

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Brad Shaw's brother Steve-health issues.
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Health issues (heart).
- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ◆ Ana Bouchard - Serious shoulder injury.
- ◆ Terry Schmidt's Father-Cancer Treatments.
- ◆ Brenda Butler - Health Issues and seizures.
- ◆ Victor & Rita Balsamo - Health issues.
- ◆ Chris Stephenson - Depression/Job Loss.
- ◆ Marescot Family - Fix Our Eyes on Jesus.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Attendance

## New Prayer Requests

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## Order of Worship

**Song # 63 I Will Call Upon The Lord**

**Announcements - Shepherd**

**Opening Prayer - Bradford Shaw**

**Song # 121 Come Let Us All**

**Unite To Sing**

**Song # 315 When I Survey The**

**Wondrous Cross**

**Lord's Supper - John Marescot, Mike  
Wickwar, Rufilo Lawrance**

**Song # 881 Mansion Over The Hilltop**

**Contribution**

**Song # 800 What A Friend We Have  
in Jesus**

**Prayer - Matt Sampson**

**Song # 851 I'll Fly Away**

**Scripture Reading - Chris Stephenson**  
1 Corinthians 13:1-7

**Lesson- Dennis Godin**

**Bearing In Love**

Lesson text: 1 Corinthians 13:5

**Song # 853 When We All Get To Heaven**

**Closing Prayer - Shepherd**

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

## Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 44 Contribution: \$ 1160

## 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 3/5:** Life Groups

**Tuesday 3/7:** Singing 7-8 PM

**Saturday 3/11:** Congregational Breakfast  
Ladies Meeting

**Sunday 3/12:** Pot Luck after service.

**Tuesday 3/18:** Ladies Day 9AM-2PM  
Guest Speaker-Peggy Coulter

## Happy Birthday!

March 1 John Carter

***Remember Helping Hands  
Help friend of Burlee Ann***

## Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo  
Opening Prayer - Robert Balsamo  
Lord's Supper - John Carter, Chris Stephenson, James Butler  
Prayer - John Marescot  
Scripture Reading Lenny Spano  
Greeter - Linda Barnes  
Communion Prep - Ana Bouchard

## Bearing In Love

As I reflected on last week's lesson, a verse came to mind that truly encapsulates the essence of all the one-another verses. It is found in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:22 where we are exhorted to ***“love one another fervently with a pure heart.”*** God yearns for us to have a fervent (earnest) love for one another. It was then that I made the connection, not for the first time I'm sure, that love is at the core of “one another.”

I realized that I left out something from last week's lesson that is fundamentally important to the whole idea of “bearing with one another.” We are called to do so “in love” (Ephesians 4:2). Jimmy Jividen once wrote, “Fellowship in Christ is far more than what is involved in the social meaning of the term.” How true that statement is!

Love's role in “bearing with one another” is found in some ways beautifully penned in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13, which for many is considered the LOVE chapter. In the chapter, love is said to do many things, but the one we look towards today is this, love “thinks no evil” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:5c). The NIV says, “Love keeps no records of wrong,” while the ETRV says, “Love does not remember wrongs done against it.” These words must have penetrated their hearts when read, for there was much strife at Corinth. Whether it be the cliquish attitude revealed in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:12-13 or the fact they were taking one another to a worldly court as seen in 1<sup>st</sup>

Corinthians 6:6, the reality was that they were more “carnal” than “spiritual” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:1-3).

The solution, at least in part, was simple in words and challenging in application. If they were to “love one another fervently” that love must be willing to “think no evil.” This word think means to make an account or to take an inventory, i.e., estimate. The word evil carries with it the idea of what is contrary to law; either divine or human; injurious; harm or ill. Love fights against the tendency to retaliate in kind. Matthew Henry writes, “Love will not make the worse construction of things, but put the best face that it can on circumstances that have no good appearance.” Albert Barnes brings further insight saying, “It means that love, or that a person under the influence of love, is not malicious, disposed to find fault, or to impute improper motives to others.” Appropriately said, “Love never fails” (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:8).

May the God of all creation, the One who has showered us with His immeasurable love, help us to understand that love more and more so we can love one another fervently. Amen.

*Dennis*

**Sermon Notes**

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