

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD
ARTICLE BY DENNIS GODIN

As we travel about this time of year, it is clear to see that the holiday season is upon us. Decorations everywhere, stores busy with shoppers looking for that gift for a special someone. Even when we sit to relax at the close of our day, we see the advertisements on the television and the Christmas shows that are in full swing (my favorite is "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"). Although it can easily be lost in the chaos of things, this time of year is about the giving of gifts; more importantly, it is about the giving of the most precious gift of all.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God...

Ephesians 2:8

God's saving grace! What an amazing gift! As we have been reminded in our Sunday morning bible class, the offering of this



gift was planned "before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4). God first spoke of this gift of Christ in Genesis 3:15, after the fall of mankind. The prophet Isaiah spoke of His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14) and how this gift would be called "Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Isaiah also said His name would be, Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14), "which is translated, 'God with

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY
BIBLE CLASS 9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.
MID-WEEK STUDY
TUESDAY 7-8 P.M.
(BIDDEFORD)

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
Building - Joe Romano
(207)281-3929
Fin./Benev. - John Carter
(207)229-8516
Fellowship - Matt Sampson
(207)251-3030
Secretary - Mike Wickwar
(207) 432-2272

Ladies Ministry

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're on Facebook– Biddeford church of Christ is on Facebook! There is a profile, which is public, and there is a closed group, for current Biddeford church family only, where we can share photos, prayer requests, announcements, etc. The public cannot see posts in the BCOC FB group. Only members can.

Men Leading in Worship - The men who serve in worship are asked to meet in the cry room or, if it is in use, a classroom promptly at 10:30 to confirm assignments and go to God in prayer.

Building Lights - If you are the last person leaving the building, please be sure to turn off all the lights, check that all windows are shut, and the doors are locked.

Bulletin /- Prayer List - If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Mike Wickwar at 432-2272 or email him at mickwick@yahoo.com by Friday of each week. Anything given after Friday may not make it into that Sunday's bulletin.

Reminder: Please turn off your cell phone or place it on vibrate during Bible study and worship.

We care what you think - If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, feel free to write them down on a piece of paper, then sign it and place it in the box. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

Monthly Bulletins– One per family, please. If you would like another copy, you can find it on our website, biddefordchurchofchrist.com. You can also listen to sermons on the website.

Updating the Prayer List - Please review the prayer list. If there is a prayer request initiated by you, it is important you contact Mike Wickwar with updates. Thank you.

Upcoming Events - Please check your calendars

Life Groups– December 3rd and December 17th.

Congregational Breakfast - December 16th at 8:30 am.

Pot Luck/ Yankee Swap - December 10th

Singing Nights - Tuesday December 26th (7 p.m. Biddeford)

Happy Birthday! David Lawrance December 4
Barbara Lemay December 13
Mark Foley December 30

Address For TJ Balsamo

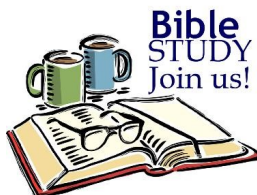
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Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc.
410 Allied Drive
Nashville, TN 37211

***Preach The Gospel at all Times;
When Necessary Use Words!!!***

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASSES

Biddeford
Tuesdays
7:00-8:00 p.m.



YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT!

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TODAY

Song 87 *Sing, Amen!*

Announcements—Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 129 *Amazing Grace*

Song 477 *There Is A Place Of Quiet Rest*

Lord's Supper - Matthew Sampson, Robert Balsamo, Lenny Spano

Song 376 *He Paid A Debt*

Contribution

Song 1003 *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

Prayer - John Marescot

Song 96 *I Stand In Awe*

Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth
Ephesians 1:9-11

Lesson - Joe Romano

God's Scheme of Redemption

Lesson Text: Genesis 12:1-3

Song 867 *To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way*

Closing Prayer—Shepherd



Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep: Deborah Godin

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Opening Prayer - John Carter

Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Erik Cote,
Rufilo Lawrance

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Scripture Reading - James Butler

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

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.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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