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PASTOR POST

When Jesus was on his march to Jerusalem to die for our sins, a growing entourage began to follow. Many thought Jesus was about to overthrow the Romans and sit on David's throne. They knew he was "the son of David," but they were blind to who the "son of David" really was. Then, Bartimaeus enters the picture (Mark 10:46-52). He is a blind beggar on a roadside outside Jericho. When Jesus' entourage passes by and Bartimaeus learns the reason for the crowd, he screams, yells, and cries out "Jesus, the son of David, have mercy on me." The entourage is embarrassed by Bartimaeus. Why would the King stop for such a lowlife? Certainly the Son of David doesn't have time for this? Not so, says Jesus. In fact, he orders the foolish crowds to give audience to the King; Bartimaeus' request is heard; and Bartimaeus is healed.

A few things to consider for our church family...(1) The Son of David is a merciful king; (2) The Son of David is willing to stop the show and hold the program (even one as important as his atoning sacrifice) in order to show mercy. I pray that no matter how big our church gets, how quality our programs become, or how many churches we seek to plant, we never miss the heartbeat of Messiah Jesus--mercy. If one person is crying out, we stop everything and kneel before the person in need of mercy.

This is the kind of king and kingdom we know, serve, and honor. Glory to God!

Upcoming Events

6:30PM Friday March 30

Joint Good Friday Service

@Northbrook Baptist Church (1700
Boyson Rd NE in Cedar Rapids)

Sunday April 1, 2018

Easter Brunch (8:45AM)

Easter Service (9:25AM)

11AM Sunday April 8, 2018

Next Steps Class – For people getting
to know Cornerstone.

6:30PM Friday April 13th

Movie Night – Invite neighbors and
friends to watch "Wonder" and be
introduced to the Cornerstone family
and our Christ.

Feel free to share any prayers requests
to your church shepherds:

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