

Highland Park Herald

February 2026

Come make a friend for life at Highland Park UMC
1619 S Park Ave Dothan, AL 36301

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1st Corinthians 13:4-7 says “Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.”



These four verses talk about love that is not evident in our world very much. It is four of the hardest verses in the Bible. Without God’s love it is impossible to do what we are told to do.

February is a month when gifts are given to those who are special to us. Flowers, stuffed animals, jewelry, etc. What if we gave our loved ones unconditional love when they are boastful, proud, or rude. What if we never give up on those we love, when we feel it’s impossible to put up with them. What if we let the Holy Spirit give us the hope, we need to endure no matter what.

I believe it would turn the heads of those we love. I’m not saying don’t buy gifts. Look at them as the son or daughter of the Most High God.

God gives us unconditional love. He forgives us when we mess up and helps us to get up and start again. Let us do the same.

Blessings, Pastor Stephanie

Praises and Prayer Request

Praises

Richard Calarusso is home recovering from surgery
Jackie Turner is in a private room at Westside
Xander is moving forward

Prayer Request

Richard & Pam Colarusso
Bobbie Reeves
Debbie's mom has Basal Cell Carcinoma
Danielle Melvin (Pastor's daughter)
Leigh Manning
Mary Jean Jackson
Jonathan Miskell

Our Church Family

Marsha Graham*
Zanatta Hagan*
Anne Kelley*
Deborah Lawrence*
Cecelia Maddox*
Gloria Mims
Nadine Newsome*
Linda Pulliam*
Jan Spencer*
Jackie Turner*

Shut-ins

James & Carmon Broxson*
Annette Farmer*

Nursing Home/Assisted Living

Mark Ann Stanford*
Mary Jean Jackson

Extended Church Family

Joey Alford*
Martin Andre*
John & Shirley Andress*
Hannah Andrews*

Jerrel Baxter

Wade Boyle*
Sue Brandt
Nathan Bryan

Mary Emma Calhoun*

Mike Carroll*

Kenny Carter*

Charles Cox*

Bubba Crawford

Danny Crouch

Donna Crozier*

Doris Daughtry

David Deal*

Eddie Deshazo

Robert Dowling*

Mary Downing*

Robert Dudnick*

Greg Enfinger*

Alice Jewel England*

Jessie Farnsworth

Brian Faulk*

Emory & Frances Foster*

Sharon Fuller*

Sandy Gassaway*

Chris Givens*

Finley Grace*

Megan Harrell*

Craig Hildebrand

Pat Hildebrand*

James Lee*

Les & Mary Mack*

Kristie Marshall*

Joy McAllister*

Vicky Meadows

Danielle Melvin*

Pam Miller*

Brenda Mills*

Duane Mims

Laura Minick*

Kathy Moore*

Mike Pearson*

Billie Register*

Jonathan Rice*

Lisa Sanders*

Karen Sims*

Frank Slaughter*

Madden Smith

Jeremy Spencer*

Jennifer Thompson*

Ilene Tracy

Zadie Grace Ward*

Stacy Watson

David Watson*

Paxton Wheeler

Mark Welch*

Beverly Zorich*

John Zorich*

*Ongoing prayer requests

February Mission: We will continue to collect food and toiletries items plus winter clothing items for “Love In Action Ministries”

1st Corinthians 13: 1-7 and 13: If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres...And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1	2	3 <i>Wade & Elane Boyle</i>	4 11:30 Bible Study/ Lunch 6 p.m. Small Group	5	6 Linda Pulliam	7 9 a.m. Men's breakfast at Golden Corral
8	9	10	11 Jan Spencer 11:30 Bible Study/ Lunch 6 p.m. Small Group	12	13	14
15 Pat Hildebrand	16 President's Day—Office Closed	17 <i>Ben & Laura Pippin</i> Elaine Boyle	18 11:30 Bible Study/ Lunch 5 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 11:30 Bible Study/ Lunch 6 p.m. Small Group	26 Sue Miller	27 James Broxson Soup Kitchen	28 Brady Austin