



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

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March 23, 2021

Thank You!



*Church family,
Thank you all for the prayers for my daughter, Joyce Montgomery. She is doing well.*

GLEND A CASE

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the "goodies," cards, and especially the prayers during my eye surgery. I am so grateful for everyone and the prayers were definitely felt. It is so good to belong to this praying church family.*

Sincerely
JANET CASSIDA



HOLY WEEK COMMUNION SERVICE

**Thursday, April 1
7:00 p.m., at the church**

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- colon and lung cancer
Calli Chandler (Janice Thode's great-granddaughter)- COVID-19
Tom & Karen Felkner (owners of Main St. Treasurers, Villa Grove)- Tom recovering from COVID-19 at home; Karen is in the hospital with COVID-19, running high temperature, on ventilator, has sepsis, not doing well
Kimberly (Weaver) Fincham (Ray Weaver's daughter)- COVID-19, experiencing difficulties
Patti Groves- still dealing with C-diff infection
Norma Johnson (Maryanna Smith's sister)- eyes healing, but still no sight
Lois Naddy- recovering from back surgery at home
Bernie Newell (Jean Forsythe's aunt)- has Alzheimer's disease and is no hospice; hasn't had food or drink for 5 days (she is Jean's cousin Cynthia's mother- Cynthia worshipped with us when she was living here)



MARCH 21, 2021

Attendance: 66

Total Offering: \$3891.00

Spendable 3871.00

Benevolence 20.00



Why the Triumphal Entry? **3/23/2021**

This coming Sunday is referred to as *Palm Sunday*. We reflect on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem just days before the Jewish festival of *Passover* and Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Ever wonder WHY Jesus went to all this trouble?

Scripture tells us (Matthew 21:4-5) *This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet*. That prophet is Zechariah. His words (9:9) lay out exactly what Jesus did and the response of the people. Bruce N. Fisk, in his book, *A Hitchhiker's Guide to Jesus* says, "Those who knew Zechariah would know that this humble rider was not simply a celebrity engulfed in fans and paparazzi. He was a royal figure whose peaceful ride into the city came only after triumph in battle. This king's approach heralded conquest and liberation... each Gospel makes it clear that the psalm (118) now applied specifically, preeminently, to Jesus, and that the people were welcoming Israel's next king."

Jesus entered as a King who would fulfill Israel's deepest longing for restoration-- though not restoration as they expected. The people proclaimed Jesus as *King of Israel*, *Messiah* and even *Son of David*. The name "Son of David" wasn't accidental. That name harkens back to the day King Solomon claimed the throne (1 Kings 1:30-45). The parallels between Jesus' ride up to Jerusalem (Matthew 21:4-11, Mark 11:1-11 & Luke 19:37) and Solomon's ride up to Jerusalem to claim his throne are providentially similar.

After the ride, Jesus looked over the city of Jerusalem and wept. He knew the people needed him as their King. He also knew that they didn't want him as their King. Rather, they were content to be like scattered chicks with no protection or provision. Today, Jesus wants to ride into our life. He wants to provide and protect citizens of his kingdom. However, people still refuse him as their King. And Jesus still weeps.

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John Dilliner Steve Lacine

Bob Dowler Joe Rothermel

Service at the church building on March 28 (BENEVOLENCE SUNDAY), 9:30 a.m.

Greeter: JERRY HUGHES

Wednesday (3/24) 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Elder-On-Call for March: JOE ROTHERMEL (834-3346)

Mission of the Week: CHRISTIAN MISSION TO THE ORIENT

Chang Mai, Thailand

Abel & Ruth Sairantanyu, Missionaries

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Ken & Awanda Heyen

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