

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD ARTICLE BY DENNIS GODIN

As the close of 2016 draws near, so again does another theme. Our attention on Galatians 6:10 and its call for those in Christ to “do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith” has been vividly revealed through our study of the “one another” verses of the bible. Much like the analogy of being the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:23; Colossians 1:24), the idea of being God’s household gives us further understanding of who and what God yearns for us to be; that is, spiritual construction workers. With this in mind, I would like us to consider these words from Jesus.

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock...

Matthew 7:24

Being members of “the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19) carries with it the commitment to the building project. And when we are “joined and knit

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



***...Especially to those
who are of the house-
hold of faith.***



together by what every joint supplies” (Ephesians 4:16), we help to secure the structure of God’s church. Of course, what keeps it stable is the Rock upon which it is built; that is, Jesus Christ. Paul writes, “***For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ***” (1st Corinthians 3:11). When God’s household is built upon Christ and His teachings, it can and will prevail against any storm be-

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)**

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Debbie Godin (207)286-4821
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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 December 10th.

Thank You,

Debbie and Barbara

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 45 Contribution: \$ 951.10

THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD (CONTINUED)

cause it is "founded on the rock" (Matthew 7:25).

But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand...

Matthew 7:26

When I read this, I couldn't help but think of James 1:22 which says, "*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*" Abiding in Christ and His teachings enables the household of God to stand against the storms of life. These storms will "beat on that house," challenging its integrity, looking for vulnerability. Calamity will come if the hearers remain mere hearers. But if we stand firm on Christ and His word, He will keep us steadfast through it all.

With this in mind, consider anew the teachings of God that speak of each of us as active members of His body, members of His household. Think of the one another verses that invite us into one another's lives, helping us all in our journey homeward. In light of Matthew 7:24-29, how do you see yourself?

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– December 4th & 18th

Congregational Breakfast - December 10th at 8:30 a.m.

Potluck - December 11th

Yankee Swap - December 11th

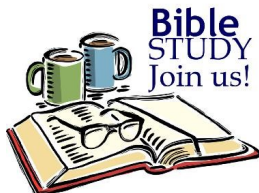
Singing Nights - Wednesday December 28th (7 p.m. Biddeford) &
Thursday December 22nd (6 p.m. Sanford)

Happy Birthday! Ana Bouchard December 2nd
Berleeann December 2nd
David Lawrance December 4th
Mark Foley December 30th

**** Yankee Swap is imminent, what do you need to get rid of? ****

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 #474 *Thank You Lord*

Announcements—Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song #860 *There Is A Habitation*

Song #454 *Rock of Ages*

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

Song #988 *I'll Be Listening*

Contribution

Song #852 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Song #452 *Standing On The Promises*

Scripture Reading - Chris Stephenson
Ephesians 2:19-22

Lesson - Dennis Godin

The Household of God
Lesson Text: Matthew 7:24-29

Song #903 *There Is Power In The Blood*

Closing Prayer—Shepherd



Song Leader: Antonio Balsamo

Greeter: Brenda Butler

Communion Prep: Barbara Lemay

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - John Marescot

Lord's Supper - John Carter, Antonio
Balsamo, Chris Stephenson

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Scripture Reading - Joe Romano

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

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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