

Prayer Requests

- ♦ Mary McVivar Erik's friend kidney disease
- ♦ Joey Godin unknown health issue.
- ♦ Steve Shaw health issues.
- ♦ Russell Solak Health Issues
- ♦ Brenda Butler prayers for father's health
- ♦ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ♦ Lisa Sampson unknown health issues.
- ♦ Victor & Rita Balsamo - Health issues.
- ♦ Marescot Family - Fix eyes on Jesus.
- ♦ Glory Parker - Family Health/travel.

New Prayer Requests

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Order of Worship

**Song 722 *Let The Beauty Of
Jesus Be Seen***

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - John Carter

Song 266 *Majesty*

Song 684 *Nearer, My God To Thee*

Lord's Supper - John Marescot, Jacob Romano, Eric Cote

Song 694 *Servant Song*

Contribution

Song 552 *Have Thine Own Way*

Prayer - Angel Velez

Song 853 *When We All Get To Heaven*

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano
Philippians 3:7-11

Lesson - Dennis Godin

I Have Been ...

Lesson Text: *Galatians 2:20*

Song 958 *In My Father's House*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 44 Contribution: 1289

Preach the Gospel

at all times;

When Necessary

Use Words

**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 9/17 Life Groups
Tuesday 9/19: Bible Study

Birthdays

9/22 Vinny Balsamo
9/30 Jerry Allen Hilton

Anniversary

9/18 Abraham & Jessica Damuth

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Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, James Butler, Rufilo Lawrance
Prayer - Joe Romano
Scripture Reading - Mark Foley
Greeter - Brenda Butler
Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

I Have Been ...

I am excited about the up-coming Sunday morning bible class, as we seek to develop a deeper awareness of God's marvelous redemptive plan. Until then, in the next couple of weeks we will finish our study of the sacrificial system. That system was part of the Mosaic Law, established by God, with the intent to be a ***"tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith"*** (Galatians 3:24). Those who come to Christ, learn that although the old system has been done away with (Hebrews 8:13), a new sacrificial system has taken its place. Paul would word it this way, ***"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service"*** (Romans 12:1). Not too long ago, I did a lesson on that verse and would like to build upon it some today, by considering something Paul wrote in his letter to the Galatian church.

The backdrop of this letter is so important. The gospel was preached in Galatia and many came to obey that gospel, putting on Christ in baptism (Galatians 3:26-27). But some Judaizers came in, bringing a "different gospel" (Galatians 1:6), not denying Christ; but rather, undermining His sufficiency to redeem mankind. Part of that effort by Paul to exhort the church in Galatia was personal in nature.

***I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;
and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself for me.***

Galatians 2:20

This idea of being "crucified with Christ" is no passing thought. Paul would say in Philippians 3:4, "If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so." He would go on to describe himself as a "Hebrew of Hebrews; con-

cerning the law, a Pharisee" (Philippians 3:5). These things were now "rubbish" (Philippians 3:8) to Paul; that is, he died to all of them: To all those things that would suggest that he could somehow achieve righteousness on his own. One person wrote, "Paul's pride and self-esteem were gone. The once proud self-righteous Pharisee had died."

Emptied of any notion of "self" confidence, he turns their attention to real life with Christ. Just as Christ was raised, so those in Christ are "raised with" Him (Colossians 3:1) to "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4): a life that is guided by Christ who now lives in him. His new-found faith shifted where he would place his dependence: and that dependence now is in Christ "who loved me and gave Himself for me." His hope was squarely on Christ!

As I thought about this, I was brought back to that day when I committed my life to Christ. I was...you were...we were "crucified with Christ" when we were buried with Him in Baptism. I died to self that day! But Christ also became life to me as well. To know where I am, sometimes it's important to remember what "I have been..." I have been crucified with Christ! Thank you, Jesus, for everything you have done and continue to do. Help me daily to allow You to live in me.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
