

**New Announcements  
And Prayer Requests**

Chris Stephenson– struggling with depression

Bert Bouchard– receiving hospice services at home now; is no longer receiving chemo treatments

Linda Barnes– continues to have heart issues

Brenda Butler– has had several seizures last week.

Spring Work Day– May 14

Prayer Chain– a new, simplified prayer chain has been created. If you didn't receive a prayer chain text, email, or call please talk with Sarah.

**Sermon Notes**

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**Order of Worship**

**Song #538** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

**Announcements** - Shepherd

**Opening Prayer** - Brad Shaw

**Song #699** *I'll Be a Friend to Jesus*

**Song #555** *Seek Ye First*

**Lord's Supper** - Joe Romano,  
John Carter, Rufilo Lawrance

**Song #662** *All to Jesus I Surrender*

**Contribution**

**Song #797** *Lord, We Come Before Thee Now*

**Prayer** - Larry Butler

**Song #648** *Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus*

**Scripture Reading** - Abe Damuth

**Lesson** - Dennis Godin *Who Are We?*  
Text: Ephesians 3:20-21

**Song #988** *I'll Be List'ning*

**Closing Prayer** - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo  
Greeter - Barbara Lemay  
Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Last Week's Numbers  
Attendance: 51    Contribution: \$1,180

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** Life Groups

**Wednesday 5/11/16** Bible Study  
7 - 8 p.m. (Biddeford)

**Thursday 5/12/16** Bible Study  
6-7 p.m. (Sanford)

**Saturday 5/14/16** Congregational  
Breakfast & Work Day

**Sunday 5/15/16** Life Groups

**Mon. 5/30/16** Memorial Day Picnic

### Happy Birthday!

Douglas Marescot - May 10

Rufilo Lawrance - May 13

Louis Bureau Sr. - May 14

Brenda Butler - May 24

### Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Maria Wickwar - May 19

Rufilo & Candis Lawrance - May 20

### Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - Matt Sampson

Lord's Supper - Antonio Balsamo,  
Lloyd Small, John Marescot

Prayer - Robert Balsamo

Scripture Reading- John Carter

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

## Who Are We?

For those who are sports fans, specifically soccer enthusiast, what has taken place in the English Premier League is nothing short of a Cinderella story. Leicester City, one of the leagues teams, was expected to be one, if not the, worse team this season. Well, as you most likely already guessed, they actually became the champions. Undaunted by the naysayers, they worked hard at being who they believed they were, a gifted soccer team that was capable of winning it all.

Among his many attributes, Satan is called the "accuser of our brethren." He accused God of lying in Genesis 3:4 and accused Job of not really loving God in Job 1:11: The accuser of men wants more than anything to distort in our minds concerning who God is and who we are as faithful followers. The problem is, Satan has a lot of help in accomplishing this goal. In a sinful world, we are faced with a multitude of naysayers: at work, school, family and yes, even ourselves at times. We need to look beyond the noise around us and by faith, trust God to be faithful in what He says He is doing through His church.

As Paul writes to the church in Ephesus of which "the manifold wisdom of God might be made known" through, he seeks to help them see their potential (Ephesians 3:10). He prays that they "be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith" (Ephesians 3:16-17). He does so for this reason, he wants them to comprehend the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:19). [Remember last week's lesson?]

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us . . . Ephesians 3:20

Our God who raised Jesus from the dead can and will exceed our expectations if we faithfully trust Him to do so. There is, or can be, a power working within us, His church, that can enable us to do His bidding in this world. Whatever your gift or gifts are (and you have at least one), God is prepared to empower you to serve His church and the world around you, so that you can glorify Him. Believing that He is capable is where it begins.

Who are you? Who are we, His church? We are a group of gifted people, full of potential! God is and is ready to do even more to empower us. The question is, who are you listening to? The naysayer or the One who loves you more than you can imagine.

*Dennis*