

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ The Family of Mary Witham - Grief/Loss.
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Health issues (heart).
- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ◆ Family of Stephanie Munroe- Grief/Loss.
- ◆ The Butler Family- Life Changes.
- ◆ Brenda Butler - Health Issues and seizures.
- ◆ Victor Balsamo - Health issues.
- ◆ Chris Stephenson - Depression/Job Loss.
- ◆ Marescot Family - Fix Our Eyes on Jesus.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Driver's Licence/Attendance

## New Prayer Requests

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# Order of Worship

**Song # 38** Awesome God

**Announcements** - Shepherd

**Opening Prayer** - Joe Romano

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

**Song # 315** When I Survey the  
Wondrous Cross

**Lord's Supper** - Matt Sampson, Mike  
Wickwar Ruffalo Lawrance

**Song # 881** Mansion Over The Hiltop  
**Contribution**

**Song # 882** No Tears In Heaven

**Prayer** - John Marescot

**Song # 753** Farther Along

**Scripture Reading** - Chris Stephenson  
Exodus 12:21-28

**Lesson-** Dennis Godin

## The Lamb of God

Lesson text: John1:29

**Song # 860** There Is A Habitation

**Closing Prayer** - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Linda Barnes

Communion Prep - Ana Bouchard

## Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 44 Contribution: 1131.84

# THE BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST WELCOMES YOU!

Jesus Christ is...  
the brightness of  
His glory.

Heb. 1:3



The law  
is only a  
shadow of  
the good  
things that  
are coming...



...not the realities themselves.  
Hebrews 10:1

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## 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.

## This Week's Events

**Today 1/15:** Life Groups

**Wednesday 1/18:** Bible Study 7-8 PM

**Thursday 1/19:** Bible Study 6-7 PM

**Sunday 1/22:** Scripture Reading Sunday

**Annual Incorporation Meeting**  
**January 29, After Services**

**Happy Birthday!**

January 19 Maria Wickwar

***Remember to start getting ready for our  
Sweetheart's Banquet***

## Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - Matt Sampson

Lord's Supper - John Marescot, Antonio  
Balsamo, John Carter

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

\*\*\* Scripture Reading Sunday \*\*\*

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

## The Lamb of God

John the Baptist's ministry is in full swing, preparing the way for the Messiah that was to come (Mark 1:2). Many Jews went out to listen to John (Mark 1:5) as he bore "witness to the Light" (John 1:7). He made it abundantly clear saying, "He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me" (John 1:15). One day, as John was about his ministry, he saw Jesus coming toward him. Remember, there are Jews all about and he says, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me'" (John 1:29-30). For the Jew, this seemingly simple title would cause them to look back and remember. It is what we will do today.

***Speak to all the congregation of  
Israel, saying: 'On the tenth day  
of this month every man shall take for himself a  
lamb, according to the house of his father, a  
lamb for a household.***

***Exodus 12:3***

Although our attention will focus on the sacrificial system this year, the descriptive term John gives to Jesus predates the old law. The scene is one of desperate slavery, for Egypt has oppressed God's people for some 400 years (Acts 7:6). Freedom is soon to take place, but first there was the last plague, the death of the firstborn (Exodus 12:29-30). God's people needed protection and they would find it through the shedding of blood, the blood of a lamb. God said, "Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats... And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it" (Exodus 12:5, 7). God made a promise saying, "Now the

blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt" (Exodus 12:13). From that day forward, Israel celebrated the Passover Feast to remember what God did through the sacrifice of a lamb.

***For you know that...you were redeemed...  
with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb  
without blemish or defect.***

***1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:18-19***

The imagery is so powerful! Surely, many of his listeners would make the connection. Jesus is the unblemished sacrificial Lamb of God. It was He whom God planned to be "an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10). Jesus is the "propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world" (1<sup>st</sup> John 2:2). As the shedding of blood initiated their freedom, so it is with those in Christ. "To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Revelation 1:5) and set us free from the bondage of sin (Romans 6:6). Thank You Father for Jesus Christ, the only true Lamb of God.

*Dennis*

**Sermon Notes**

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