

# BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## TRUST IN THE LORD

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It is a verse that is spoken often and rightly so: but its application to life can be at times challenging. What verse am I speaking of? Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Trusting in the Lord completely is, I believe, a process we encounter as we travel the road of life on our journey homeward.

*And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:7**

I am somewhat taken back by the implication of the above verse; you see, this "thorn in the flesh was given" to Paul by the Lord. Remember, Paul is writing about this after the fact, after he had received this thorn and before he really knew why. He had come to learn that it was given to him to keep him from being "exalted above measure"; that is, prideful. Unaware at first of what the Lord was doing with this

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



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



thorn, we read, "Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me." (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:8) Paul pleaded with the Lord; that is, he begged, entreated, beseeched Him. At the time, Paul could not see the Lord working. This "thorn in the flesh" was an obstacle hindering him rather than helping him. Isn't that the very reason we ask "why" when we are confronted with adversity?

And He said to me,

## SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

**SUNDAY**  
**BIBLE CLASS 9:30A.M.**

**WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.**

**MID-WEEK STUDY**

**WEDNESDAY 7-8 P.M.**  
**(BIDDEFORD)**

**THURSDAY 6-7 P.M.**  
**(SANFORD)**

### Elders

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Tony Lemay (207)651-3369

Dennis Godin (207)651-3588

### Deacons

John Carter (207)229-8516

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### Ministry Leaders & Staff

Education - Antonio Balsamo  
(207)286-0514

Worship - Larry Butler  
(207)324-0264

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Building - Abe Damuth  
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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 ~

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## Ladies Corner

Our next Ladies meeting will be during the  
congregational breakfast on October 8th.

Thank You,

*Debbie and Barbara*

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 49      Contribution: \$ 1093

## DON'T LOSE HEART (CONTINUED)

***"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:9**

One might think that God finally responded to Paul through the revelation where God spoke to him. I suggest that God had already answered his prayer and was doing so even before the first prayer was offered. What I mean is this: God's grace had never left Paul, he merely lost sight of it. God responded to Paul not to give him something; but rather, remind him of what he already had. Once reminded, Paul could engage his ministry with confidence knowing that "the power of Christ" rested upon him as he trusted in the Lord with all his heart, leaning not on his own understanding. Renewed once again, Paul could say with confidence, "*Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*" (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 12:10) Praise be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through whom we can do all things because of His strength that is at work within us.

*Dennis*

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## 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.

**New Dumpsters** - There are two locked dumpsters outside now. The keys are at the bottom of the back (inside) stairs. Light blue lid: Recyclables Dark blue lid: Trash.

**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**– October 2nd & 16th

**Congregational Breakfast** - October 8th at 8:30 a.m.

**Potluck** - October 9th

**Singing Nights** - Wednesday September 26th (7 p.m. Biddeford) & Thursday September 27th (6 p.m. Sanford)

**Fall Cleanup** - October 8th, Rain Date October 15th

**Happy Birthday!** Matt Sampson October 4th

Antonio Balsamno October 5th

Candis Lawrance October 6th

Luke Lawrance October 18th

Jacob Romano October 26th

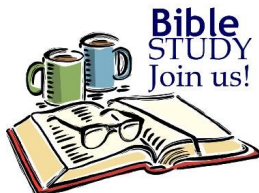
Glory Parker October 28th

**Happy Anniversary!** Larry & Brenda Butler October 7th

Dennis & Debbie Godin October 18th

### 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 #63** *I Will Call Upon The Lord*

**Announcements**—Shepherd

**Opening Prayer** - Brad Shaw

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

**Song #344** *Low In The Grave He Lay*

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

**Song #122** *The Love Of God*

**Contribution**

**Song #71** *As The Deer*

**Prayer** - Antonio Balsamo

**Song #458** *Redeemed*

**Scripture Reading** - Abe Damuth  
Proverbs 3:5-8

**Lesson** - Dennis Godin

***Trust In The Lord***

Lesson Text: 2nd Corinthians 12:7-10

**Song #712** *Jesus Is Coming Soon*

**Closing Prayer**—Shepherd



Song Leader: Robert Balsamo

Greeter: Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep: Jessica Damuth

### NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - John Marescot

Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, Chris  
Stephenson, Rufilo Lawrance

Prayer - Joe Romano

Scripture Reading - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Linda Barnes

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

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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.

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