

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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THIS MEANS WAR ARTICLE BY DENNIS GODIN

A couple of weeks ago, I shared with you a lesson rooted in 1st Corinthians 9:25 which says, "And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown." One of our goals in life, if not the most important one, is to one day finish this race and make it to our heavenly home. To do so, we must be temperate: that is, self-controlled. This race we run called Christianity is not without its challenges. Called to be transformed (Romans 12:1-2), the battle wages within as God's Spirit fights with our flesh (NIV, sinful nature). The ETRV says, "These two different things are against each other" (Galatians 5:17). Although often silent to those around us, the battle is very real within.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

2nd Corinthians 10:3

The war within is very real, and so is the enemy. Peter describes him as a "roaring lion" who is looking for the chance to devour someone (1st Peter 5:8). You would think that he would be easy to spot, but Paul reveals he is capable of transforming himself "into an angel



of light" (2nd Corinthians 11:14). The primary intent of Satan, I believe, is to get access to the mind, where the war between the Spirit and the flesh is taking place. Proof of this is seen in two locations where Satan is at his work. In Genesis 3:1, as he tempts the woman, he says, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" Or how about in Matthew 4:1-11, where Satan seeks to derail God's redemptive plan by tempting Jesus. In both cases, the effort given by Satan was to misdirect, mislead or otherwise misrepresent God's

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY
BIBLE CLASS 9:30A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.
MID-WEEK STUDY
TUESDAY 7-8 P.M.
(BIDDEFORD)

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Ladies Ministry

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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 ~

Ladies Corner

Our next Ladies meeting will be during the congregational breakfast on November 11th.

Thank You,

Debbie and Barbara

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: Contribution: \$

THAT YOU MAY KNOW (CONTINUED)

words. It is the battle of the mind.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ..

2nd Corinthians 10:4-6

The battle for the mind is very real and it is intensifying around us. Once held Christian beliefs are being challenged by our secular world, deeming that those who would cling to such antiquated beliefs are the one's that are immoral. The fleshly side of us is inundated on a regular basis to "conform to this world" (Romans 12:2). We, as God's children, are called to be ready for battle and intentionally "put on the whole armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-18). The battle field is the mind and our objective is to "bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." This means war! Is your mind ready for battle?

Dennis

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.

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– November 5th and November 19th.

Congregational Breakfast - November 11th at 8:30 am.

Pot Luck - November 12th

Singing Nights - Tuesday November 28th (7 p.m. Biddeford)

Happy Birthday! Lisa Carter November 10
Erik Cote November 12
Tony Lemay November 18
Corrine Lawrance November 20

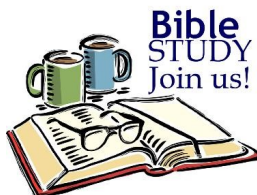
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410 Allied Drive
Nashville, TN 37211**

***Preach The Gospel at all Times;
When Necessary Use Words!!***

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASSES

Biddeford
Tuesdays
7:00-8:00 p.m.



Sanford
Cancelled
Until further notice

YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT!

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TODAY

Song 474 *Thank You Lord*

Announcements—Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 991 *This Is My Father's World*

Song 387 *Tell Me The Story of Jesus*

Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Rufilo
Lawrance, Jacob Romano

Song 469 *Faith Is The Victory*

Contribution

Song 827 *Sweet Hour Of Prayer*

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Song 417 *Where He Leads I'll Follow*

Scripture Reading - Mark Foley
Psalm 119:109-112

Lesson - Dennis Godin

This Means War

Lesson Text: 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Song 957 *This World Is Not My Home*

Closing Prayer—Shepherd



Song Leader: Antonio Balsamo

Greeter: Linda Barnes

Communion Prep: Jessica Damuth

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Lenny
Spano, Antonio Balsamo

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

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.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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