

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Marescot's - John-Cancer, Keasha-Back.  
Strengthen our union during this time.
- ◆ Cindy Fortier –surgery on gland mass.
- ◆ Members of our congregation that are sick
- ◆ The Prestridge family. (Kittery Church)
- ◆ TJ Balsamo off to Marine Boot Camp.
- ◆ The Wickwar Family - Family/Friends.
- ◆ Mary McVivar Erik's friend kidney disease
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Now on Heart monitor
- ◆ Brenda Butler prayers for self and family.
- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Health issues.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Tooth pain, Health/travel.

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## Order of Worship

**Song 121** *Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing*

**Announcements** - Shepherd

**Opening Prayer** - Matthew Sampson

**Song 490** *It Is Well With My Soul*

**Song 315** *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

**Lord's Supper** - John Marescot, James  
Butler, Lenny Spano

**Song 853** *When We All Get To Heaven*

**Contribution**

**Song 458** *Redeemed*

**Prayer** - Joe Romano

**Song 882** *No Tears In Heaven*

**Scripture Reading** - Abraham Damuth  
*Psalm 18:1-2*

**Lesson** - Dennis Godin

*Becoming Aware*

Lesson Text: *1 John 1:9*

**Song 851** *I'll Fly Away*

**Closing Prayer** - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

**Last Week's Numbers**

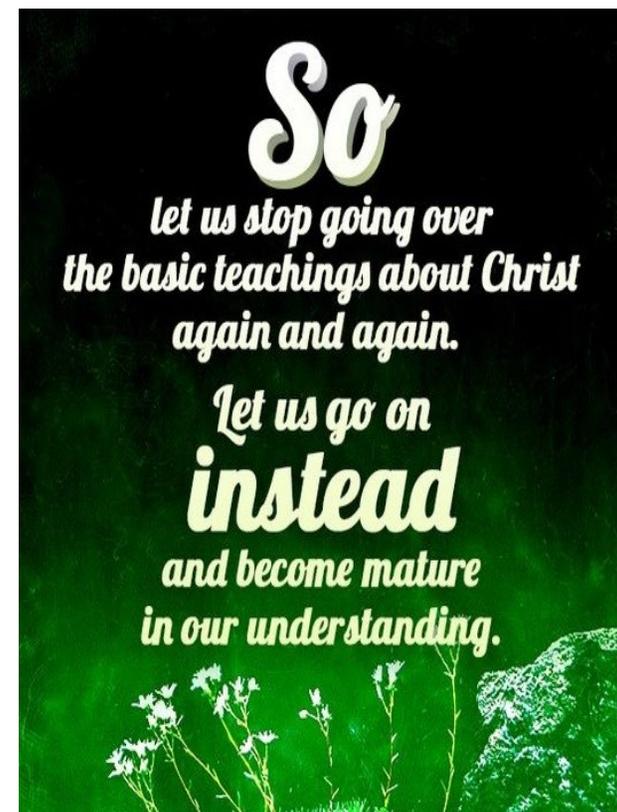
**Attendance: 41 Contribution: \$1257**

*Preach the Gospel  
at all times;*

*When Necessary*

*Use Words*

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



**JANUARY 28, 2018**

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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

**Tuesday 1/30**  
**Bible Study**

**Sunday 2/4**  
**Life Groups**

### 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

*Today January 28 after services*

### Next Week's Service Schedule

**Song Leader - James Butler**  
**Opening Prayer - John Carter**  
**Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Erik Cote, Ruffalo Lawrence**  
**Prayer - Mike Wickwar**  
**Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth**  
**Greeter - Linda Barnes**  
**Communion Prep - Brenda Butler**

## Becoming Aware

In just a couple of weeks, our first class, after our congregational breakfast, focusing on the idea of growing spiritually, will take place. It is exciting to hear from some of you who have expressed interest in this endeavor. The hope is that this can be a sort of spring board, encouraging each of us to examine where we are, with the intent of seeking God's guidance to mature "to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Part of the challenge in the maturing process is the idea of examining ourselves; that is, becoming aware. Paul wrote, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall..." (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:12). In the very next chapter he would exhort the church in Corinth, saying, "But let a man examine himself..." prior to them taking the Lord's Supper. I believe these exhortations speak to our need to be aware of our personal spiritual growth: taking, if you will, a kind of spiritual inventory, making sure we are not becoming stagnant or having our hearts "hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13). In the last couple lessons, we've talked about "giving all diligence" (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:5) to the maturing process, in order to "make your election sure", so that we "will never stumble" (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:10). This personal awareness also involves what God has done with our past sins; that is, the fact that He has forgiven us (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:9).

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9*

It is here that I want to stress something about self-examination (becoming aware) and our understanding of God's intentions for this. As Christians, we can list those confident words God wants us to hold dear; such as, "we are more than conquerors" (Romans 8:37) and that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14); yet when we examine ourselves (look in that spiritual mirror), we become aware that there is work needed in our lives. Sadly, this results in those confident words seemingly vanishing from our minds. But that is not God's reason for self-examination! With any journey we may take, the destination is only part of what is needed to get there: You also need to know where you are. The point is simple, the only way to GROW spiritually, is to KNOW where you are spiritually. If you are in Christ, God has and will continue to take care of your imperfections (shortcomings, sin, etc.), as long as you are trying to be honest with where you are. God's marvelous grace can enable us to be aware of ourselves, so we can grow into His likeness. The question is, "Are you aware?"

*Dennis*

**Sermon Notes**

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