



The Messenger

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Todd's Take

Good morning and welcome! We're so glad to be together as a church family today. If you're our guest, thank you for being here — we'd love to get to know you.

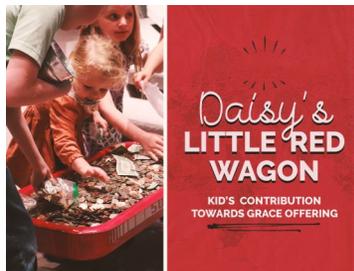
Today is Palm Sunday — and we're stepping into the most important week in human history. The Gospels know it. They slow way down, dedicating more than 30% of their entire narrative to just these few days. That is not an accident.

All four Gospel writers record the Triumphal Entry — one of the few events they all agree on. Today we're camping in John's version. It's the briefest of the four accounts, but don't let that fool you. John doesn't waste a word.

The crowd is electric. Palm branches waving. Voices rising. Hosanna — *save us, we pray* — echoing off the stone walls of Jerusalem. They call him the one who comes in the name of the Lord. They call him the King of Israel. Bold claims. And Jesus rides straight into the middle of all of it — on a donkey, no less.

But when Jesus finally speaks, what he says surprises everyone. He talks about a seed. And what has to happen to it before it can produce a harvest.

His kingdom operates on a logic that turns everything upside down — the same logic we've been tracing in our Deny Self series. Palm Sunday is not a detour from that conversation. It's the heart of it.



DAISY'S LITTLE RED WAGON IS HERE!

Today we will collect your coins to help support the outreach ministries of PACOC

Easter & Grace Offering Next Week

Join us for one of our two Easter services — 8:00 am or 10:00 am. Children's classes will be offered at the 10:00 am service as usual.

Our Grace Offering goal this year is \$168,800 — every dollar of which goes directly to funding our local and global outreach efforts. Visit pacoc.net/ go to learn more about the ministries your giving supports.

This offering represents more than eight times our weekly budget, so we encourage you to prayerfully consider your contribution. Your generosity is changing lives!

Schedule

Sunday Adult Bible Classes

Truth Rising—9AM in Worship Center
Sonshine Hour for 4 yrs old to 6th grade in the gym. Under 4 yrs old in the nursery of main building.

Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

Children Dismissed to Classes at

10:45-11:30AM

0 - 3 Year Olds—Nursery Area
Pre K-6th Grade—Family Life Center

Sunday Youth Group Activities

5:00-7:30PM

Wednesday Discipleship Making Communities (DMCs)

Wednesday at 6:30 for all ages. Other DMCs meet at various times and locations throughout the week. Go to pacoc.net/groups

Scan the QR code below for links to the communication card, news, and giving.



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NEWS & NOTES

Contact Update

Nancy Richard is now residing at Homestead, 1103 Reba McEntire Lane, Denison, TX 75020, Memory Care Unit, Room no. 510.

Ladies Brunch

Women of all ages and stages of life are invited to join us for a brunch on **Saturday, April 4 from 10:00-11:30** in the Ark for a time of stories and sisterhood. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other women. There will be no childcare but children are welcome!

Ladies Retreat

Register now at pacoc.net/ladies for our annual Ladies Retreat at the Prothro Center on Lake Texoma from **April 24-26**. The cost is \$150 for overnight retreaters and \$75 for day only retreaters. **Registration will close on April 10. Final payments are also due on April 10.**

Bridal Shower

Join us for a bridal shower in celebration of **Abby Davis** and her upcoming marriage to **Landry Laird** in the atrium on **Sunday, April 12** from 1:30-3:00 PM. Abby and Landry are registered at www.zola.com

Grace Offering

Our **Grace Offering is next Sunday, April 5**. This is our annual contribution toward Park Avenue's local and global outreaches. **There will be 2 services that Sunday; 8 AM and 10 AM. There will be NO 9AM Adult Bible Class. We will have kids classes at the 10 AM service.**

Prayer List

Nancy Strobel, Matt Hogan, Bill Douglass, Tommy Todd, Dorothy Bankston, Harold Porter, Max Williams, Howard Veasley, Bob Corley, Patrick Mullins, Peggy Porter, Elizabeth Phillips, Floyd Clark, Lisa Cobble, Jannie Bellows, Woody Reding, Cynthia Thomas, Kristi Porter-Francis

Homebound—Joyce Martin, Daisy Miller, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Arlene Joines, Margie Lowing, Nancy Richard

Expectant Mothers—Allie Dollar

Missions—Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia), Cristian & Ana Corrales (Bucaramanga, Colombia), Rio Branco (Brazil)

Friends of Park Avenue—Rebekah Taylor, (great niece of the Russell's), Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, former Director of orphanage in Mexico), Oliver Bush (father of Amyee McAlister & Ashley Tharp), Melanie Hill (sister-in-law of David & Christine Kirkbride), Steven Schroeder (Nephew of TJ Atnip), Chris Mahaffey (son of Scott & Joyce Mahaffey), Dale Dreher (brother of Carri Wingard)

Please notify the church office at office@parkavenuechurch.com for updates.

Children's Ministry Volunteer Needs

An assistant is needed for Wednesday nights during **April and May** for 3rd/4th grade class. A teacher and assistant are needed for Sundays in **April** for 1st/2nd grade class. For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Rachel McClure**.

Family Ministry

- **Saturday, April 11:** Family Cookout, Fun & Worship Night at the Cope's House, (2926 Village Circle) from 5:30-7:30PM for all families!
- **Casa Mission Trip June 27-July 3:** We only have a limited number of seats left. Please register as soon as possible to guarantee your spot! The cost is \$375 per person.
- **Family Ministry Webpage:** Check this out at pacoc.net/family where you will find announcements, past Family Ministry moments and more!

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, March 29:** Connect in the gym from 5:00-7:30 PM.
- **Saturday, April 18:** Intern Meet & Greet. More details coming soon!
- **Sunday, May 3-Senior Sunday:** Here are the Seniors we have so far: **Seth Banks, Elizha Fernandez, Brady Harrelson, Henry Mullins, Aubrie Slaughter, Londyn Slaughter, Kayla Taisler, Alissa Thompson**. If we have missed someone, please let Sam know as soon as possible.



Join us this Wednesday at 5:15 PM for our PAWS meal. We are having **Breakfast for Supper & Dessert**. The meal will be prepared by **Shelly Calvert and her Team**. *Serving starts at 5:15 PM and stops promptly at 6:15 PM.*

For The Record—March 22, 2026

Worship	390 In Person/116 Online
Offering Goal	\$21,355
Received	\$18,744

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