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Come to Know.....

Come to Love.....

Come to Serve.....

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#### Items needed for the Food Pantry at Edon

Rice (1 lb. bags), Dessert mixes- cake, etc., Canned Fruit, Tuna (canned)

#### Out Reach Team Meeting

The next Out Reach Meeting will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. The next event coming up for them is Easter. If you have any suggestions for them for reaching new people, please give your ideas to Charlie Stomm, Annette Chapin, Deloyd Kemarly, or Greg Vogel. Your suggestions are welcomed.

#### Fifth Sunday Offering

March 29<sup>th</sup> is the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday offering. The funds for this offering will go towards the Youth Ministry and also the Youth Camp at Lake James Christian Assembly. This money helps pay for 1 week of regular camp for the children coming to our church. We do this so that all children have to same opportunity to be able to go to camp.

#### WCS Meeting

Our WCS Meeting will Thursday March 12th. Hostesses, for this meeting are Nancy Crawford and Diana Keller. Devotions will be given by Annette Chapin. Our project for this meeting will be preparing for our Easter Sunrise Breakfast. All ladies are invited to attend.

#### Time Change

March 8<sup>th</sup> daylight Saving time begins. So, on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> be sure to set your clocks forward 1 hour. "Spring Ahead"

#### Brazil Trip

We have been able to lock in reservations for the round trip prices for the trip. The price is based on 10 people going. The cost per person is **\$872.80**. We will need a \$100.00 refundable deposit **by March 1<sup>st</sup>** for anyone thinking they are interested in going. This deposit is fully refundable **until July 17<sup>th</sup>**. The rest of this total is due by **September 17<sup>th</sup>**. The trip will be from the 19<sup>th</sup> of October and returning home on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. You will need to get your passport immediately to go unless you already have one that is up to date. Sometimes they take a while to get back to you. For more details see Jan Hauenstein.

#### Church Work Day- Save the Date

There is a church work day scheduled for April 25th. Please save the date and come out to help in sprucing up the church and the grounds. Thank You!

# Family Talk

- Jeremy Jones

"Repent and believe in the Gospel" – Mark 1:15

This newsletter is going to be a little different than my usual newsletter. As a family I want to sit down and have a family chat. Earlier last month, the leadership of the church met. In this meeting, Jonathan and I laid down our Vision for the church and the youth. Columbia's new Vision Statement is this:

"We exist to bring the Gospel of Christ to our family, friends and our community."

So, this month from the pulpit, we are going to be taking a deeper look at the Gospel. Also, with this Vision Statement we are going to be making a few minor changes, Mainly, to our building. Our goal is to bring people into the church and grow Columbia for God's glory.

Not only, are we going to be making some changes within the building, but we are going to be adding some ways to get into the Community. As the weather gets nicer, we are going to be going out into the Community to personally invite families to join us. Another way we are going to reach out more to the Community is by becoming active members in Community Events (things like running Concessions for sporting events).

As a family, we are going to reach toward our Vision, by making stronger ties within the Body of believers. I know, for me and as I have talked with Jonathan for him as well, we want to bridge the gap between the generations of our church. This is going to be done through the creation of mentorships, small groups, and discipleship groups. Jonathan and I are combining our efforts to give the young people more opportunities to serve.

It is our hope and prayer that through these changes and new vision, Columbia Church of Christ we grow to be known as that "shining city on hill." If you have anything ideas, connections to the community or just want to jump in and help out in particular area, please grab myself, Jonathan or any of the leaders. This cannot be done by the leadership alone. It can only be done through God's grace and the family working as one. I look forward to working with you all as we grow together in the Gospel and share that good news with our families, our friends and community. And as always, praying for you each.