

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 Life Groups

Monday 7/4/16 Independence Day

Picnic (at the Sampsons)

Wednesday 7/6/16 Bible Study

7 - 8 p.m. (Biddeford)

Thursday 7/7/16 Bible Study

6-7 p.m. (Sanford)

Saturday 7/16/16 Free Car Wash

Sunday 7/10/16 Potluck

Happy Birthday!

John Marescot—July 6

Laura Romano—July 8

Happy Anniversary!

Louis & Kelly Bureau—July 9

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - John Carter

Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, James

Butler, Chris Stephenson

Prayer - Larry Butler

Scripture Reading—Lloyd Small

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

More Than Giftedness

It will not be much longer and our class on spiritual giftedness will be over. Just to prepare you, we would like to see people take the spiritual inventory one last time for comparison reasons. One of the things I hope that people walk away from this class with is the belief that they (YOU!) have been given at least one gift from God. Remember the words from the apostle Paul, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, let us use them. . ." (Romans 12:6) The gifts which God supplies His church with are intended to be used.

Okay, that being said, it is also important to realize that at times finding our gift or gift is not easy. Sometimes trial and error is needed (along with patience) as we seek to understand what our gift or gifts may be. So what can one bring to the table if they don't know what their gift is at this time? I found the following which can help to answer that question.

10 Things That Require Zero Talent:

1. Being On Time
2. Work Ethic
3. Effort
4. Body Language
5. Energy
6. Attitude
7. Passion
8. Being Coachable
9. Doing Extra
10. Being Prepared

It is not simply about learning what God has gifted us with, it is also about what we choose to bring to God. 2nd Peter 1:5 says, "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith. . ." The reason for diligence is not the awareness of one's giftedness; but rather, the understanding of the gift of Christ. A Gift "by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises" (2nd Peter 1:4). The gift of Christ should propel the believer to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2nd Peter 3:18). This will in turn assure that we will "be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2nd Peter 1:8).

In the weeks and months to come, it is my hope that we can better understand what gifts we have here at Biddeford and seek to utilize them more effectively to the glory of God and the furtherance of His church. That being said, it is equally important to realize that there is more to it than giftedness. It is about what we, as His children, bring to Him. May our understanding of His love move us to be diligent in all that we do as we grow together in Christ.

Dennis