

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Marescot's - John-Cancer, Keasha-Back.  
Strengthen our union during this time.
- ◆ Phyllis Prestridge husband Bob hospitalized with heart condition. (Kittery Church)
- ◆ TJ Balsamo off to Marine Boot Camp.
- ◆ Mary McVivar Erik's friend kidney disease
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Health Issues
- ◆ Brenda Butler prayers for self and family.
- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ◆ Wickwar's Family in the Philippines  
Friends Sandra & Heather health & family
- ◆ Glory Parker - Family Health/travel.

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## Order of Worship

**Song 429 *Oh, To Be Like Thee***

**Announcements - Shepherd**

**Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw**

**Song 709 *Ho Sweet, How Heavenly***

**Song 383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross***

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

**Song 286 *Wonderful Story Of Love***

**Contribution**

**Song 552 *Have Thine Own Way***

**Prayer - Angel Velez**

**Song 664 *Take My Life, And Let It Be***

**Scripture Reading - James Butler  
*Proverbs 8:10-12***

**Lesson - Dennis Godin**

***What Is Your "Why Power"?***

**Lesson Text: *2 Peter 1:10***

**Song 470 *Victory In Jesus***

**Closing Prayer - Shepherd**

**Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo**

**Greeter - Barbara Lemay**

**Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth**

**Last Week's Numbers**

**Attendance: 41 Contribution: \$637.50**

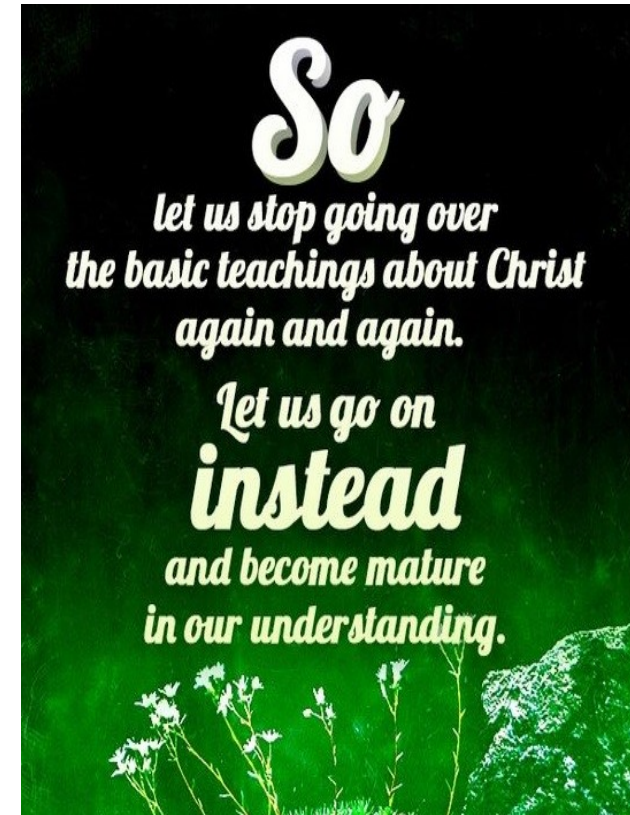
***Preach the Gospel***

***at all times;***

***When Necessary***

***Use Words***

**THE BIDDEFORD  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WELCOMES YOU!**



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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 1/21  
Life Groups

Tuesday 1/23  
Singing

### Ladies Day Planning Session

*It is VERY Important that ALL LADIES Attend the planning session after services On January 28. We will try to keep it Under 1 hour, bring snack if you need to Let Debbie or Barbara know if you Can / Can't Stay*

### Corporation Meeting

*Sunday January 28 after services*

### Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo  
Opening Prayer - Matthew Sampson  
Lord's Supper John Marescot, James Butler, Lenny Spano  
Prayer - Joe Romano  
Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth  
Greeter - Jessica Damuth  
Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

## What Is Your "Why Power"?

We have all heard it before, and as parents, maybe even given the reply ourselves to the question, "Why do I have to do this?" The answer is, "Because I said so!" Although there are times when this sort of reply is necessary, the majority of the time, giving insight into the reason behind a command, helps those abiding in it, to follow through. As one person said, "Your WHY is the thing or things that keeps you so emotionally connected and bound to your actions that you cannot fail and will very rarely falter." So, when it comes to growth, especially spiritual growth (in any area of our walk with Christ), what is your WHY POWER?

*If you love Me, keep My commandments.  
(John 15:15)*

Our love for Jesus Christ is at the very core of our "WHY POWER". Of course, our love for Him finds its roots in His love for us (1<sup>st</sup> John 4:19). It was the apostle Paul that stated it was "the love of Christ" that compelled him (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:14). Love is a powerful motivator, but it alone is only one of the many reasons God gives, when it comes to motivating us to grow in Christ. It is my objective today to provide another reason to seek spiritual growth; that is, what God teaches us concerning spiritual WHY POWER.

*Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble...*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:10*

Peter has just finished exhorting his readers to grow in their faith. The reason (part of our WHY POWER) was to keep them from being "barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:8). In the above verse, he gives another reason for intentionally seeking spiritual growth: that is, "you will never stumble." The Greek word translated stumble means *to trip up*. God wants us to grow spiritually so we won't get "tripped up" as we walk through this life of ours. It was Jesus who said, "difficult is the way which leads to life" (Matthew 7:14). As we travel this road, Satan will be looking for opportunities to trip us up (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8). So, we need to "be even more diligent to make your call and election sure," which will help to keep us from stumbling. Just further insight into our WHY POWER for Christian maturity.

*Dennis*

**Sermon Notes**

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