

Recovering the Heart of Our Faith: A Church-Wide Lenten Journey through Luke 15

This Lent, our entire church family, all age levels, will be walking together through the same Scripture, reflecting on the same themes, and seeking the same holy purpose: *recovering the heart of our faith by uncovering the heart of God.*

Our Lenten sermon series and companion Bible studies are intentionally aligned so that no matter your age or which group you attend, we are all listening to God's Word together. In worship, in small groups, and even in conversations at home, we will be centered on the same biblical passages and shared language of faith. This is a powerful reminder that we are one body, growing together in Christ.

Our series, *The Prodigal God*, journeys through Jesus' parables in Luke 15, revealing the depth of God's grace and our need for redemption. Each week invites us to look honestly at ourselves while discovering anew the astonishing mercy of God.

- In "The Lost Sheep" and "The Lost Coin," we

encounter a God who relentlessly pursues the lost, refusing to give up on even one beloved child.

- In "The Two Lost Sons," we discover that both open rebellion and quiet self-righteousness can distance us from the Father's heart.

The Prodigal God, with a variety of group meeting times available so that everyone can find a place to belong. These studies are designed to deepen our understanding, foster meaningful conversation, and help us live out what we hear proclaimed in worship each Sunday.



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- Pastor David

- In "The True Elder Brother," we meet Christ as the One who goes searching for us all, even at great cost to Himself.
- And on **Palm Sunday**, we arrive at "The Feast of the Father," celebrating the joy, forgiveness, and homecoming that awaits every heart found in God's grace.

Alongside the sermon series, our Lenten Bible studies will use Timothy Keller's

This Lent is an invitation not simply to observe a season, but to be transformed by it. As we fast, pray, study, and worship together, may God restore what has been lost and draw us ever closer to the heart of our faith by revealing the heart of God.

We invite you to worship faithfully, join a Bible study, and take this sacred journey with your church family.

**God's Peace,
David**

This week & more at FUMC Dothan

CHILDREN

J.A.M. Time (Jesus and Me Time)

Available during the 8:30 & 8:55 a.m. worship services.

Sunday School

Children's Bldg., 10-10:45 a.m.

Cheerful Chimers

Wednesday 5:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study

6-7 p.m.

FB: FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry

IG: fumc_childrens_ministry

YOUTH

Sunday School

Youth Cafe, Sundays, 10-10:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class

Sunday - 5-6 p.m.

Sunday evening

6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Breakfast

7 a.m., at Chick-fil-A located at 3418 Ross Clark Circle

Wednesday Bible Study

6-7 p.m.

RESPIRE CARE

Volunteer & Caregiver Training

(Next meeting March 11)

The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in RM 158.

Respite Ministry Caregiver Support Group

(Next meeting March 19)

The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in RM. 165.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Serving from: 4:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Menu for Ash Wednesday

(Feb. 25): Braised pork, chicken strips, yellow rice, roasted vegetables, butter beans, salad bar, dessert

JOYS & CONCERNS

Our sympathy to:

Roy "Moose" Spears & Ashley & Chris Cannon, their family and friends upon the death of Roy's wife and Ashley's mother, Sheila Finch Spears who died Feb. 8.

Leo Breckenridge, his family and friends upon the death his wife Debbie Breckenridge who died Feb. 9. A Celebration of Life service will take place Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel. Visitation will be in the Parlor beginning at 1 p.m.

Jack & Jamie Stansell, their family and friends upon the death Jack's father, Terry Stansell who died Feb. 10. The funeral takes place Feb. 27, at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Visitation will be in the Parlor beginning at 10 a.m.

In the hospital:

Hayes Ziegenfelder

Happy Birthday to:

Nagel Byrd who celebrated her 91st birthday, Feb. 9.

Let us know if you, or someone you know, has concerns, joys, hospitalizations, upcoming surgeries, or is expecting a baby. Please call the church office at 334-793-3555, or email prayer@fumcdothan.org.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

First Light Chapel Communion

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Bridge and Sanctuary Worship

"The Lost Sheep"
Luke 15:3-7

JOIN OUR TEAM

Positions:

- 55 Forward Director
- Respite Care Ministry Director of Programming
- FT Daycare Worker
- PT Nursery Worker
- FT Associate Worship Arts Director/Organist
- PT, Seasonal Sports Camp Counselor

Please visit:

fumcdothan.org/join-our-team

MEMORIALS

Stanley Jones

Stephanie & Bill Beckett
Diana & Bob Hagler
David Mundee

Carole Lee

Mitzi & William Watson

55 FORWARD

Senior Adult Ministry - Movie Day - Wednesday, February 25, 2:30 p.m. - Room 165

- Come spend the afternoon in fellowship with others as we watch *I'll Push You - A Journey of 500 Miles, Two Best Friends, and One Wheelchair*. Popcorn and snacks will be served. Feel free to bring a friend. No sign up necessary.

Senior Adult Ministry Game Day - Tuesday, March 3, 1 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

- Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship after the UWF meeting/luncheon. We will have games available, and you are welcome to bring a favorite game to share with the group. All are welcome to attend.

Book Club - March 11, 3-4 p.m. Room 165

- Join us as we share insights and foster friendships through our love of literature. Our book for March is *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman.

For more information, please call the church office at 334-793-3555 or email: terri@fumcdothan.org



See church photos online!

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Baptism



Thomas Wade Pruitt was baptized February 15. He is pictured with his parents, Madi & Joey Pruitt, brother Barrett, and Pastor Matt. His grandparents are Tracy & Keith Pruitt.



"Let the little children come to me ..."

Matthew 19:14



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Welcome
new member to
FUMC Dothan



Paxton McCoy, pictured with his daughter, Callyn, joined February 15.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

THE PRODIGAL GOD

RECOVERING THE HEART OF OUR FAITH BY UNCOVERING THE HEART OF GOD.

Beginning Sunday, February 22, 5 p.m.

Ladies Study - Led by Kash Deaton - Rm. 131

Co-Ed Study - Led by Pastor Matt - Rm. 157

Beginning Wednesday, February 25, 6 p.m.

Ladies Study - Parlor

Men's Study - Led by Ryan Deaton - Rm. 165

Co-Ed Study - Led by Sam Stanfield and Scott Helms - Rm. 152

Beginning Thursday, February 26, at Noon

Co-Ed Study - Led by Kevin Kirkland - Rm. 131

Nursery and childcare provided for all evening programs.
Visit fumcdothan.org for more information.

LENTEN LUNCHES

Rev. Kevin Knight
Lead Pastor at Dothan First Church of the Nazarene

FEBRUARY 25 • 12 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Menu: Fried Chicken, Baked Chicken, Broccoli Casserole, Rice w/Gravy, Fried Green Tomatoes, and Field or Zipper Peas, Apple Cobbler



LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

THE CHOSEN

SEASON 2

Starting Wed, Feb 25 | 6 PM

Co-Ed Study - Led by Larry Williams and Mark Saliba - Rm 157



United
Women
in Faith

MAR. 3, 11:45 AM – FELLOWSHIP HALL

Executive Meeting: 11 am – Rm 165

Please call 334-793-3555
for lunch reservations.