

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ◆ Mary Witham - Ongoing Health issues .
- ◆ Debbie Godin - Thyroid issues.
- ◆ The Butler Family- Loss & Life Changes.
- ◆ Brenda Butler - Health Issues and seizures.
- ◆ Victor Balsamo - Health issues (from fall).
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Health issues (heart).
- ◆ Chris Stephenson - Depression/Job Loss.
- ◆ Keasha Marescot - Fractured Vertebrae.
- ◆ Maria Wickwar - New Job Challenges.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar - Problems from car crash.
- ◆ The Perry Family - Loss & Life Changes.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Health / Family Attendance
- ◆ For all our leaders

New Prayer Requests

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Order of Worship

Song # 555 Seek Ye First

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song # 490 It Is Well With My Soul

Song # 129 Amazing Grace

Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, Ruffolo

Lawrance, John Carter

Song # 71 As The Deer

Contribution

Song # 768 Jesus, Let Us Come To

Know You

Prayer - Joe Romano

Song # 96 I Stand In Awe

Scripture Reading - Robert Balsamo

Philippians 4:4-7

Lesson- Dennis Godin

Always

Lesson text: 1 Chronicles 16:7-36

Song # 969 Don't You Want to

Go To That Land

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - James Butler

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 42 Contribution: \$820.66

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

Sunday 11/20: Thanksgiving Baskets

Wednesday 11/23: Singing 7-8 PM

Thursday 11/24: Thanksgiving Day

Happy Birthday!

November 18 - Tony Lemay

November 20 - Corrine Lawrance

**Remember to start getting ready for our
YANKEE SWAP**

**Check your basements and attics
For that "Unique" gift
You will be glad to get rid of**

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, James
Butler, Matt Sampson

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Scripture Reading - Chris Stephenson

Greeter - Linda Barnes

Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

Always

As is often the case, this time of year points us towards the idea of being thankful. *1st Thessalonians 5:16-18* in the ETRV says, "**Always be full of joy. Never stop praying. Give thanks to God at all times. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus.**" It is God's desire that His disciples be thankful (Ephesians 5:20; Colossians 4:2). Part of the Christian's prayer life needs to be that of expressing thanks to God. The challenge in this is that circumstances don't always give reason to be thankful. So, what do we do?

In *1st Chronicles 16:7-36* we find a song written by David that can give us insight into how we can strive to always be thankful. First, we read these words in v8, "**Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!**" Being able to reflect on how God has cared for us in the past, acknowledging His generous love, can empower us to be thankful. What caught my eye next is v23 which says, "**Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.**" When Paul expressed the words "**O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?**" (*Romans 7:24*), it was not to demean himself, but rather to remind himself of a reason to be thankful. That reason is Jesus Christ! No matter how horribly bad life may get, Jesus remains Savior...our Savior! This then leads to my final thought which is found in *1st Chronicles 16:34*, "**Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever!**" I realized something about my thankfulness as it re-

lates to salvation. I see the day that Christ saved me; that is, when I obeyed the gospel. But I am reminded of His mercy, a mercy that cleanses me daily as I walk with Him (*1st John 1:5-10*). Christ didn't merely save me; He saves me daily. Thank you, God!

I leave you with one final thought which comes from a familiar verse. Paul writes in *Philippians 4:6-7*, "**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**" As one commentator said, "Constant joy and constant prayer should lead to constant giving of thanks to God." And when these are deeply woven into our Christian walk, we will experience a peace unaffected by circumstances around us. Please Lord, help us all to find Your peace.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
