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First Baptist Church Newsletter

March 24, 2021

TRIUMPHANT KING

In the first century, a triumphal entry was a ceremony reserved for famous or successful people. Victorious Roman generals were honored with this kind of grand entry. Most rode into the city, along with scores of their soldiers, like they were the only participants in a Street Fair parade. Only the distinguished general rode on a white horse or rode in a chariot pulled by white horses (white symbolized victory). This esteemed conqueror also wore a lavish and luxurious scarlet robe.

Against this historical backdrop was the triumphal entry of Jesus of Nazareth into Jerusalem. A large crowd welcomed Him with shouting, worship, waving of branches, and lining his path with clothing or branches.

The crowd was elated about the possibility that Jesus was the new glorious King of Israel, their promised Messiah. They had heard about His miracles, His teachings, and His great life. But when Jesus actually showed up the crowd might have felt a little embarrassed; their king was riding a small donkey, not a white horse. He was wearing the clothing of a commoner rather than the opulent robe of a conqueror. Soon more of their misguided Messianic expectations would be dashed to bits.

Unfortunately, for the most part the Jews failed to understand the true meaning of Palm Sunday. Christ's triumphal entry revealed Kingship, but His was not an earthly rule. Jesus was the King, but He ruled over God's kingdom. At the present time Jesus reigns over a heavenly kingdom where His authority extends to the entire universe. It is now a spiritual kingdom without boundaries, without conquering armies, and without end.

Someday Jesus will return again as conquering King to inaugurate a literal earthly kingdom for Israel and for us (Acts 1:6-7; Zech. 14; 2 Tim. 2:12). In that day Christ will appear gloriously in the sky on a fiery white charger, bringing judgment, just as He promised (Rev. 19:11-16; Mt. 25:31-33, 46). His robe will be scarlet - because it has been dipped in blood (Rev. 19:13). This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday. Our King's first triumphal entry points toward a second and final triumphal entry.

Get ready! Stay alert!

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Prayer List

- Chad Cochran is in Lutheran Hospital with bacterial pneumonia.
- Beth Waterman, Phyllis Pease's daughter, for tests to accurately diagnose and treat her health issues.
- Vicki Stahl, Jackie Chaney's mom, for good results from pet scan of lung.
- Bonnie Riddle to have a kidney stone removed. She has had several others recently removed.
- Rick White, still on a ventilator, However, he is able to talk more. An employee where he lives has COVID. Pray for Rick and also that COVID will not spread in the facility. Rick appreciates hearing from us. Here is his current address: Auburn Village; 1751 Wesley Rd; Auburn, IN 46706
- Anonymous person would like prayers for good results from a test for a potentially serious condition.
- We pray for others that may have unspoken requests. God knows them!

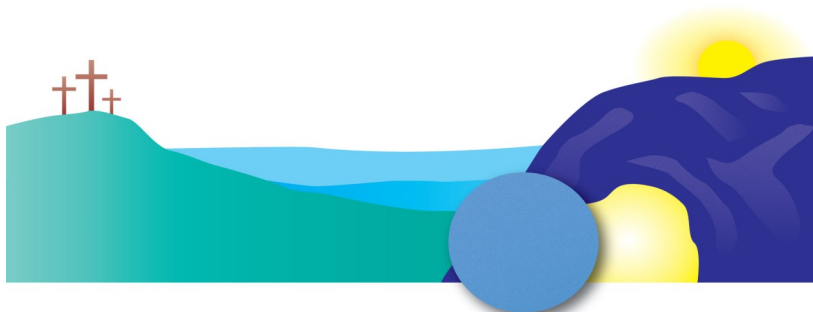


Thank You

Thank you to our church family for the many cards, visits, gifts, delicious food and your many prayers. We appreciate you and all that you have done to make this time go more quickly. ~ Linda Isch

CELEBRATE THE LORD JESUS!

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| Sunday, March 28 | Palm Sunday Service 10:15 a.m. |
| Thursday, April 1 | Maundy Thursday Communion Service
7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary |
| Friday, April 2 | Community Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m. Hope Missionary Church |
| Sunday, April 4 | Resurrection Sunday Service 10:15 a.m.
Christian Ed Board will distribute
gift bags to children. |





NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION

Thank you for a great start to our food collection for the Edna Martin Center! EM is a community center in a low income neighborhood of Indianapolis. The center stocks a food pantry and also feeds around 60 young people every evening, provides recreational opportunities, and tutoring. Boxes are available in our church foyer to collect non-perishable food items. You can see a list of their most needed items at ednamartincc.org/wish-list. Bob and Judy Grove will deliver our donations to EM in early April.

Wedding Shower

FBC is having a "bring your gift to church" wedding shower for Spencer Tonner and Meghan Stuckey. Please bring your gifts to the church on April 11 & 18. There will be a table labeled in The Gathering Place where you can put them. Below is information about their registries.

Target—in store or online at tgt.gifts/spencer-meghan

Amazon.com/wedding/share/spencer-meghan

Gift card ideas: Lowe's, Applebee's, IHOP



Teachers for Sunday, March 28

Kids' Time—Deb Klopfenstein and
Noah and/or Logan Zoll

LOL—Loren Wanner

Stewardship

Thank you to those who have remembered the church with your tithes and offerings. Our offering plates are on the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings or you can mail your gifts to Jesus in support of our church to 202 W. Cherry Street.

March 21, 2021

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$2,440.00
Missions	\$315.00
Building and Mtn.	\$85.00
Deacons	\$25.00
Total	\$2865.00

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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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