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# FBC

*The true meaning of love...Christ died for us. John 3:16*

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**PALM SUNDAY**  
Entering Holy Week

## *Jesus Knows What He is Riding Into*

How many times have we been guilty  
of misinterpreting a situation?

*If only I had known then what I know now?*

The old saying “hindsight is always 20/20” certainly has relevance in our lives, as it did for the disciples when Jesus came riding into Jerusalem during His triumphal entry.

*Palm Sunday is the day we observe that triumphal entry.*

It serves as a preparation of one’s heart for the agony of Jesus’ passion and the joy of His resurrection. It’s the beginning of Passion Week (Holy Week)-that fateful week in which Jesus entered the holy city to face His cross. Here our Lord would drink the cup of suffering. By the end of the week, He would be betrayed, arrested, tortured, and crucified. His followers would be confused, disoriented, and scattered. But not this day...This day, riding on a donkey, Jesus entered the city and is greeted by ecstatic crowds waving palm branches in celebratory honor. The praise! The applause! They loved Him on this day but were suddenly ready to kill him by Thursday! How fickle this crowd would prove to be. Within a few days, many of those same voices shouting “Hosanna” would turn to raging howls of “Crucify him, Crucify him!”

In the ancient Biblical world, a leader rode on a donkey to signify peace. Jesus came in humility and servitude-to give His life a ransom for many.

He didn’t take life; He gave up His own life to save the world.

*“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.—John 15:13.*

Once the crowds saw no more political gain in Jesus, they turned on him overnight. *But Jesus knew what He was riding into.* He came to suffer and die for the sins of the world. By triumphing over the grave, the risen King of glory has established a kingdom that is not of this world—but a Kingdom that has conquered this world. Sometimes God’s plans don’t make sense in the moment. And though we may not understand His infinite ways, He can certainly always be trusted.

*Jesus knows full well what He is riding into in your life.* He knows the hurt, the loneliness, the grief, the betrayal, the anger, the doubt, the despair, the exhaustion, the weariness, and the constant struggle. He knows all the madness. Yet your **King lives**-and He will indeed triumph over every last bit of it.

**Think about that as you seek to abide in Him this week.**

**FAMILY CONFERENCE WITH BARRETT & JENIFER JOHNSON**

**MARCH 5TH & 7TH**

**SATURDAY NIGHT...MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DATE NIGHT...6—8 PM**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON...PARENTING CONFERENCE...3—5:30 PM**

**CALL CHURCH OFFICE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (CHILD CARE PROVIDED)**

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Return Service Requested

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**Our Purpose:** First Baptist Church exists to help people develop loving relationships with God and with others.

**Our Staff:** Rob E. Davis Jr. *Senior Pastor*  
Ryan Puls *Assoc. Pastor Youth/Rec.*  
Chris Pittman *Assoc. Pastor Worship/Media*  
Ronelle Tallant *Preschool Director*  
Jessyka Dove *Children's Director*  
Susan Anderson *Financial Secretary*  
Betty Johnson *Receptionist/Secretary*  
Ron Pittman *Facility Supervisor*

**YOUTH D-NOW**  
**MARCH 12—13 \$10**  
**CONTACT RYAN FOR INFO**



**MEMORIALS**  
**Jo Frances Smith**

March 9, 1934—February 6, 2021  
United with our Church: June 8, 1952

*I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.” John 11:25*

**WITH SYMPATHY**

*Extended to the Family of Jo Frances Smith  
on her passing.*

*Extended to Joyce Pittman and Family  
on the passing of her sister, Carolyn Proctor,  
of Grove, Oklahoma.*



**FBC HARRISON  
MISSION  
OPPORTUNITY**

**WHERE: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
WITH AWAKEN CITY CHURCH  
(TODD & HEATHER RICHARDSON)**

**WHEN: JUNE 15—JULY 3**

**COST: ESTIMATED \$500  
(\$50 DEPOSIT DUE BY MARCH 14)**

**WE ASSIST AWAKEN CITY CHURCH  
WITH A KIDS CAMP (VBS), BLOCK PARTIES,  
AND SERVICE PROJECTS**

**IF INTERESTED CONTACT RYAN:  
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Dear  
First Baptist Church  
Family:  
Thank you for your  
donation to the “CALL”  
in Boone and Newton Counties.

It is because of our communities support we can continue in our ministry to support children in foster care and the families who open their homes and hearts to them.

Thanks again,  
Jamie Phillips & Our Leadership Team

**Sunday, March 14th**

**DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS  
TIME  
BEGINS**



SPRING FORWARD

**Don't forget to set your clocks  
forward one hour.**

**SPRING BREAK...MARCH 22—26  
NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES  
ON MARCH 24TH**

**BIRTHS**

**Congratulations to:  
Freida Hudson**

on the birth of her great granddaughter...

**Ruby Mae Williams**

Born: February 14th

Parents: Josh & Cora Williams