

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Maescot's - John-No Cancer,Keasha-Back.
Strengthen our union during this time.
- ◆ Cindy Fortier –surgery on gland mass.
- ◆ The Prestridge family. (Kittery Church)
- ◆ TJ Balsamo off to Marine Boot Camp.
- ◆ Gabriele Little Husband-Ill, Brother-ALS.
- ◆ Mary McVivar Erik's friend kidney disease
- ◆ Linda Barnes - Installing Pacemaker.
- ◆ Brenda Butler prayers for self and family.
- ◆ Marion Goodwin - Replacing heart valve.
- ◆ Glory Parker - Health/travel.
- ◆ Jerry Hilton - SMMC Rm. 415 Pneumonia.

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Order of Worship

Song 63 *I Will Call Upon The Lord*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Matthew Sampson

Song 490 *It Is Well With My Soul*

Song 342 *We Saw Thee Not*

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

Song 474 *Thank You, Lord*

Contribution

Song 800 *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

Prayer - Angel Velez

Song 470 *Victory In Jesus*

**Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth
*Matthew 5:43-48***

Lesson - Dennis Godin

Don't Respond In Kind

Lesson Text: *Matthew 5:38-42*

Song 148 *I Keep Falling In Love With Him*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 41 Contribution: \$568

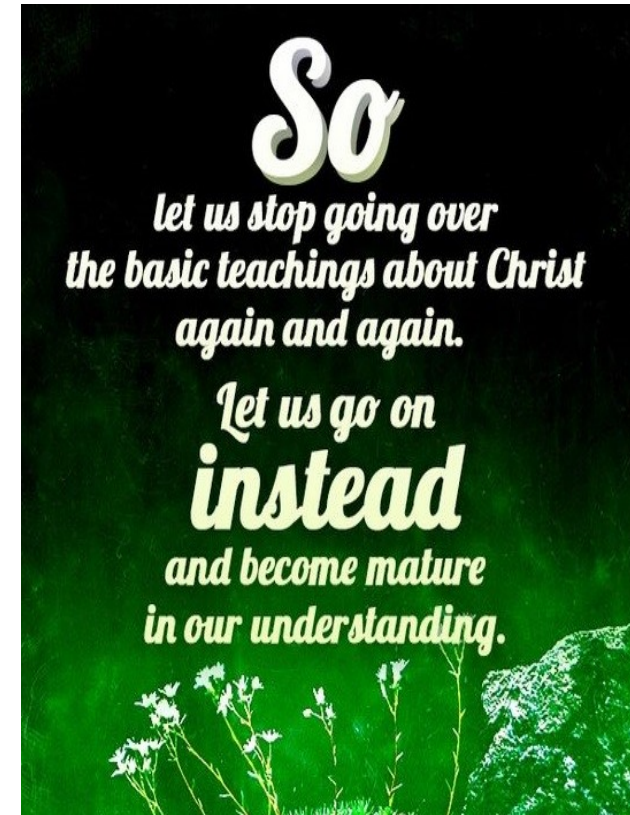
Preach the Gospel

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 2/18
Life Groups

Tuesday 2/20
Bible Study

Birthdays
Carolyn Balsamo 2/15
Brenda Horowitz 2/20
Lisa Sampson 2/28

**Please review the Prayer List and the posted Member Directory.
Notify Mike Wickwar of any changes.**

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper John Marescot, Lenny Spano, Antonio Balsamo
Prayer - Joe Romano
Scripture Reading - Robert Balsamo
Greeter - Barbara Lemay
Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

Don't Respond In Kind

I want to take a moment and shift gears, so to speak, and talk about something that I believe is important to remember in our walk with Christ; that is, how we respond to a world that seemingly is getting more evil in its ways. One need only to look briefly at the political arena to witness the slanderous words that get heaved in both directions. Or we could look at the entertainment industry that seemingly has a vendetta towards the "Christian" community. The words of Jesus ring loud and clear, "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake" (Matthew 5:11). Sometimes, it is so easy to get caught up in the moment and fall into the trap of this dark world of ours. So, what can we learn from Jesus that can help equip us?

*You have heard it said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.
But I tell you not to resist an evil person.*

Matthew 5:38-39

Jesus is reflecting back on the old law and how they approached wrong-doing under it. The whole idea seems to be that of proportional punishment. Where this idea is found in Exodus 21:22-25, it talks of how one should react if a pregnant woman is hurt during a fight between men and her baby is prematurely delivered and is harmed, possibly even unto death. This same proportional punishment is seen again in Leviticus 24:19-22 and Deuteronomy 19:21. Remember, this letter is being written to Jews who would understand what is being said. Okay, so how

were they (and how are we) to deal with evil people?

And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

Matthew 5:41

Although in the lesson today, I will more than likely touch on each of the things mentioned by Jesus, but this one was brought to my attention this past week. It is said that a Roman soldier had the right to demand someone to carry his luggage and they would be required to do so by Roman law. The relationship between the Jews and Romans was filled with resentment and hatred. Jesus says that instead of resisting, actually go beyond the law's requirements. This makes me think of Romans 12:21, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Herein seems to be the reason behind such a response; that is, when we respond with intentional kindness, it can help us from becoming overcome by evil (negatively influenced by it) and instead, possibly influence the one who was evil to repent. That is a good enough reason of why not to respond in kind. So how do you respond to evil?

Dennis
Sermon Notes
