

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

**RECONSTRUCTING FAITH:
Jesus: Not the Jesus We Invented**

Message Notes

John 1:1-18

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") 16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.



THIS WEEK:
Sunday, 3/8 9:15am Life Groups/Sun School; 10:30am worship
Wednesday, 3/11 5:45pm Supper; 6:30pm Bible Study, Youth/Kids Activities
Sunday, 3/15 9:15am Life Groups/Sunday School; 10:30am worship

MENU this Wednesday
Chicken Strips, Green Bean Casserole, Fruit, Rolls, Cake

THIS MONTH:
3/10 M&M Meetings
3/14 Christian Writers Group
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.

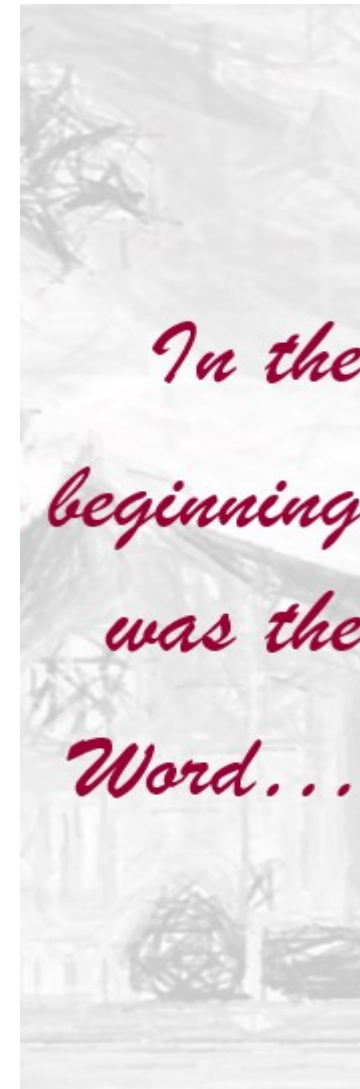
UHBC is a faith community that is going to encourage deep thinking, generous grace and compassion, and encourage everyone, men and women, to lead and to serve.

There's room at the table for you.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

March 8, 2026



#16 O Worship the King

Welcome

So, So Good

Scripture Reading Brooklyn Twibell
John 1:1-5; 14-18

Open My Eyes, Lord

Offertory Prayer Joan Baker

Offertory Taylor Herzog and Alaina Edwards
Heavy

Children's Message Alicyn Jennings
**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.

Fairest Lord Jesus (My Soul's Glory)

Message Nolan Porter
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Song of Response
Open My Eyes, Lord

Closing Thoughts

Doxology

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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.

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, and we can hear what God has done in the lives of others. We’ve been blessed so far to hear from Gail Smart and Melissa Hall, who have graciously shared their stories with us.

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!

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, or call or text him at 417-872-7312.



2025 Giving Statements

If you did not receive your 2025 statement or need a hard copy instead of email, please call or email Teresa in the church office at Teresa@uhbc.org.

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

- Join us for a very special service at 7pm in the chapel on **Maundy 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, 11-2. Be looking for opportunities to sign up to volunteer.
- **Easter Worship, Sunday, April 5.** Join us at 10:30 to celebrate the Risen Christ!

UHBC WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Feb 27, 2026

Revenues

Projected YTD Contributions: \$ 111.620

YTD Actual Contributions: \$ 79,765

Expenses

Projected YTD Expenses: \$ 111.620

YTD Actual Expenses: \$ 98.505

Fiscal Year End: December 31, 2026



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.)

NEXT STEPS

Read our passage for this week, John 1:1-18, and consider these questions:

1. As you read the passage, why do you think John believed this is how the gospel needed to start? Does this passage give us a better picture of God? Of who Jesus is?

2. When you hear the phrase “the word of God,” what have you always thought of? Does this passage change how you see that phrase?

3. What does this tell you about who Jesus is in relation to God?

4. Looking at vs.18, How can we know God? What does this tell you about the attributes of God? Does this change how you’ve been taught to see God?

5. Think about how Jesus is portrayed in popular culture, social media memes, etc. What pictures do we get? How does it compare to what we find in the passage?