

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.
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Health issues (heart).
- ◆ Chris Stephenson - Depression/Job Loss.
- ◆ Keasha Marescot - Fractured Vertebrae.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Health / Family Attendance
- ◆ For all our leaders

New Prayer Requests

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Order of Worship

Song # 1018 Joy to the World

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song # 19 Come, Thou Almighty King

Song # 344 Low in the Grave He Lay

Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Chris
Stephenson, Rufilo Lawrance

Contribution

Song # 664 Take My Life and Let It Be

Prayer - John Carter

Song # 903 There Is Power in the Blood

Lesson— Brad Shaw

The Responsibility of Stewardship

Lesson text: Romans 12:6

Song # 648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Ana Bouchard

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 52 Contribution: \$1997.61

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

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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

Today 12/18: Life Groups

Wednesday 12/21: Bible Study 7-8 PM

Thursday 12/22: Singing 6-7 PM

Annual Incorporation Meeting January 29, After Services

Happy Birthday!

December 30 - Mark Foley

NEXT WEEK ONLY

Sunday morning Bible Class cancelled
Worship Service will start
At 11 AM

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - Abe Damuth, John
Carter, James Butler

Prayer - Matt Sampson

Scripture Reading - Chris Stephenson

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

The Responsibility of Stewardship

The commonly accepted definition of stewardship for religious folks is the management of God's gift to us of money. A worldly definition is; stewardship is an ethic that embodies the responsible planning and management of resources. While we think primarily of our God-given money resource, what else might be in this category of 'resources'? God gives each of us gifts that allow us to be productive members of His Body, the Church. (Romans 12:6) As his children, we have the responsibility to use these gifts to the best of our ability. You might ask 'What is my gift?' or 'How can my contribution help win others to Christ?' We spent part of this past year investigating our 'gifts' in our Sunday morning class, where Dennis helped guide us as we searched for our gifts. By the way, if you really find yourself in a quandary about how to use your gift in the Body, reach out and ask one of us.

So, back to the topic of 'stewardship'. After understanding that we are all responsible for 'managing' what God has blessed us with, let's look at some specifics. My early years as a Christian were spent in a secular job, with jobs that provided pretty good earnings. While in those jobs, I

wasn't able to spend a large amount of time doing 'the Lord's work'. But we were able to contribute more money as a family, while my income was higher. I was still able to participate in church activities, but my job took up a large part of my daily life. When I retired, my income decreased dramatically, but my available time increased significantly. So, our giving decreased, but our availability to participate in 'church work' increased. My God-given resources, while changing somewhat, still had to be managed properly.

The bottom line, as they say, is, what does God expect of us? Are you doing and giving as He would expect? We are each blessed beyond what we deserve, as you well know. God blesses us so we can be a blessing to those around us. Galatians 6:10 instructs us to 'do good to all men especially to those that are of the household of faith.' In Romans 14:9-12 it says that 'each of us will give an account to God'. Use your 'resources' to become acceptable. God expects it!

Brad

Sermon Notes
