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# PASSION WEEK

PASTOR SAM & LOVENA FLAHERTY



PASTOR SAM AND KIDS WAVING PALM BRANCHES DURING PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP, 2022

PASTOR SAM FLAHERTY

Growing up in the church, the phrase “Passion Week” didn’t have a lot of significance. Although I understood the connection between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday in regards to Jesus’ story, something was lacking. Of course Jesus was always the reason we gathered and worshiped. As I got older, my personal relationship with Christ deepened and an understanding of His magnificent passion for me became more evident. A broader experience/exposure to a more liturgical expression of faith and worship didn’t happen until I was much older.

The time between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday is referred to as Passion Week

because in that time, Jesus Christ truly revealed His passion for us in the suffering He willingly went through on our behalf.

Included in Passion week is Palm Sunday, Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. All of the events of Jesus' life in this Passion week are found in Matthew chapters 21-27; Mark chapters 11-15; Luke chapters 19-23; and John chapters 12-19. I won't dive into all of these, but, needless to say, Maundy Thursday isn't a New Orleans Festival. It is when Jesus had his last supper with the disciples and washed their feet.

Our church will be celebrating Passion week with a special

“Messiah in the Passover” presentation on Palm Sunday. We will be doing a Community Good Friday Service and, of course, Easter Sunday with Water Baptisms. As always, inviting family and friends to worship together is always welcome!

Perhaps a question might pop to the surface – what should our attitude be during Passion Week? We should be passionate in our worship and love of Jesus and in our telling of His Gospel. As He suffered for us, so should we be willing to suffer for the cause of following Him and proclaiming the message of His death and resurrection.



LOVENA FLAHERTY

I have found many beautiful things about being a Christian of the Foursquare tradition, a denomination that is Evangelical, Pentecostal, and so much more. There is a realness and a freshness that comes from the ongoing infusion of the Holy Spirit in most Foursquare churches.

But, growing up in my younger years in a more traditional church, and attending an Episcopal school, I also saw the beauty and reverence in the worship in other denominations and traditions as well. I am very thankful for the teaching and modeling of the more liturgical churches and school I attended.

They instilled in me a great reverence and respect for the suffering and great love Jesus demonstrated for us in the last week of his death.

Reading Hebrews 12:2 shows us that we were a big part of the “Joy” that he endured the cross for. That concept became very real to me, even as a young child, because of the teachings and traditions modeled for me when I was young. So I say thank you to the school and teachers of Passion week of the past. They helped me, even at a young age, to have a deep understanding that Jesus Christ’s “Passion” to save us was so strong that he could endure death on a cross. ■



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 2022



EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE, 2022

# APRIL



SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

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<b>2</b> Church Palm Sunday	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Mens' Bible Study	<b>5</b> TRIBE Grief Share	<b>6</b> Celebrate Recovery	<b>7</b> Good Friday	<b>8</b>
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### **Passion Week at Coquille Foursquare:**

April 2: Palm Sunday, Celebrating Messiah in the Passover with Chosen People Ministries

April 7: Good Friday, Stations of the Cross in Coquille

April 9: Easter Sunday, Water Baptisms

**Church Service:** Every Sunday Morning at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

**Mens' Bible Study:** Every Tuesday morning at 6:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

*For more details, see Pastor Sam Flaherty.*

**TRIBE:** Jr. High and High School Group, every Wednesday Evening at 6:30 - 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

*For more details, see Victoria Flaherty.*

**Grief Share Support Group:** Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Ends April 19.

*For more details, see Pastor Sam Flaherty.*

**Celebrate Recovery:** Every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

*For more details, see Bill Howell.*

**Do you want to be water baptized on Easter? Ask a pastor!**

# Messiah in the Passover

A CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES EXPERIENCE

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2

We are so excited to celebrate Palm Sunday with a “Messiah in the Passover” presentation. Almost a year ago I secured Jon & Tiffanie Davidsen as missionaries with Chosen People Ministries to share the significance of the Passover with us and the message of Messiah found throughout the Old Testament. I am confident our Palm Sunday celebration will be filled with joyful worship and impactful visual connection to the story of salvation found in Jesus Christ. Following is a brief introduction to Jon & Tiffanie Davidsen and a write up from Chosen People Ministries.

Pastor Sam Flaherty





*JON & TIFFANIE  
CHOSEN PEOPLE MINISTRIES*

Jon Davidsen came to faith in Yeshua (Jesus) in 2005 after many difficult years of being a drug addict and alcoholic. When he came to the point of being homeless and almost losing everything, he turned to God. His wife, Tiffanie, came to faith in 2014. She was very lost and felt a great lack of meaning in life. At that point, she cried out to the Lord in desperation and He radically intervened. After several years living their newly found life as Christians, they met, were married, and called to Jewish missions.

Jon and Tiffanie are passionate about missions to the Jewish people. When they open their Bible, they cannot help but see that it was written by Jews and for Jews. Through prayer and intercession, discipleship, teaching, and preaching, they have been ministering to the Jewish people.

The Jewish holidays not only include teaching, but also special sacrifices that are made such as the waving of sheaves, the baking of bread, the building of booths, and the blowing of the shofar (ram's horn trumpet). The seven great festivals of Israel are replete with object lessons that help us better understand the story of redemption. These object lessons, woven into the very fabric of the feasts, enabled the Israelites to “get their hands a little dirty” and to not merely hear or listen, but to do and participate so that the lessons of the festivals became ingrained in their very souls. It's no secret to modern experts on the process of learning that it is not merely

children who learn better by doing—but adults as well. Participating in the activities makes these lessons unforgettable.

This is the foundation for the Passover: it is a festival filled with opportunities for participation in the remembrance of our great deliverance from Egypt. We were told to recount the story year after year so that new generations of Jewish people would never forget what God did in delivering them from Egypt.

It is wonderful to observe the Passover because there are so many invaluable lessons preserved in the festival for



the people of God. Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples in light of His sacrifice for our sins. Similarly, Christians throughout the world, in one way or another, remember Jesus and give thanks for His sacrificial death through the Lord's Supper, often called Communion.



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When Christians celebrate the Passover, they grow in their understanding of the Old Testament, affirm the Jewishness of the Gospel, deepen their understanding of the Lord's Supper, build community with fellow Christians, and develop a common experience that will enable them to better

communicate the Gospel to their Jewish friends. Most of all, the glorious message of redemption is being passed along to future generations and linking our children and grandchildren to the Exodus. This will help our children develop a sense of continuity between the Old and New Testaments and between

prophecy given and prophecy fulfilled. This will build the faith of our kids, giving them greater assurance that what the Bible said about the future has and will come to pass.

Dr. Mitch Glaser  
Chosen People Ministries ■

# STATION



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 2022

# S OF THE CROSS

REV. CATHY CLARK

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH, COQUILLE, OR

The ancient devotional exercise of walking the stations of the cross (or “Way of the Cross” or “Way of Sorrow”) is integral to my experience of Good Friday as a lifelong Episcopalian. My take away from this experience is that it is a thoroughly embodied means of commemorating the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a spiritual exercise, the stations of the cross developed organically from the scripturally focused lives of medieval followers. Walking

the stations of the cross engages one’s body in worship. Physically moving among the stations reminds us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit; it counters our tendency to settle for disembodied relationships encouraged by our constant use of social media and communication technologies.

Unrushed prayer and reflection at each station fosters communion with Christ and other believers. Stopping at each station to focus on a moment in Christ’s passion and wait expectantly



REV. CATHY CLARK

for God, we join with millions of believers, past and present. I look forward to sharing this experience in Coquille with all who want to join us on the Way to the Cross. ■

# GOOD FRIDAY



FIGHTING WITH A REFLECTION  
BRANDON LAKE

While looking into the mirror, I see a reflection. I notice I have aged, gained new grey hairs, and gained new scars in my forty-four years of life. In particular, I see my wedding ring bound by string around my neck, the symbol of my commitment to my wife—a covenant to be her strength and comfort in this life. Before we were married, I searched scripture to use as a foundation for our future marriage. Proverbs 3:3 “Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.”

At 19 years of age, I was trained in the ways of the world. I was taught to indulge in the flesh: sexual immorality,

impurity and debauchery, idolatry, and selfish ambitions were my guidance. God’s word gave me life to become the man I knew I needed to be and provided a deep understanding of where my love and faithfulness needed to start. This new beginning started the reflection into what would ignite the love I wanted to share with my future wife. But this love was quite new. I was sure I wanted to love like Christ, but I also needed to be clean on the inside where a mirror’s reflection could not reach. A reflection inside where some wounds never seem to heal and eventually scar. God’s word revealed the areas of my life that needed to be forged so that I could die to myself and learn to “walk by





KEN, KEN, & KEN. (A.K.A: KEN<sup>3</sup>)

the spirit [so I would not need to] gratify the desires of my flesh.” Gal. 5:16. The foundation was laid.

From the beginning of our marriage until now, I continue to grow in my understanding in the forgiveness offered to me on the cross of Good Friday. As much as I strive to love in the way that God calls me, I still fall short. My past resurfaces with a haunting realness that, at times, knocks me off my feet. When I look in the mirror, I battle the reflections of my past, of my present, and of the future that God has for me - His “plans to prosper me and not to harm me, plans to give me a hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11. I am reminded that I do not



*PASTOR SAM, PASTOR KAYLEE, AND FRIENDS FROM CANBY*

have to struggle alone, that I am not the makings of my past but the testimony for the future of God's kingdom. That when I struggle, the Lord comes alongside me, in the real human form of his son - Jesus Christ, and through my family, to provide confidence, support, forgiveness, and healing. Through my years of bonding with God, through his holy word, I recognize his

truth has been written on the "tablet of my heart," in a way that becomes imprinted in my very being.

The more I learn about Christ's love for me, the more I want to love not just those around me, but Christ back in the same way. By doing this, I overcome any pain, suffering, and doubt I've struggled to let go of. The unhealable,

unseen wounds I have endured begin to heal! The bitterness, mourning and remorse are replaced with “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Gal. 5:22) The hurt and unhealed memories are renewed by the Fruits of the Spirit with a clean and right heart. The sins I have committed, are wiped away, the slate clean for now and forever more. His love becoming not just a word, but a promise, a living, breathing, everlasting covenant that I cannot be removed from. Words written on stone tablets cannot be erased, just as my name will not be erased from the book of everlasting life! Through Christ’s sacrifice on the cross to give out a reflection of Hope, my fight with my own reflections is won by Jesus Christ’s sacrificial

love. My old self dies, and I become a new creation through Christ.

I rejoice in the ways God has transformed me, grey hairs and all. “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all, the Lord is

*I AM NOT THE MAKINGS OF MY PAST  
BUT THE TESTIMONY FOR THE FUTURE OF  
GOD’S KINGDOM.*

near.” Phil. 4:4 The tablet on my heart, has become a banner in my life, entering a new generation as I see my love now reflecting in the lives of my children. When it comes right down to it, the greatest gift I will ever receive is Christ’s love for me to reflect back into my marriage, my family and back into the world. ■



# COQUILLE R

## MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a Foursquare Family committed to growth in relationship with God and others impacting culture.

## VISION STATEMENT:

To be a thriving equipped community in favor with God and others.

## CORE VALUES:

We recognize and declare that Jesus Christ is the center of everything we do and who we are. Our church family embraces nine core values that define how our culture operates and thrives. We believe that the church is a group of individuals with unique gifts whom God will use to do profound things. The values we establish shape our behavior and attitudes. Our core values are:

1. We believe the Bible is God's inspired Word
2. We value the person, presence, and power of the Holy Spirit
3. We embrace worship as a lifestyle of responding to the revelation of who God is
4. Prayer is a priority in our personal lives
5. We embrace living in a grace-filled community
6. We pursue encounters with Jesus, our Healer
7. We are motivated by a spirit of generosity
8. We are a multigenerational congregation
9. We partner with the worldwide body of Christ

# FOURSQUARE CHURCH

WHO WE ARE

## LEADERSHIP TEAM:



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Student Ministry Lead*



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*Pastor*



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*Associate Pastor  
Worship Pastor*



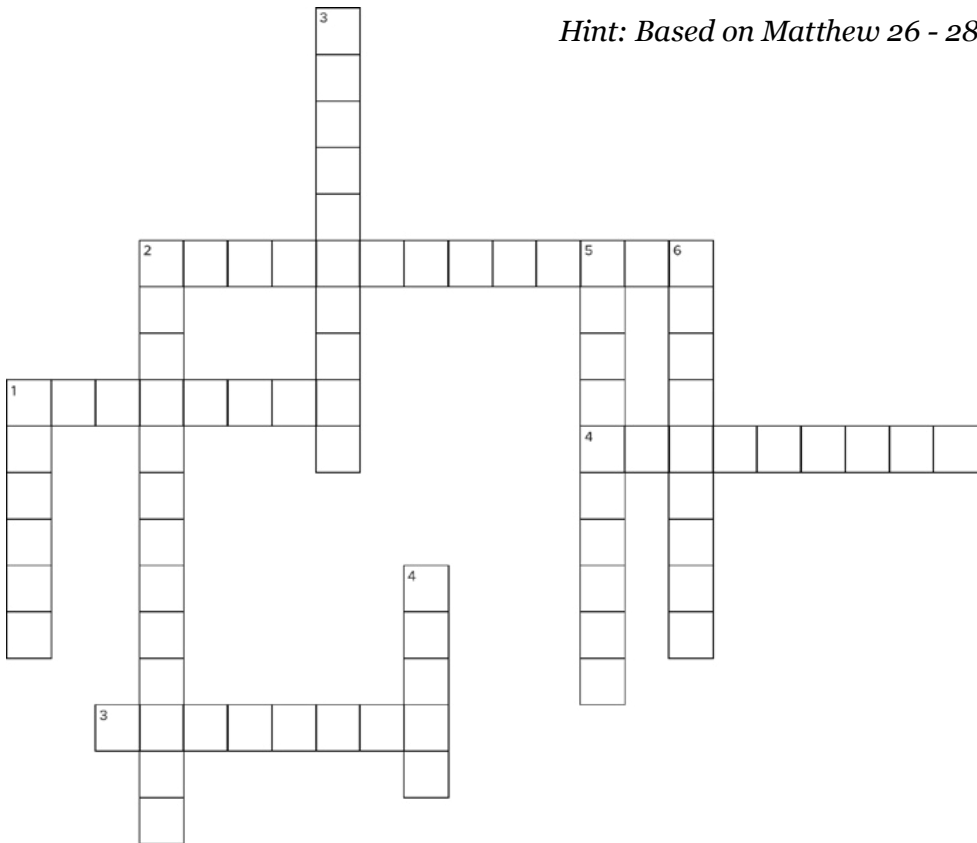
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BRUCE KUPERSMITH**  
*The Most Amazing  
Executive Administrative  
Assistant!*



**PASTOR KEN &  
MARY KAY DUKE**  
*Coquille Hospital Chaplain  
Pastor*

# PASSION WEEK CROSSWORD

*Hint: Based on Matthew 26 - 28, NKJV*



## DOWN

1. Judas agreed to betray Jesus for \_\_\_\_ pieces of silver.
2. Jesus was bound and delivered to this governor.
3. Jesus prayed in this garden.
4. The spirit is willing but the

\_\_\_\_ is weak.

5. The feast of \_\_\_\_ Bread.

6. The angel's countenance was like \_\_\_\_.

## ACROSS

1. The chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false

\_\_\_\_ against Jesus.

2. Another name for Golgotha.

3. The prisoner released instead of Jesus.

4. "All \_\_\_\_ has been given to me in heaven and on earth.

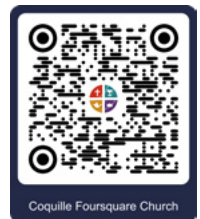


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