

**New Announcements
And Prayer Requests**

- ◆ Marion Goodwin - health issues
- ◆ Brenda Butler - health issues
- ◆ Chris Stephenson - Depression
- ◆ Keasha Marescot - Fractured Vertebrae
- ◆ Brenda Shaw's Sister Vicky recovering from stroke.
- ◆ Maria Wickwar's nieces recovering from Pnemonia

New Prayer Requests

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Order of Worship

Song # 345 Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song # 535 The Glory Land Way

Song # 350 When My Love To Christ
Grows Weak

Lord's Supper - Larry Butler, Chris
Stephenson, James Butler

Song # 429 Oh, To Be Like Thee

Contribution

Song # 478 Nearer, Still Nearer

Prayer - Joe Romano

Song # 609 I'm Not Ashamed To Own My
Lord

Scripture Reading - Abe Damuth
Ephesians 4: 20-24

Lesson- Dennis Godin

Like Newborn Babes

Lesson text: 1st Peter 2:1-3

Song # 648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo
Greeter - Linda Barnes
Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 41 Contribution: \$1251

**THE BIDDEFORD
CHURCH OF CHRIST
WELCOMES YOU!**



*Therefore, as we have
opportunity,
let us do good to all...*



*..Especially to those who are of
the household of faith.*

Galatians 6:10

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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: Potluck

Wednesday 8/17: Bible Study 7-8 PM

Thursday 8/18: Bible Study 6-7 PM

Happy Birthday!

August 19 - Sonny Witham

August 25 - Marion Goodwin

Happy Anniversary!

August 26 - Lloyd & Sarah Small

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - John Carter, Mike

Wickwar, John Marescot

Prayer - Matt Sampson

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Like Newborn Babies

Last week in our Sunday morning bible class, where we are going through Gene Getz's book Building Up One Another, we talked about the negative and positive "*one another*" verses found in the scriptures. One of the things mentioned was how the positive "*one another*" verses reflect someone who is walking with the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22*) while the negative "one another" verses reflect one who is following the "*works of the flesh*" (acts of the sinful nature). We are to be vigilant in our cooperative efforts to be transformed by God (Romans 12:2).

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.

1st Peter 2:1-2

When something starts with "therefore", it is important to reflect back on what was previously said. Peter spoke of their "*living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*" (1:3) and the inheritance that awaits them in heaven. He acknowledges there will be "*various trials*," (1:6) but they cannot compare with the salvation that awaits us when He returns. Because of this spiritual reality, we are called to action as Christians to "lay aside"; that is, *to put off from one's self* (Note also Romans 13:12; Ephesians 4:22, 25; Colossians 3:8) several things that hinder, if not stifle, spiritual growth. Through the gospel, we have been "born again" (1st Peter 1:23) and as newborn babes we should now "desire the pure milk of the word" (2:2). This word desire is meaningful in this text, for it speaks of something that

one longs for. We are called to long for His word.

The imagery is so clear to me as a parent. Those times, night or day, that my children, as babies, would call out for something to feed on. They were dependent upon us as parents to be fed, as we also should be dependent upon our heavenly Father to feed us. The food is before us, through His written word, and it alone is able to empower us to "grow thereby." And as we feast on His word, we become more "*complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work*" (2nd Timothy 3:16).

For those who have "tasted that the Lord is gracious" (2:3) should exhibit this hunger for transformation. What do you long for more than anything else? For whatever it is we long for, that is what we will feast upon. Lord, thank you for Your word which provides us with the spiritual nourishment we need as we journey homeward towards the Promised Land called heaven.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
