

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ONE ANOTHER ENCOURAGEMENT
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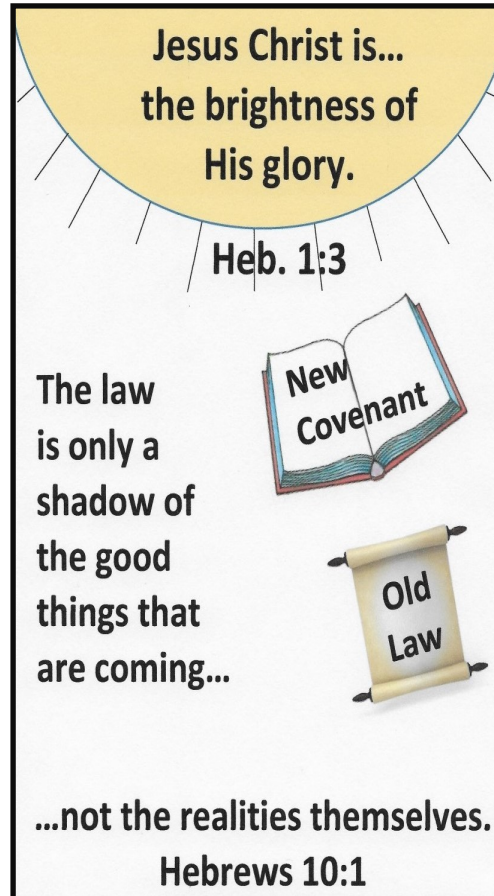
It seems fitting that the last subject in our study of the “one-another” verses happens to be that of encouragement. Although there are many ways one could encourage another, many of them are linked to the use of words. Whether that be through a call, a visit, a card, a text, an email, all use words to inspire others to stay the course and trust in the Lord. Paul’s exhortation to the church in Ephesus is a noble calling, “*Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearer*” (Ephesians 4:29).

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones.

Proverbs 16:24

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

Proverbs 25:11



This idea to spur one another on through our words is woven deeply into the Pauline letters, as he was guided by the Holy Spirit. The church in Thessalonica was called to “*comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing*” (1st Thessalonians 5:11). The giving of encouragement is one of the ways in which we fulfill God’s will in showing one-another honor (Romans 12:10). Timely words are priceless! As Gene

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

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

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
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(207)284-3816
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(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

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AS EACH PART DOES ITS WORK

How important is encouragement to you? Note someone you have not seen in worship lately and give them a call or send them a card. Who knows, your words of encouragement could make an eternal difference.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" - Acts 16:30

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Romans 10:14, 17

Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31; Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37; Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9; Rev 2:10

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"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

~ Acts 4:12 ~

Ladies Corner

Our next Ladies meeting will be during the congregational breakfast on April 11th.

Thank You,

Debbie and Barbara

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 49 Contribution: \$ 1542.41

ONE ANOTHER ENCOURAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Getz writes, "We all tend, at times to second-guess our effectiveness. We all need encouragement!" Whether it be words that inspire us to "preach the word" (2nd Timothy 4:2), "contend for the faith" (Jude v3), "walk just as He walked" (1st John 2:6), or how about all the one-another verses we have covered in our study. What we say can make all the difference in the world!

Nathaniel Hawthorne rightly penned these words long ago, "Words: so innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary. How potent for good and evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them." It is true that there will be those who have the gift of encouragement (Romans 12:8), but God does not limit the task of encouraging to just a few. Although some may excel it this godly endeavor, it is a task for all how who are in Christ. May we seek His strength and embrace this opportunity to be encouragers of one another.

Dennis

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

Make Note Wednesday Night Study has been moved to Tuesday night starting February 28.

Life Groups– April 2nd.

Congregational Breakfast - April 8th at 8:30 a.m.

Potluck - April 9th

Singing Nights - Tuesday April 25th (7 p.m. Biddeford)

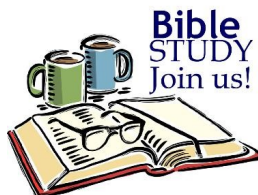
Happy Birthday! Kelly Bureau March 26th
Stephen Parker April 10th
Keaton Sampson April 21st
Brenda Shaw April 23rd

New Address - Brenda and James Butler *Please note.*
16B Railroad Avenue
Springvale, Maine 04083

New Phone Lenny Spano 207-569-8800

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 #342 *We Saw Thee Not*

Announcements—Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song #76 *How Great Thou Art*

Song #490 *It Is Well With My Soul*

Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, Robert Balsamo, Rufilo Lawrance

Song #555 *Seek Ye First*

Contribution

Song #578 *We Will Glorify*

Prayer - John Carter

Song #214 *Have You Seen Jesus My Lord*

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lesson - Dennis Godin

One Another Encouragement

Lesson Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Song #180 *Jesus Is Lord*

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 - Joe Romano, Chris Stephenson, James Butler

Prayer - Matt Sampson

Scripture Reading - Mark Foley

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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