

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF STEWARDSHIP
ARTICLE BY BRAD SHAW

The commonly accepted definition of stewardship for religious folks is the management of God's gift to us of money. A worldly definition is; stewardship is an ethic that embodies the responsible planning and management of resources. While we think primarily of our God-given money resource, what else might be in this category of 'resources'? God gives each of us gifts that allow us to be productive members of His Body, the Church. (Romans 12:6) As his children, we have the responsibility to use these gifts to the best of our ability. You might ask 'What is my gift?' or 'How can my contribution help win others to Christ?' We spent part of this past year investigating our 'gifts' in our Sunday morning class, where Dennis helped guide us as we searched for our gifts. By the way, if you really find yourself in a quandary about how to use your gift in the Body, reach out and ask one of us.

So, back to the topic of 'stewardship'. After understanding that we are all responsible for 'managing' what God has blessed us

*Therefore,
as we have
opportunity,
let us do good to all...*



*...Especially to those
who are of the household of faith.*



Galatians 6:10

with, let's look at some specifics. My early years as a Christian were spent in a secular job, with jobs that provided pretty good earnings. While in those jobs, I wasn't able to spend a large amount of time doing 'the Lord's work'. But we were able to contribute more money as a family, while my income was higher. I was still able to participate in church activities, but my job took up a large part of my daily life. When I retired, my income decreased dramatically, but my available time increased signifi-

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY
BIBLE CLASS 9:30A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.
MID-WEEK STUDY
WEDNESDAY 7-8 P.M.
(BIDDEFORD)
THURSDAY 6-7 P.M.
(SANFORD)

Elders

Brad Shaw (207)878-4124
Tony Lemay (207)651-3369
Dennis Godin (207)651-3588

Deacons

John Carter (207)229-8516
Matt Sampson (207)251-3030

Ministry Leaders & Staff

Education - Antonio Balsamo
(207)286-0514
Worship - Abe Damuth
(207)608-1784
Grounds - Mark Foley
(207)284-3816
Building - Joe Romano
(207)281-3929
Fin./Benev. - John Carter
(207)229-8516
Fellowship - Matt Sampson
(207)251-3030
Secretary - Mike Wickwar
(207) 432-2272

Ladies Ministry

Debbie Godin (207)286-4821
Barbara Lemay (207)850-0084

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're on Facebook– Biddeford church of Christ is on Facebook! There is a profile, which is public, and there is a closed group, for current Biddeford church family only, where we can share photos, prayer requests, announcements, etc. The public cannot see posts in the BCOC FB group. Only members can.

Men Leading in Worship - The men who serve in worship are asked to meet in the cry room or, if it is in use, a classroom promptly at 10:30 to confirm assignments and go to God in prayer.

Building Lights - If you are the last person leaving the building, please be sure to turn off all the lights, check that all windows are shut, and the doors are locked.

Bulletin /- Prayer List - If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Mike Wickwar at 432-2272 or email him at mickwick@yahoo.com by Friday of each week. Anything given after Friday may not make it into that Sunday's bulletin.

Reminder: Please turn off your cell phone or place it on vibrate during Bible study and worship.

We care what you think - If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, feel free to write them down on a piece of paper, then sign it and place it in the box. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

Monthly Bulletins– One per family, please. If you would like another copy, you can find it on our website, biddefordchurchofchrist.com. You can also listen to sermons on the website.

Updating the Prayer List - Please review the prayer list. If there is a prayer request initiated by you, it is important you contact Mike Wickwar with updates. Thank you.

Upcoming Events - Please check your calendars

Life Groups– January 1st & 15th

Congregational Breakfast - January 7th at 8:30 a.m.

Potluck - January 8th

Singing Nights - Wednesday January 25th (7 p.m. Biddeford) &
Thursday January 26th (6 p.m. Sanford)

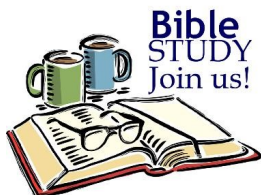
Happy Birthday! Robert Balsamo January 2nd
Maria Wickwar January 19th

Happy Anniversary! Tony & Barbara Lemay January 8th

Annual Incorporation Meeting - January 29th after services.

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASSES

Biddeford
Wednesdays
7:00-8:00 p.m.



Sanford
Thursdays
6:00-7:00 p.m.

YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT!

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TODAY

Song #538 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Announcements—Shepherd

Opening Prayer - John Marescot

Song #768 *Jesus, Let Us Come To Know You*

Song #555 *Seek Ye First*

Lord's Supper - Antonio Balsamo, Rufilo
Lawrance, Joe Romano

Contribution

Song #214 *Have You Seen Jesus My Lord*

Prayer - John Carter

Song #1015 *Jesus Loves The Little Children*

Scripture Reading - Robert Balsamo
Luke 10:25-37

Lesson - Brad Shaw

The Responsibility of Stewardship
Lesson Text: Romans 12:6

Song #902 *Nothing But The Blood*

Closing Prayer—Shepherd



Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep: Barbara Lemay

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - John Carter, James
Butler, Chris Stephenson

Prayer - Matt Sampson

Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

WELCOME VISITORS



We here at the Biddeford church of Christ pray your visit with us today is enjoyable and uplifting. Please stay around after services so that we can get to know you better. We all strive to put Christ first in our lives and make the Bible our principle guide for living.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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