

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.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Health / Family Attendance
- ◆ For all our leaders

New Prayer Requests

Contact Mike Wickwar
text or call - (207) 432-2272
Email - mickwick@yahoo.com

Elders

Brad Shaw (207)878-4124
Tony Lemay (207)651-3369
Dennis Godin (207)651-3588

Deacons

John Carter (207)229-8516
Matt Sampson (207)251-3030

Ministry Leaders & Staff

Education...Antonio Balsamo...(207)286-0514
Worship.....Abe Damuth.....(207)608-1784
Grounds.....Mark Foley.....(207)284-3816
BuildingJoe Romano.....(207)281-3929
Fellowship....Matt Sampson...(207)251-3030
Finance.....John Carter.....(207)229-8516
Benovelence.....JohnCarter.....(207)229-8516
Secretary.....Mike Wickwar.....(207)432-2272

Ladies Ministry

Debbie Godin (207)286-4821
Barbara Lemay (207)850-0084

Order of Worship

Song # 997 O Come All Ye Faithful

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Robert Balsamo

Song # 349 Ten Thousand Angels

Song # 87 Sing, Amen

Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, Rufilo
Lawrance, Mike Wickwar

Song # 103 He Has Made Me Glad

Contribution

Song # 1003 Silent Night, Holy Night

Prayer - John Marescot

Song # 214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord

Scripture Reading - Abe Damuth
Colossians 1:24-29

Lesson- Dennis Godin

Love In Action

Lesson text: 1st John 3:18

Song # 578 We Will Glorify

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - James Butler

Greeter - Linda Barnes

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 42 Contribution: \$932.53

Annual Incorporation Meeting
January 29 after services

**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

DECEMBER 11, 2016

Biddeford Church of Christ

266 Pool Street, Biddeford ME 04005

Biddefordchurchofchrist.com

(207)284-7123

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 12/14: Bible Study 7-8 PM

Thursday 12/15: Bible Study 6-7 PM

Sunday 12/18: Life Groups

Annual Incorporation Meeting
January 29, After Services

Happy Birthday!

December 13 - Barbara Lemay

***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, Chris

Stephenson, Rufilo Lawrance

Prayer - John Carter

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Ana Bouchard

Love In Action

We have all heard it said, "**Love speaks louder than words.**" In a lesson given earlier this year, we considered what God says in *1st John 3:18*, "**My children, our love should not be only words and talk. No! Our love must be true love.**" What is true love you ask? The verse goes on to say, "**Our love must be true love. We should show our love by things we do.**" The NKJV words it like this, "*[L]et us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.*" It is this simple, yet challenging truth that we have sought to understand more fully this year. God calls us to love in action.

The intent of this lesson is not to bring forth some new insight; but rather, seek to reflect on some of the things we have learned anew this year. God desires us to be **actively involved**. He has given (provided) each of us with gifts or abilities (*Romans 12:6*) and teaches us that we need to be using them as part of His body, the church (*Ephesians 4:16*). In so doing, we help His church to mature and grow. He desires us to **actively renew** relationships. Our relationships with one another are important to God (*Matthew 5:23-24*) and His redemptive work toward each of us should cause us to cherish them also and empower us to forgive those around us when needed (*Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13*). He also wants to help us learn how to **actively love our enemies** (*Matthew 5:44*) serving them with kindness, something they would not expect (*Romans 12:17-*

21). He wants us to yearn for His word: to **actively learn** His ways (*2nd Timothy 2:15; 1st Peter 3:15*), for ignorance only leads to destruction (*Hosea 4:6*). Of course, the gathering of knowledge means little if that knowledge doesn't lead to transformation. God wants us to be **actively maturing** (*2nd Peter 1:5-7*) so we can become more effective and productive for Him and His church.

It is my hope that this year has been insightful and uplifting to all of us as well as challenging. As I reflect on many of the things we have covered thus far, along with our continued study of the one another verses on Sunday morning. Next year draw our attention to the reason for all this; that is, the sacrifice of Christ. In those moments when we look to the cross and see what He did for each of us, then and only then can we begin to grasp what love in action is truly like. May He who holds life in His hand give us a renewed desire to live for Him and love as He has called us to love.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
