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Come to Know.....

Come to Love.....

Come to Serve.....

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Jeremy and Jonathon will be doing online services until we can meet again in person. All Jeremy's sermons are posted online on our Face book Page@ Columbia Church of Christ Edon,Ohio/Facebook. He is also doing live broadcasts on Sunday mornings, evenings, and Wednesday evening.

Fifth Sunday Offering

Sunday was our 5th Sunday offering, and since we did not have church due to the virus spreading, we are asking you to mail your tithing to the church office. We still need the operating funds. The funds will be used towards the Youth Ministry Fund 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. If you tithe weekly until we meet again, this will help with the operation expenses. We Thank You!

Brazil Trip

The cost per person is **\$872.80 for the round trip airline tickets**, in addition to this cost each person has to take \$1,200.00 in cash with them for help with the finances for the mission, for fuel, meals, and pay for the 8 crew members. The total air fare is due by **September 17th**. The trip will be from the 19th of October and returning home on the 30th of October. You will need to get your passport immediately to go unless you already have one that is up to date. If you would like to donate to the trip, give your donation to Jan Hauenstein and see will see that you get a tax deductible slip to use for your taxes. We may be taking some supplies along that you may be able to help with, but I do not have a list yet. For more details see Jan Hauenstein.

WCS Meeting

Our WCS Meeting will Thursday April 9th. It may or may not be held. We will let you know with the prayer chain call. If we do have it, Hostesses, for this meeting are Ruth Martin and Darla Delaney. Project for this meeting is the Easter Sunrise Breakfast. All ladies are invited to attend.

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. While walking around the church if you see something that you feel needs repaired, please tell Jeremy Jones so that he can add it to the list. This list will be posted and if you can do the repair, please sign your name to it. Thank You!

I will show thee.....

By: Jeremy S. Jones

"And behold, as Barak was pursuing Sisera, Jael went out to meet him and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." So he went in to her tent, and there lay Sisera dead, with the tent peg in his temple. (Judges 4:22)"

Many of us are familiar with the account in Judges of Deborah and Barak. I would encourage you to go back and read the whole account. It is the account of Deborah, a prophetess who judges Israel in a time of need. God would lead her to call on Barak and give him orders on how to defeat Israel's enemy. She tells him the Lord will do this thing. Barak says he will only do it if Deborah will go to. He chooses Deborah's presence over God's. Can you image the nerve? And yet, how many times are we guilty of doing the same thing. "That sounds great, Lord, but I need more than just YOUR Word."

Scripture goes on to tell us that, Deborah says she will go, but Barak's victory will be given to a woman. Don't get me wrong, but in that time period that was a BIG insult. A mighty warrior loses his victory praise to a woman. To lose your victory praise is to say you did nothing. Look at King Saul in 1 Samuel 18:6 – 9, he got extremely jealous when David, still a youth, got more praise than him. So, for a woman to get the praise, that was even worse. But that is exactly what happens. Which brings us to our opening verse.

"And behold, as Barak was pursuing Sisera, Jael went out to meet him and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." So he went in to her tent, and there lay Sisera dead, with the tent peg in his temple. (Judges 4:22)"

Now, we are not going to focus on the fact that Barak lost his praise to a woman. Instead, I want us to focus on what she says to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." You see this is exactly what we as Christians should be telling others, "Come see the man you are seeking". For the world is seeking something. They don't always know what that something is, but we do. They are looking to be made whole, to know they have worth, that they matter. And it is only in Christ can this be found.

When we come to Christ, we are coming to the open the tomb and there lying amongst the discarded burial clothes are our sins. Gone, forgiven, no more!! It's like when Barak came to Jael looking for Sisera. She knew what he was looking for and she knew where to find him. As we see from our text, there Barak's enemy lies, dead. The same is true as our lives are given over to Christ. He takes the old, sinful state, our state of being an enemy to God and kills it upon the cross. When He arose from the grave there upon the tomb floor, He left our sinful state and made us new, clean, forgiven, an heir.

Paul put it this way

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17) "

Now that we have been given this new life, we are to be like Jael and show the world the one they are looking for. But, unlike the account in Judges 4, the one we will show them is alive for evermore and offers freedom, forgiveness and hope.

Dear Columbia Church of Christ Family,

It has been a crazy couple of weeks! I am still trying to figure out how to offer the best programming that we can to our kids through this time. We will be providing resources for you to use at home with your kids! We will start by doing this once a week on Wednesday, and if it is beneficial, we could move to doing it more than once a week.

We will be putting everything on our Facebook page, so please be checking that! While we are in this time of not having church, we will be utilizing our social media sites often to compensate for the fellowship we are missing. The resources that our Ten27 Ministries will be providing is a Bible Passage that you can go through with your family and an activity that goes with it. The Passage will be from Jeremy's sermon the previous Sunday. As a staff here at Columbia Church of Christ, we are passionate about bringing the family closer together through drawing near to God.

I would like to continue Children's Church on Sunday mornings. Even if we cannot meet at the church, that doesn't mean we can't get together as a community. Starting this Sunday, March 29th, Ten27 Kids will start meeting through Zoom at 11:00 am! This is going to be a learning process for all of us, but we want to continue to invest in our kids here. Zoom is an online meeting website that other churches are using. I'm really excited about what this will mean for our kids and how we can stay connected through this time. I will post the link to the Zoom meeting on our Facebook page. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me! This is a strange, crazy time and working together will help us to grow stronger!

In Christ

Jonathan