

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

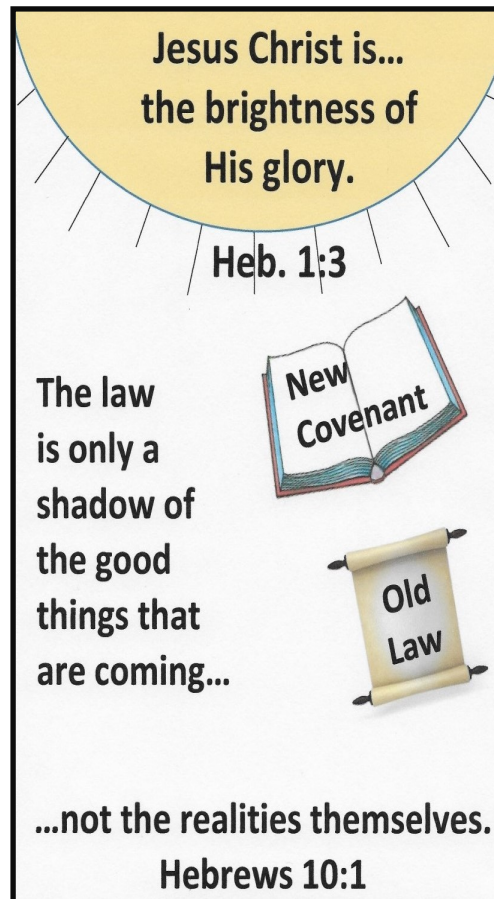
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WHY CONTENTMENT CAN BE ELUSIVE
ARTICLE BY DENNIS GODIN

I have had the joy of working with John some as he prepared for the lesson he will be presenting today. His passion regarding the topic matter is clearly evident and with good reason, for it deals with something that seems elusive at times; that is, contentment. On one occasion during His ministry, Jesus warned His followers, "Be careful and guard against all kinds of greed. A person does not get life from the many things he owns" (Luke 12:15, ETRV). Simply put, the pursuit of "things" can become distracting to a Christian's walk and never provide what is needed to understand true contentment. One of the essential keys to authentic contentment is the ability to be thankful, especially during times of difficulty, when life and circumstances don't seem to give reason for it.

***Be anxious for nothing,
but in everything by prayer
and supplication,
with thanksgiving, let your
requests be made known to***



***God; and
the peace of God, which sur-
passes all understanding, will
guard
your hearts and minds through
Christ Jesus.***

Philippians 4:6-7

Someone once said, "We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction." John will mention today the need for gratefulness

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

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

Elders

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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 August 12th.

Thank You,

Debbie and Barbara

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: ?? Contribution: \$????

WHY CONTENTMENT CAN BE ELUSIVE (CONTINUED)

(i.e., being thankful) and how important it is to our everyday lives. The writer of Hebrews exhorts us with this simple logic, "be content with such things as you have" (Hebrews 13:5). As Christians, we should express that thankfulness through prayer; in part, because it helps cultivate the peace of God within us, which itself is linked to contentment.

As I close this article, I reflect for a moment on this thought, "Real contentment must come from within. You and I cannot change or control the world around us, but we can change and control the world within us" (Author Unknown). When we allow God to transform our minds, focusing on the truths found in His word and the fulfilled promises we have as His children, contentment becomes simpler. It is only when I begin to take my eyes off Him and what He has done and continues to do for me, that once again, contentment becomes elusive. Are you content today? If not, maybe the road back begins with being thankful. I know it is something I need to do.

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

Life Groups– August 6th and August 20th.

Congregational Breakfast - August 12th at 8:30 am.

Potluck - August 13th

Singing Nights - Tuesday August 22nd (7 p.m. Biddeford)

Happy Birthday!
Ian Sampson July 28
Lenny Spano July 28
Dennis Godin August 5
Sonny Witham August 19
Marion Goodwin August 25

Happy Anniversary!
Bradford & Brenda Shaw July 27
Matthew & Lisa Sampson August 7

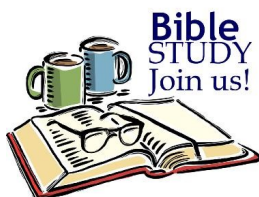
Newest Sister in Chrost
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MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASSES

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



Sanford
Cancelled
Until further notice

YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT!

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TODAY

Song 1009 *Battle Hymn Of The Republic*

Announcements—Shepherd

Opening Prayer - John Carter

Song 979 *I Am A Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

Song 129 *Amazing Grace*

Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Erik Cote,
Antonio Balsamo

Song 71 *As The Deer*

Contribution

Song 31 *Be Still And Know*

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Song 648 *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*

Scripture Reading - Mark Foley
1 Timothy 6:6-7

Lesson - John Marescot

Finding Our Way To Satisfaction

Lesson Text: Philippians 4:12-13

Song 77 *Glorify Thy Name*

Closing Prayer—Shepherd



Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep: Deborah Godin

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

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

Prayer - Angel Velez

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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