

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Brad Shaw's brother Steve-health issues.
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Health (heart & kidney).
- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ◆ Ana Bouchard - Serious shoulder injury.
- ◆ Terry Schmidt's Father passed away.
- ◆ 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 - John Marescot

Song # 490 It Is Well With My Soul

Song # 342 We Saw Thee Not

Lord's Supper - Chris Stephenson,
Antonio Balsamo, James Butler

Song # 474 Thank You, Lord

Contribution

Song # 800 What A Friend

We Have In Jesus

Prayer - Abraham Damuth

Song # 470 Victory In Jesus

Scripture Reading - Angel Velez
Matthew 5:43-48

Lesson- Dennis Godin

What Love Is

Lesson text: Mark 12:30

Song # 148 I Keep Falling In Love
With Him

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo
Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 41 Contribution: \$ 775.50

February Financial Reports
Posted and available on back counter

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 3/19: Life Groups.

Tuesday 3/21: Singing 7-8 PM

Happy Birthday!

March 24 Gavin Sampson

March 24 Angel Velez

March 26 Kelly Bureau

House Warming Party

Brenda & James Butler

April 9 right after worship

During our regular Pot Luck Meal

Barbara Lemay has list of items

Brenda and James need for their new place

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, Robert

Balsamo, Rufilo Lawrance

Prayer - John Carter

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

What Love Is

As we seek to grasp a deeper understanding of Christ's sacrifice, through our study of the sacrificial system, there will be a word we must be forever mindful of, and that is love. We see it in **John 3:16**, "**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...**" That love, in turn, drives us, as well, to love the church, "Beloved, if God so **loved** us, we also ought to **love** one another" (1st John 4:11). So empowering is God centered love, that He can ask His followers to "love your enemies" (Matthew 5:43-44). Love is to be the driving force behind everything we do.

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Mark 12:30

The greatest of all the commands is to love God with a consuming love. Do you ever wonder what love truly is? In our world today, love is watered down to be a mere feeling that changes with the events of life. As Jesus clearly taught, we are called to a different standard. "Vine's Expository Dictionary of Difficult Words" words it this way, "**Christian love, whether exercised toward the brethren, or toward men generally, is not an impulse from the feelings, it does not always run with the natural inclinations, nor does it spend itself only upon those whom some affinity is discovered.**" This helps us understand why love can be commanded, because love is a choice.

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.
2nd Corinthians 5:14-15

Love is not merely a choice that we make, it can also be a force at work within us. Paul talks of how they were compelled by Christ's love to serve both God and mankind. The word "compels" means *to urge, impel*. The ETRV uses the word controls. When one is convicted of God's love expressed through the giving of His Son, that understanding will direct that person to "live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." So, when Jesus says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15), He is placing things in the order they should be; that is, love is the first and greatest commandment. It is the most important choice one can make.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
