

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Family of Stephanie Munroe - Loss/Grief.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Maria Wickwar - New Job Challenges.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Health / Family Attendance
- ◆ For all our leaders

New Prayer Requests

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Order of Worship

Song # 997 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song # 1002 Angels We Have Heard
On High

Song # 1001 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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

Contribution

Song # 1003 Silent Night! Holy Night!

Prayer - Matt Sampson

Song # 999 The First Noel

Scripture Reading - Chris Stephenson
Isaiah 9:6-7

Lesson- Dennis Godin

He Is Savior

Lesson text: Matthew 1:21

Song # 1018 Joy To The World

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: — Contribution: \$

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

Wednesday 12/28: Singing 7-8 PM

Thursday 12/29: Bible Study 6-7 PM

Sunday 1/1: Life Groups

**Annual Incorporation Meeting
January 29, After Services**

Happy Birthday!

December 30 - Mark Foley

January 2 - Robert Balsamo

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - John Marescot

Lord's Supper - Antonio Balsamo, Rufilo
Lawrance, Joe Romano

Prayer - John Carter

Scripture Reading - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

I Want To Be Like You

Have you ever questioned things? Wondering if what you believe (and in my case, what I teach) is truth? In a recent Sunday morning class, a question was asked regarding whether or not ***"admonishing one another"*** (***Romans 15:14***) is a salvation issue. On the one hand, I firmly believe that how we love one another can and will play a role in God's account of us (Romans 14:12). But that thought must be tempered, for we serve a merciful and patient God. The one another verses paint a picture of how God wants us to be. He knows (and I should know) we are and will continue to be a work in progress (2nd Peter 1:5-11) until we go home to be with Him. His only desire is that we progress in that work to be Christ like. That being said, I have come to also realize that viewing God strictly as the "Judge" who is painstakingly watching our every move, to see if we are living up to the standard, is unbalanced and spiritually unhealthy. We need to see the hope of His grace and mercy while we gaze into the ***"perfect law of liberty"*** (***James 1:25***).

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13

As I was preparing the chapter entitled, Serve One Another in our study book, the following words stood out to me, ***"through love serve one another."*** The whole of this "one another" study can be summed up in this simple reality, to do these things (live out the one another verses) is to be like God. Our bibles teach us that "God is love" (1st John 4:8) and that we are to seek to imitate Him (Ephesians 5:1); that is, be like Him. Gene Getz writes, "Love, as it is de-

finied in Scripture, is the guiding principle in all Christian relationships, including the process of serving one another." The "one another" verses reveal to us God-like love; that is, how godly love is to be revealed or witnessed in our lives. So, I am compelled to ask a seemingly foolish question; that is, who wants to be like God? Is this not the purpose of personal transformation? Paul says that the renewing of the mind is so we can ***"be able to know what things are good and pleasing to God and what things are perfect"*** (***Romans 12:2, ETRV***). When we come to know these things, and seek to abide in them, are we not being God like?

So, it is here that my thoughts culminate. What if I saw the "one another" verses in God's word as God revealing to us (to me), how I can be like Him? View them as opportunities to grow in His likeness, with the understanding that God knows I need to grow, and accepts me as I am, as I seek to grow. What if the driving force behind learning these things were less about escaping judgment, and more about becoming like Him, because He lives in me now? Maybe that would help us to see with greater clarity our need to serve one another. I just want to be like Him.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
