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First Baptist Church Newsletter  
April 9, 2025

## Kid Friendly Explanation of Palm Sunday

This Sunday our young people, and young at heart, will have a palm parade at the beginning of our worship service. Why? First, it's important for us adults to understand the significance of events in our church life and worship services. Second, we need to explain the meaning to our young people. Share these points with your children or grandchildren so they understand what is happening.

**The Story:** Jesus and his friends traveled to Jerusalem, a big city, where many people were gathered to celebrate Passover.

**The Arrival:** When Jesus arrived, people were so excited to see him that they lined the streets and waved palm branches, which are part of a palm tree.

**The Shout:** They shouted "Hosanna!" which means "Hooray! The Lord saves!".

**The Meaning:** Many people were happy to see Jesus because they believed he was the King God had promised to send. But other people were jealous and mad because so many people loved and followed Jesus.

**The Beginning:** Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week, a special week where Christians remember Jesus's journey to die on the cross, and that three days later Jesus came back to life and arose from the dead.

**A Reminder:** It's a reminder that each of us must welcome Jesus into our hearts and follow him every day.

**The Donkey:** Jesus rode on a donkey instead of a horse, which was a humble way to travel and showed he came in peace.

Together with you,  
Les





Our church family will gather to be reminded of God’s love and our Lord’s mandate (Maundy) that we love each other. Join together for this time of remembrance with communion, singing, and reflection.

## Opportunities During Holy Week

April 13-20

Young People’s Palm Parade (Sunday, April 13)	FBC Sanctuary	10:15 a.m.
Thursday Communion Service	FBC Sanctuary	6:00 p.m.
Community Good Friday Service	Hope Missionary Church Fellowship Hall (Door P)	7:00 p.m.
Resurrection Celebration (Haitian Choir Sings)	FBC Sanctuary	10:15 a.m.



### PRAYER PARTNERS



The prayer group meets each week on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. All are invited and the elevator is available. Even if you are not able to join us on Wednesdays, you are able to pray in concert with us when and where it works for you. The focus as printed in the bulletin insert for week five is **encouragement**. We are praying for the search committee, the church, the candidate, and the Cantrells.

**Kids' Time Teacher**  
Sunday, April 13, 2025

*Palm Sunday*  
Angie Bynum  
Jessica Bynum

**Adventure Kids and  
Youth Bible Study**

Wednesdays  
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

# Let's Celebrate!

You are invited:

## *A Celebration of Ministry*

IN HONOR OF

*Pastor Les and Debbie  
Cantrell*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

**BLUFFTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

There will be a carry-in lunch that will  
follow church services.

There are sign-up sheets for our carry-in dinner to celebrate Pastor Les and Debbie's ministry. Include the number of persons attending. Dessert will be provided.

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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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