

March 25, 2010



## The Lamplighter

When the Shouting Was Over...

***The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.***

**John 12:12-16 NRSV**

It was a week of shouting. There was a lot of shouting. They shouted as Jesus entered into Jerusalem. The crowds gathered to see the one they had heard so much about. They had heard he made the blind see again. It was reported that he could make lepers clean again. He taught with renewed authority and called the people into a new and coming kingdom. It was rumored that he even raised the dead to life. Now he comes. He comes into Jerusalem, into David's City. He comes riding a donkey's colt. He comes with all the signs of the King promised by prophets at a time when would be messiah's came and perished at the end of Roman swords. He came and the crowds shouted.

They shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who Comes! The one who Comes in the name of the Lord!" Blessed is the One who comes...The King!" The crowd shouted and followed him into the city. They shouted and they hoped. They hoped to live in the new and coming Kingdom promised by God.

They followed but Jesus did not raise an army. He did not chase out the Greeks or the Romans, but greeted them, welcomed them and even taught them. He didn't rouse the people with promises of a triumphant military campaign, but instead spoke of planting and dying. The Kingdom he was pointing to was not the one the crowds were seeking.

Still Jesus comes. He comes pointing to a coming Kingdom that crowds fail to grasp. Do we? Are we open to follow where Jesus will lead? Will we find life by offering our life for others? Will we lift up others by lowering ourselves? Jesus Comes.

He came led by temple guards into Pilate's presence, the Roman Governor the people hoped he would overthrow. And the crowds followed. And they shouted... not Hosanna's, not blessings, and not for hope. Jesus came and the people shouted... "Crucify him!" And after the shouting there was death. There was silence. And still Jesus comes.

Please seek out another person to share your ponderings with and remember to....

*Keep Shining,*

*Bill*

**"You are the light of the world" ...Jesus in Matthew 5:14**

## Men's Christian Gathering... and Motorcycle Show?

What does it mean to be a Christian man in the modern world? You've heard it from a lot of people, but join the South Central United Methodist Men and The Christian Motorcyclist Association as we explore this together. You know this is a meeting with a difference as we begin at 9:00 AM with a Show and Shine motorcycle show outside the First United Methodist Church, 923 Roland, Chariton, Iowa. Come enjoy the bikes and then stay to hear Gary Ogren of the Christian Motorcyclists Association and others in testimony, witness and an exploration of being a Christian man in the modern world.

If you are a man wondering how to be a Christian man in a complex world; if you are a woman who is interested in what we are talking about; if you are a Christian motorcyclist who would like to show off your bike and talk with other Christian bikers; if you are just interested, join us. Lunch is available on a donation basis. Call 641-774-5023 for more information. Please detach and send in your registration to:

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PO Box 282  
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### **"To Save a Life" coming to Corydon Theater March 31-----**

**If you have youth looking for something constructive to do on Wednesday night during Holy Week, here's an idea. The movie "To Save a Life" is being shown at the Corydon Theater on Wed., March 31, at 7:30 PM. This movie has had rave reviews from secular as well as Christian movie reviewers in the past couple months.**

**Storyline: Jake is one of the most popular boys at school, and his life starts spinning out of control when a former friend commits suicide. The movie is rated PG-13 for issues dealing with school violence, divorce, drugs, cutting, teen suicide, and pregnancy. The movie is sponsored by the Corydon United Methodist Church youth group, the CoLas ("Christ our Lord always saves"). Youth can bring their friends to see a movie they won't forget for a long time. It's already been shown to packed houses at Jordan Creek theaters and elsewhere in the state and across the U.S. The concession stand will be open! Cost is \$4 each, which will cover the cost of renting the movie for this one-time-only showing in Corydon. Any profit will go to youth group missions.**

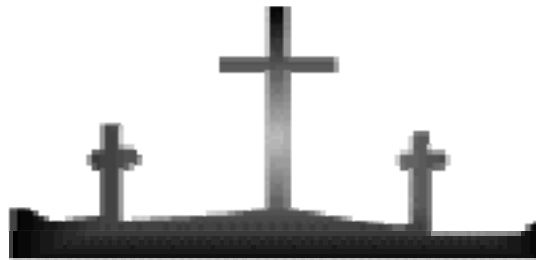
**Please contact the church at 641-872-1569 to let us know how many reserved seats you want, if you are bringing at least 10. (We have 254 seats to fill!). Adults are encouraged to attend. Parents, grandparents, teachers, pastors, and church school leaders may be interested in order to start conversations with young people about the content. The movie is faith-based and compared to "The Blind Side." "To Save a Life" is produced by the same company which is responsible for "Fireproof."**

**The Murray  
United Methodist Mission  
for Youth  
presents:**

# **A Good Friday Pageant**

**Join us at 8 pm for a skit,  
then walk or drive (just a few blocks)  
to a reenactment of the  
Cruxcification at Calvary.**

**When: Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010  
Where: Murray Methodist Church  
7<sup>th</sup> and Maple Streets**



**For more information, please contact:  
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Brandon Campbell, youth ministry (641)414-5165**