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A black and white photograph of three crosses on a hill. The sun is setting behind the horizon, creating a bright glow. The sky is dark with some clouds and a faint lightning bolt visible in the distance.

IN HIS GREAT MERCY

he has given us  
**new birth** into a  
**living hope**  
through the resurrection  
of **Jesus Christ...**

1 PETER 1:3, NIV

# Worship the Lord with Us!

## Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 am

Sunday School for all ages: 9:40 am

Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am

*Listen to "A Place of Grace"  
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***THANK YOU FOR  
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## From The Pastor's Heart



What has amazed you recently in your life? As a new grandpa just watching my grandson experience life amazes me. Also, I discovered a new diet plan recently. With the goal of becoming more fit and healthy I decided to try a new diet. There is so much in the media around us encouraging us to try this or that new fad. I wanted a healthy diet but one that would produce change. This diet plan boasts some amazing results. My favorite feature about this diet is that it tells you what to do for every meal and snacks for a 6 week cycle. I feel like the last 6 months I am just trading ounces in my current plan. So after using this plan for 1 week, I went to officially weigh in yesterday. I had really no idea how well I was doing only that I followed it completely. I was amazed went I discovered I lost almost 7 lbs. the first week. I was excited but also amazed and grateful to the Lord!

As we are now in the midst of the Lenten season and Easter is quickly upon us, I am always amazed of the work of God in Easter. It's more than warmer weather, Easter bread, eggs and ham.

Easter is also a time of wonder and awe. It is a time of astonishment and wonder. Easter is a time of bewilderment and perplexing questions. Easter is a day of amazement. What is so

amazing about Easter you may ask? The women went to the tomb on that first Resurrection morning expecting death and experienced a life changing moment when they realized, “He is not here; He has risen just like He said.” At this time of the year it is good to be reminded all over again, how amazing it is what Jesus has done for us!

I am amazed by the power of Jesus. The power of the resurrection is real and it is life changing. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead can raise the dead parts of our lives today. Just as Jesus amazed the women so long ago, He can amaze us today!

What is so amazing about Easter? From Friday to Sunday, everything had changed. On Sunday, sin surrendered its power and hell was conquered. On Sunday, angels proclaimed the good news and heaven celebrated. On Sunday, the guards were overcome and the stone was rolled away. On Sunday, the women rejoiced and hope was renewed. On Sunday, death was defeated and Jesus was resurrected.

Easter is so amazing because Jesus brings life out of death. Jesus brings hope where there was only despair. Jesus defeats the power of sin and hell. Jesus loved you more than life itself. He would rather die than be without you. The only question that remains is: Are you ready to be amazed? Let’s make this Easter a special time of reflecting on and serving our amazing Savior and others. I am looking forward and thank the Lord for all that He has done in my life and for my family this past year, and for an amazing church family. To God be the glory great things He has done and is doing. Now that’s amazing!!!

In The Amazing Savior’s Love,

Pastor Sam

**HALLELUJAH!**  
**THINE THE GLORY**



## **Drawing Closer to God Weekend 2013**

**A Special focus weekend with Pastor Tim Merrill.**

- Our focus will be about how to:
- Draw closer to God's presence
  - Know His will for your life
  - Learn how He can use you

**March 2 - 5:30 pm**

Covered dish dinner held in the Stokes Ave. dining room followed the program with Pastor Tim.

**March 3 - 10:00 am**

Special combined worship service with Pastor Tim Merrill continuing our weekend focus.

(NOTE: Sunday School & group studies meet at 9:00 am this Sunday.)

**That I may know him ....**



Philippians 3:10, KJV

## MARCH EVENTS:

### **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Leadership Breakfast, 8:45 am**

Stokes Ave. Dining Room

All leaders and anyone that serves on a committee is invited.

**Saturday, March 23rd at 8:00 am**  
Men's Breakfast with Rev. Dick Esher sharing the message.



## District Resource Days:

Saturday - March 16, 2013 - 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
District Day of Learning  
Hope UMC in Voorhees

The Ricky Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund Dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 from 5:00 to 10:00 pm at Tavistock Country Club, 100 Tavistock Lane, Haddonfield, NJ.

Basket Auction and 50-50.

Adults \$30/Children 12 & under \$15.

## **MEN'S GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST**

**Friday March 29, 2013  
7:00 - 8:30 am**

The King's Christian School  
5 Carnegie Plaza  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003



Guest Speaker - Pastor Sam Mountain.

Cost: \$13.00 per person.

For ticket information contact Gary McGaurn.

# Holy Week



March 24<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Join us as we consider "What does Jesus mean to me?"

## Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

There will be **one combined** Palm Sunday service today.

Sunday School will meet at 9:00 am and the combined service will be at 10:00 am.

## Holy Wednesday and Maundy Thursday

Services at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

## Good Friday Service

*The Seven Last Words of Christ*

12:00 - 3:00 pm service in the Sanctuary.

Come when you can, leave when you need to.

## Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Easter Services.

*God raised him  
on the  
third day  
and allowed  
him to appear...*



*Acts 10:40. NSRV*

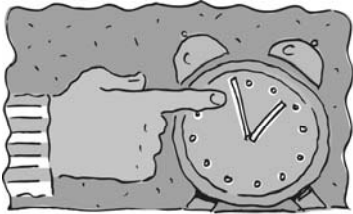




In case of inclement weather, you can find updated service and event information at the following locations:



- ◆ Call the church at 856-858-1186
- ◆ Visit our website at [www.fumccollingswood.org](http://www.fumccollingswood.org)
- ◆ Visit the Collingswood FUMC Facebook page



SET YOUR CLOCKS  
**Ahead!**

**Daylight-Saving  
Time begins,  
March 10, 2013**

**SOCK DRIVE FOR  
FELLOWSHIP HOUSE**

We are collecting socks. They are in urgent need for new men's socks preferable colored sport socks. Ladies and children's socks also accepted. Please bring them in and place in the basket in the sanctuary.



**THE COLLINGSWOOD FOOD PANTRY** is in a continuous need for donations. Please bring your nonperishable items to the church and place them in the baskets in the parlor and/or the boardroom.

# Opportunities for Serving Others in 2013

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a resolution to make for the new year?

How about serving in one of our behind-the-scenes ministries?

We are looking for volunteers to expand our Technical Ministries team (including the laptop team.) Each Sunday, we are responsible for the lights and sound for our services, recording and editing the service for our radio broadcast and for running the projection system in the Sanctuary. We serve the Lord by enabling His message to be seen and heard by others. You don't need any experience - just a willingness to learn. If you are interested in helping us out, you may contact Phil Boswell or you are also welcome to drop by the sound booth or control room and talk to any of our operators.

We are also looking for new faces for our Nursery teams. Each week we staff the nurseries at both the 8:30 and 10:45 am services. No experience is necessary, just a love of children. Please contact Kathy Boswell if you are interested in helping in this vital ministry.



**Sign Up  
Today!**

Here's an opportunity to make people feel welcomed to our church. We are looking for greeters for the 10:45 service and also people to man our two welcome tables. Please contact either Doug Wagner or Shannon Turnbull if interested.

**Can YOU Help?**

# Try It In 2013!!

Now is the perfect time to be planning for 2013. One thing to consider is moving from 52 “Checks and Envelopes” to Electronic Giving.

EG is not some experimental concept. It is tried, tested, active, and WORKING VERY WELL. First Church is receiving over \$11,000 monthly from our EG givers and is experiencing much steadier income than ever before.



We have already expanded EG from the regular “colorful envelopes” categories of Local Ministries, Missions, Radio, and World Service.

We are also accepting EG for special projects (like the Lift Project) and seasonal offerings (Thanksgiving, Christmas.) Virtually all your giving can be by EG.

No one trying EG at First Church has been disappointed with it. On the contrary, our EG folks love it. We welcome your joining EG for 2013. Sign up at [www.fumccollingswood.org](http://www.fumccollingswood.org). Questions? Contact Stan Sheaffer.

**Bring the whole tithe  
into the storehouse...  
and see if I will not  
throw open the  
floodgates of  
heaven and pour  
out so much blessing  
that you will not have  
room enough for it.**

**Malachi 3:10**



# MARCH

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  |
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| <p><b>3</b><br/> <b>9:00 AM</b> Classes for all ages<br/> <b>10:00 AM</b> Combined Worship Service<br/> <b>6:00 PM</b> The ryver - grades 6-12</p>  | <p><b>4</b><br/> <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council</p> | <p><b>5</b><br/> <b>9:15 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study<br/> <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study</p>  | <p><b>6</b><br/> <b>6:45 PM</b> Ma (Jesus) Crev<br/> <b>6:45 PM</b> The grades 6-12<br/> <b>6:45 PM</b> WN<br/> <b>7:00 PM</b> Wo Study</p>  |
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# H 2013

| Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday                                  |
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|   |   | 1      | 2<br>5:30 PM Drawing Closer to God Dinner |
| Pastor's Men & J<br>w Men<br>e ryver wide -<br>R for Kids!<br>men's Bible | 7<br>12:00 PM Noon Time Prayer<br>6:45 PM Praise Team Practice<br>7:00 PM Job Seekers | 8      | 9<br>8:45 AM Church Leadership Breakfast  |
| Pastor's Men & J<br>w Men<br>e ryver wide -<br>R for Kids!<br>men's Bible | 14<br>12:00 PM Noon Time Prayer<br>6:45 PM Praise Team Practice                       | 15     | 16  |
| Pastor's Men & J<br>w Men<br>e ryver wide -<br>R for Kids!<br>men's Bible | 21<br>12:00 PM Noon Time Prayer<br>6:45 PM Praise Team Practice                       | 22     | 23<br>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast             |
| Pastor's Men & J<br>w Men<br>e ryver wide -<br>R for Kids!<br>men's Bible | 28<br>12:00 PM Noon Time Prayer<br>6:45 PM Praise Team Practice                       | 29     | 30  |
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the **ryver**  
youth ministry of fumc

a ministry of students  
loving God, loving people,  
connecting with our neighbors

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This is a youth ministry for people in grades 6-12, and everyone is welcome! There are three main times that we meet (as follows), as well as other extra special events throughout the month (see below.) But one thing is certain – we are never stagnant, because God is always moving!!

**the ryver (Sunday night, 6:00 - 8:00 pm)**

If you're new, this is the best place to start! We have a ton of fun through interactive games, connect with God through worshipful music, and our lives are changed through our talks about God, the Bible, and life - both in large and small group settings.

**the ryver wide (Wednesday night, 6:45 - 8:00 pm)**

These nights have a very laid-back atmosphere, which allows us to care for each other and talk about the things that are most important to you. What matters to you? Bring it - the conversation table is wide open!

**the ryver deep (Sunday morning, 9:30 - 10:30 am)**

Essential for those who really want to grow in their faith! This is where we really dig deeper into the Bible and learn how to live as followers of Jesus, as well as get involved with the whole church family

## COMING EVENTS

**Leadership Breakfast – Saturday 3/9 – 9:00 am**

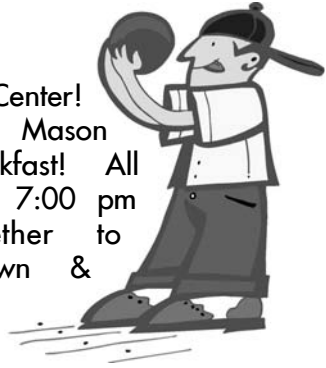
For all youth leaders – a chance to pray together as a church & focus on the future direction and ministry of FUMC.



## 2013 All-Night Party

Friday 3/15 to Saturday 3/16

Bowling! International Sports Center!  
Competitions! Giveaways! Taylor Mason  
(Nationally-known Comedian!) Breakfast! All  
for only \$35! Meet at church at 7:00 pm  
and we'll be travelling together to  
Maranatha Church in Moorestown &  
returning at 8:00 am. You must  
signup by Sunday 3/10.

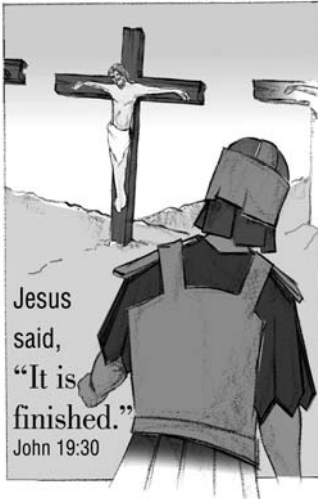


## JTTC (Journey to the Cross)

Wednesday 3/27 and

Thursday 3/28 - 7:00 pm

Our church will be gathering each night this week for ½ hour in an intimate time of worship and reflection, focusing our attention on all that Christ has done for us.



## Good Friday Service

Friday 3/29 - 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Many different speakers and musicians will be sharing Christ's 7 last words with us throughout this service. Come when you can, leave when you need to, but join us to reflect on His unbelievable sacrifice on the cross.

## Summer Preview:

- Vacation Bible School  
June 24 through June 28
- God's Squad  
July 9 - August 1  
(Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- The STORY (current grades 8-12)  
July 20-26
- Overflow (current grades 6-8)  
August





**Ken and Donna Rudy**

To Our Many Faithful Friends,

Thank you once again for your faithful friendship, prayers and financial support throughout 2012. We remain grateful for each of you that have partnered with us during this last year. In addition, we're thankful to many of you who sustained us since our departure for France in 1973. Your constancy in prayer and giving has made it possible for us to serve over these many years.

**John and Alice Barcus**

**Thank You**, all who sent us Christmas Greetings Cards and expressions of various forms!! We were again impressed with how rich we are in friends, in this country and abroad. We were so cramped in ministry and other matters that we could not send out a Christmas letter in time for the holiday - plus the worst head cold that I (John) can ever remember suffering. Alice, bless her, demonstrated the skills and remedies of her advanced LPN Degree! Even so, all the meds she pumped into me kept me from the doctor, but such ailments, it seems, just have to run their course. I'm still not quite back to normal. She has kept well and is recovering herself from the year-end Cataract Surgery on both eyes. Being able to see ahead, both physically and spiritually, is such a blessing. Looking back at 2012 is one thing (Mayan Calendar and all), but the forward view is what counts. The Fiscal Cliff (chasm) and all that this new year portends, we leave to our God, His will, His ways, His timing, His solution!

**Bert and Hazel Lohr**

In August, little Susan was born to Andrew and Wendy. She looked like a real beauty in her pictures. Since her birth was so close to the family camp in September, that family did not make it to our gathering. Not all of the Bensons made it either, but most of us got together at a camping site in southern Delaware a bit southwest of Cape May, NJ, across Delaware Bay. Others really camped, but they put us up in a nearby motel where we slept, and then we spent



the days at camp.

We are attending a much larger church than any we have been in before, but we are happy with it. It is just five and one half miles from home. We usually attend the second morning service and Sunday School. In the summer when the days were longer, we went to a very good Bible study on Wednesday nights. These old eyes don't take to night driving, so we had to quit that when the days got shorter. When we can't get to evening services, we try to read sermons or articles from Christian books or magazines.

Please remember Pakistan in your prayers. Its leaders certainly need wisdom, the Christians need protection and encouragement, and the masses still need the Gospel.

### **Neil and Wannee Thompson**

Wannee and I were making our Saturday evening plans for dinner and then picking up her sister at the airport. The phone rang: with very LONG lines at immigration, Wanlaya missed her connection at LAX! What to do? Well, Wannee delved into her extensive social network, initiated over a dozen calls in 20 minutes—and, presto! A place for Wanlaya to stay for the evening. She arrived on Sunday and we've had a good time together: decorating, cooking, knitting, watching movies, and as of today, shoveling snow! Now I get to practice my Thai: my sister-in-law isn't impressed with what she's heard so far. The best I've heard so far is that my Thai is "entertaining."

Nathan has had continuing pain in his right hip. So, over the past two weeks we've collected X-Rays, MRIs, opinions and second opinions. Please pray for him as we go to see an orthopedic surgeon together on Friday. On Christmas Eve he'll travel to New Jersey to spend time with the many Thompsons there.

Wannee has been busy finding and visiting her new doctors, a rheumatologist (whom she reports as young and pretty) and endocrinologist (male and just young). She is pleased with them. I may need to accompany her on future rheumatology concerns! The news in general is good, the limiting factor is still her left knee. Kevin arrived home Tuesday night, just ahead of the snow storm. He's planning to attend Denver Christmas Conference, a Cru sponsored event. Pray for him to experience good preaching, fellowship—and God!



## *Wings of Prayer*

**Matthew 20:28**

A black and white photograph of a bright sun partially obscured by dark, dramatic clouds. The sun creates a lens flare effect. Overlaid on the image is the text "I am with you always." in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

**I  
am with  
you  
always.**

An ice breaker at parties is sometimes to ask attendees who they would like to spend a day with – living or dead. An answer commonly given is Jesus Christ. Would you respond similarly? There was a time I might have. That question is meant hypothetically which is why saying “Jesus” is quite inaccurate. There is nothing hypothetical about Him. As we travel through the Lenten season, and anytime of the year, we can spend as much or as little time as we want at the Master’s feet. He is our friend for all eternity. Matthew completed his gospel with Christ’s amazing promise, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” (Matt. 20:28b; KJV).

What person has influenced your life most? Have you thanked them or let them know the effect they have had on your life? Perhaps I am like some of you. Either I never took the time to do so or it was years later that I realized their effect. The person who springs to mind for me is my first grade teacher, Mrs. Stickle (aka “The Pickle”). Not only did she teach me to read, a gift that is immeasurable, she taught me to start each day with God. It was 1954 and the phrase “under God” had just been added to the Pledge of Allegiance. Each morning, after we said the Pledge, we repeated any of several Bible passages, mostly Psalms, she had taught us. We

would conclude with prayer. That was almost 60 years ago and I would hope Mrs. Stickle is with her Lord. I am certain I am not the only child she so influenced. I hope some of her students were aware of this gift sooner than I was and thanked her.

One of the definitions in *Merriam-Webster* of “friend” is “one attached to another by esteem.” Mrs. Stickle was, indeed, a friend. She taught me I could always be in contact with the best friend any of us can have – Jesus. She helped me understand how true the comforting words of Joseph Scriven are:

*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.*

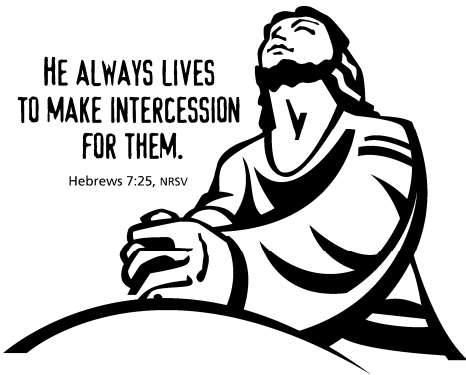
We need to take the following people to God in prayer:  
*Jay Latch, Karen & Rich Snyder, Nancy Tirpack, Ruth Doherty, Dave Hart, Matt Robb, Lew & Mildred Smith, Christine Fink, Florence Keller, Caroline Gerelus, Evelyn Hales, Barbara Edelman, Joan Smith.*

With Mrs. Stickle in mind, I want to thank someone else who has influenced my prayer life. I’ve only known her 2½ years. I first met her on the church bus. She always has a cheery word and selflessly shares her love of God both orally and in writing. She has

had to slow down recently so I have not seen her much recently. I miss my brief chats with her. Here and now I want to say “Thank you, Betty Stoms.”

**HE ALWAYS LIVES  
TO MAKE INTERCESSION  
FOR THEM.**

Hebrews 7:25, NRSV



Peace and Son shine,  
Mary Emily Cameron



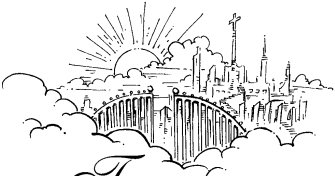
### BIRTHDAYS

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| March 2  | Caroline Gerelus                        |
| March 3  | Christa Ballinger<br>Matthew C. Schmitt |
| March 5  | Harold Shallcross                       |
| March 6  | Joan Elfreth                            |
| March 7  | Steve Schoch                            |
| March 9  | Lorraine Rudderow                       |
| March 10 | Bob Alber                               |
| March 11 | Mark Burgoon                            |
| March 12 | John Cluelow Jr.                        |
| March 14 | Cheryl Averell                          |
| March 16 | Ean Meyers                              |
| March 18 | Robert Elfreth<br>Brad Mountain         |
| March 26 | Bob Holmes                              |
| March 30 | Christine Walker                        |

### ANNIVERSARIES

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| March 12 | Betty & Jack MacNamara   |
| March 30 | William & Suzanne Hoover |

If you have not already done so, please give your dates (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office in writing or by e-mail: [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org).



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**Church  
Triumphant**

### Deaths at First Church

Ruth Davis - January 19, 2013



### EASTER JOY

Now let the heavens be joyful!  
Let earth her song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Invisible and visible,  
Their notes let all things blend,  
For Christ the Lord has risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.

—St. John of Damascus





# PUZZLE

## Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

**Directions:** In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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112-68-102  
102-107-92-102  
102-47-92

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92-37-82  
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42-55-52-66-62-77-72

42-19-52-18-62-17-72  
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**Answer on next page.**

# HOSANNA BANNER

Offer Jesus our King praises by making this banner for Palm Sunday.

## What you need:

- 6 sheets of green construction paper (8" x 11")
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 7 sheets of pastel-colored paper
- Rubber cement or glue
- 7 sheets of white cardstock (8" x 8")
- Hole punch
- Thin ribbon



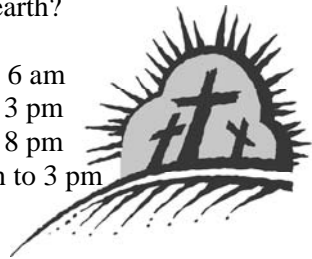
## What you do:

1. Fold the stack of green paper in half. Draw a palm branch on one of the folded sides and cut out all 12 branches.
2. On the pastel-colored paper, draw and cut out block letters to spell the word *Hosanna* — one letter per sheet. Then glue each letter onto a sheet of white paper.
3. Punch one hole in the top of each palm branch and two holes in each letter square (top left and top right corners).
4. Thread the ribbon through a palm branch, letter, palm branch, letter, etc. Tie a knot after each hole to keep the pieces from sliding.

# Bible Quiz

When Jesus was crucified, over what time period did darkness cover the earth?

- A. 9 pm to 6 am
- B. 9 am to 3 pm
- C. 8 am to 8 pm
- D. 12 noon to 3 pm



Answer: D (See Mark 15:33.)

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Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

**Puzzle**

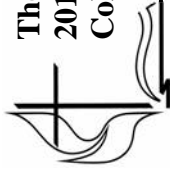
**Graze him!**

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**“Blessed is the one  
who comes in the  
name of the Lord!”**

Mark 11:9



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