

## New Announcements

Labor Day Picnic  
September 5, 2016  
Sampson Proving Grounds

## 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 family troubles

## New Prayer Requests

Contact Mike Wickwar  
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## 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 - Larry Butler (207)324-0264  
Grounds - Mark Foley (207)284-3816  
Building - Abe Damuth (207)608-1784  
Secretary - Mike Wickwar (207)432-2272

## Ladies Ministry

Debbie Godin (207)286-4821  
Barbara Lemay (207)850-0084

## Order of Worship

**Song # 121** Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing

**Announcements** - Shepherd

**Opening Prayer** - Brad Shaw

**Song # 122** The Love of God

**Song # 332** Lead Me To Calvary

**Lord's Supper** - Matt Sampson, John  
Carter, John Marescot

**Song # 429** Oh, To Be Like Thee

**Contribution**

**Song # 113** His Grace Reaches Me

**Prayer** - Larry Butler

**Song # 560** Living By Faith

**Scripture Reading** - Abe Damuth  
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:1-3

**Lesson**- Dennis Godin

*Bind Us Together*

Lesson text: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4-8

**Song # 684** Nearer, My God, To Thee

**Closing Prayer** - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Greeter - Linda Barnes

Communion Prep - Ana Bouchard

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 43 Contribution: \$737

## 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:** Life Groups

**Monday:** Labor Day Picnic

**Wednesday 9/7:** Bible Study 7-8 PM

**Thursday 9/8:** Bible Study 6-7 PM

**Saturday: 9/10** Congregation Breakfast  
Ladies Meeting

## Happy Birthday!

September 11 - Natalee Lawrance  
James Butler

## Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - ???

Lord's Supper - Larry Butler, James  
Butler, Matt Sampson

Prayer - Joe Romano

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

## Bind Us Together

A couple weeks ago I shared a lesson with you entitled, Because of Love. It focused on Paul's exhortation to the church in Rome to stand with confidence. These words should resonate within us all, "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37). This love found only in Christ and graciously offered to sinful man (Romans 5:8) was never intended to be merely internalized. It is meant to be exhibited to those around us.

As we work through the one another verses of the bible together on Sunday morning, I can't help but think of these words from Paul, found in Romans 12:9, "Let love be without hypocrisy." Godly love is critical to the well-being of the body of Christ. Once again, we look to God's word for insight, "But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection" (Colossians 3:14). Our Lord yearned that His church would be "rooted and grounded in love" and that we could comprehend "the love of Christ which passes knowledge" (Ephesians 3:17, 19). In so many ways, love seems to be the mortar that holds us together in Christ.

So many people are confused about love: godly love. Vine's defines it this way, "Christian love, whether exercised towards the brethren, or towards men generally, is not an impulse from the feelings, it does not always run with natural inclinations, nor does it spend itself only upon those for whom some affinity is discovered." Godly love is not easy, but it is so necessary.

*Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4-8*

As Paul writes to the Corinthian church, it appears that the miraculous gifts they were blessed with have blurred their understanding of love (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:1-3). He goes on to list characteristics of love, saying in part that love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:7). It is this love which brings the "one another" verses to life and authenticity. Matthew Henry writes, "Happy the man who has this heavenly fire glowing in his heart, flowing out of his mouth, and diffusing its warmth over all with whom he has to do!" The more we love as God would want us to love, according to His will revealed to us in His word, the stronger God's house will become. Lord, make us into your holy dwelling to the glory of your name.

*Dennis*

## Sermon Notes

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