choir
<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah Brethren, We Have Met to Worship</i>	
Children's Message	Chris Brammer
<small>**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.</small>	
<i>#338 How Firm a Foundation</i>	
Message	Nolan Porter
<i>RECONSTRUCTING FAITH: Building Faith That Exists in the Real World</i>	
Song of Response	
<i>Firm Foundation (He Won't)</i>	
Closing Thoughts	
<i>Doxology</i>	

University Heights Baptist Church

A Church of Thoughtful, Gentle Grace

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

- Join us for a very special service at 7pm in the chapel on **Maunder Thursday, April 2**, where we'll remember the Last Supper and events leading to Jesus' crucifixion, prepare our hearts for Good Friday and Easter, and celebrate the Lord's Supper together.
- **Easter Carnival, April 4**, 11am-2pm. Volunteer signups in the narthex.
- **Easter Worship, Sunday, April 5**. Join us at 10:30 to celebrate the Risen Christ!



EASTER FLOWERS

If you'd like to purchase Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, you can pick up a card at the information desk in the narthex, and drop it in the offering plate or at the office.

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.



You can access the church directory from your smart phone!

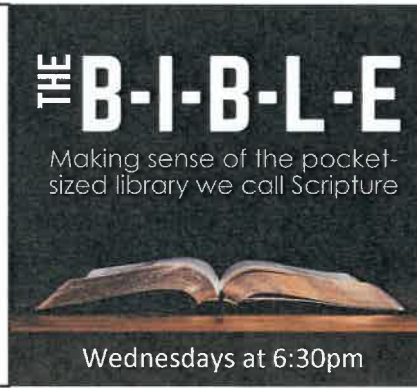
Just go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com, and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "create a login now." (You will need to make sure you use the address that we already have on file—that is how the app verifies that you have authorization to access the directory.)

New printed church directories available on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall!

Don't miss the last session this week!

We'll have a Q & A and open up the discussion to your BIG QUESTIONS!

Email Pastor Nolan at nolanporter@uhbc.org, or Pastor Joe at joe@uhbc.org with any questions you'd like to see covered.



What IS Maundy Thursday?

And why do we do we recognize it?

Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday of Holy Week, commemorates Jesus' Last Supper, the institution of the Lord's Supper or Communion, and the washing of the disciples' feet, as well as Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, followed by betrayal and arrest.

The word "Maundy" originates from the Latin *mandatum*, or "commandment." This refers to Jesus' "new commandment" to love one another through service, as Jesus demonstrated through humility and sacrifice, setting the stage for His betrayal and crucifixion.



Easter Carnival!

The carnival is coming up quickly — April 4!

We're currently collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you can, please bring **small, individually wrapped** candy that we can stuff in the plastic eggs (no chocolate please). Donation basket is in front of the library.

Also, at the information table in the narthex, there are sign-up sheets for volunteer opportunities to help with the carnival.

The Easter Carnival is a great annual tradition and outreach to our Rountree community and the city of Springfield. Let's make it the best ever!

NEXT STEPS

1. Look back at your life story and identify the times when "the rain came in torrents" with floods and winds beating against your life. How did you fare in those "storms" of life? If you were wrecked by a particular "storm" in the past, what characteristics made you feel less sturdy to withstand hardship? What characteristics helped you weather other "storms" with a better outcome?

2. How has your faith evolved over the course of your life? Were there particular experiences that caused that evolution, or that were catalysts that caused you to reevaluate how you think about faith? What core or central belief have you maintained even when or if other aspects of your faith may have changed?

3. Think about the faith you have carried with you into adulthood. What aspects of that faith were tied specifically to the person, words, and ministry of Jesus, and a calling to grow more Christ-like? Which were tied to tradition, culture, or rule keeping? What aspects of that faith have you embraced after studying them and seeking to truly understand them, vs those you embraced because your family or faith tradition did so?

4. Have you ever built something? Was it easy? Was it harder than you thought it might be? More importantly, did it stay together?

5. When a house doesn't look great on the outside but has a solid structure, we often say it might have "good bones." It can be rebuilt and become what it was made to be.

Has anyone ever taught you something foundational, something that stuck - maybe something you continue to go back to?