

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ◆ Mary Witham - Health issues (hospital).
- ◆ Larry Butler - Health issues (hospice).
- ◆ Brenda Butler - Health issues (seizures).
- ◆ Victor Balsamo - Health issues (from fall).
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Health issues (heart).
- ◆ Chris Stephenson - Depression/Job Loss.
- ◆ Keasha Marescot - Fractured Vertebrae.
- ◆ Maria Wickwar - Personal/Family health.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar—Problems from car crash.
- ◆ Wealthie Perry - Pancreatic Cancer.
- ◆ Louis Bureau - Lung infection.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Ear Infection & Driver's Licence

New Prayer Requests

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Order of Worship

Song #535 The Glory Land Way

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Larry Butler

Song #4 To God Be The Glory

Scripture Reading 1— John 14:1-41

Mark Foley

Song #382 Why Did My Savior

Come To Earth?

Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, James
Butler, Chris Stephenson

Song #745 Humble Thyself

Contribution

Scripture Reading 2— John 15:1-27

Antonio Balsamo

Song #477 There Is A Place of Quiet Rest

Prayer - John Marescot

Scripture Reading 3— John 16:1-33

Anthony Lemay

Song #538 My Hope Is Built

on Nothing Less

Scripture Reading 4—John 17:1-26

Angel Velez

Song #851 I'll Fly Away

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 48 Contribution: \$1965.50

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

Wednesday 10/26: Singing 7-8 PM

Thursday 10/27: Singing 6-7 PM

Happy Birthday!

October 26 - Jacob Romano

Welcome to our newest Brothers In Christ

Tony Balsamo Jr.

Angel Velez

Next Week we have a Guest Preacher

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - Antonio Balsamo, John
Marescot, Robert Balsamo

Prayer - John Carter

Scripture Reading - Larry Butler

Greeter - Linda Barnes

Communion Prep - Ana Bouchard

According To The Gospel of John

Larry's selection for our scripture reading Sunday is rich with words that lift up our Lord and Savior. As His time draws near to go to the cross, He seeks to comfort His disciples saying, "*Let not your heart be troubled...* (John 14:1). Interesting that Jesus would be thinking about His disciples when He is moments from horrible pain and suffering. He wants them to believe in Him and be assured that He is "*the way, the truth, and the life*" (John 14:6) and through faith they can know "that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3)

Jesus, the one true "vine" reveals to us, the "branches" of our need to depend on Him, exhorted us saying, "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit" (John 15:5). This abiding that we are called to embrace in our lives is revealed back to Jesus through a willingness to keep His commands (John 15:10). For a matter of fact, our theme this year which directs us to love one another is one of His most important commands (John 15:12). We love only when we abide in Him.

If I were one of His disciples (apostles) at this time in His ministry, I would not have yet grasped what was about to unfold. Jesus seeks to comfort them with assuring words about the "Spirit of truth" (John 16:13) who would come to them only after His death, guiding

them in "all truth," both past and future. That very Spirit has provided for us the Word of God which we read today: the very truth all mankind needs in order to abide in Jesus through love.

Our last chapter shows us a time when our Savior prayed for His followers. The time had come for the Father to "glorify Your Son" (John 17:1) through the cross. With His time on earth coming to a close, He prays for the proclamation of the new kingdom which would begin soon on Pentecost. His desire was and is that all believers "may be one" (John 17:21) so that "the world may know that You sent Me" (John 17:23).

We are blessed to have the written word of God before us, revealing to us the beautiful portrait of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the will of those who wish to be His followers. May you abide in Him today and every day to the glory of Him who gave all so we could have eternal life.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
