

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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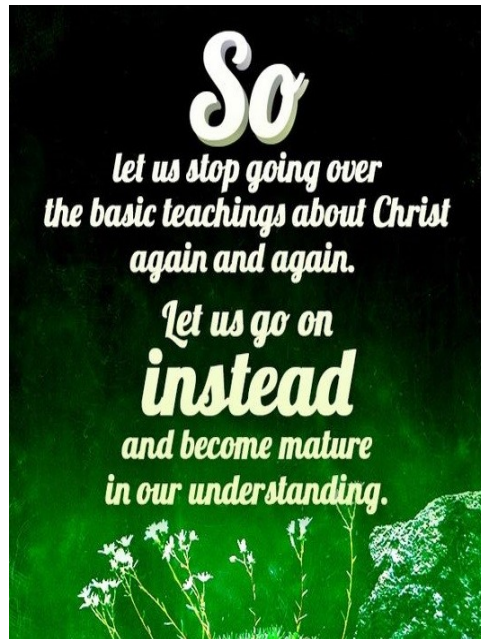
CRAVING THE WORD ARTICLE BY DENNIS GODIN

I marvel at God's amazing patience towards mankind, as he desires more than anything for "all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1st Timothy 2:4). This same patience is an opportunity for those who have come to the saving knowledge of Christ, to grow in his likeness, being "transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). Of course, you already know that, for we have spent so much time talking about personal growth. I take comfort in knowing that God is involved in this as well, "according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20). It is, if you will, a cooperative effort between God and His faithful follower.

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as new born babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby...

1st Peter 2:1-2

Are you like me? If I seek to rid myself of something, I



need to put something in its place rather quickly, or else I am right back where I started or at times, worse. (Read Matthew 12:43-45). So, Peter exhorts his readers to do this very thing and it begins with this, desire. The NIV uses the word "crave" while the ETRV translates it "be hungry for." The Greek word means *to long for*. Sometimes I crave for two things that are in conflict with each other. One will win out every time. Could that be why Peter encourages them to lay aside those things listed? There is no way that such inner thoughts can assist the Christian in their journey towards Christlikeness.

With enthusiastic zeal, the babe in Christ who through "obeying the truth" was "born again..."

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

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Debbie Godin (207)286-4821
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AS EACH PART DOES ITS WORK

How important is encouragement to you? Note someone you have not seen in worship lately and give them a call or send them a card. Who knows, your words of encouragement could make an eternal difference.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" - Acts 16:30

- Hear** the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Romans 10:14, 17
- Believe** [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31; Heb 11:6
- Repent** of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30
- Confess** Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37; Rom 10:8-10
- Be baptized** - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21
- Be faithful** unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9; Rev 2:10

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"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

~ Acts 4:12 ~

Ladies Corner

Our next Ladies meeting will be during the congregational breakfast on March 10th.

Ladies Day was a great success!!!

Thank You,
Debbie and Barbara

Last Week's Numbers:
Attendance: 42 Contribution: \$ 2347.07

CRAVING THE WORD (CONTINUED)

through the word of God" (1st Peter 1:22-23), is to now "desire the pure milk of the word." Raymond Kelcy writes, "The word pure indicates that the milk is genuine, unadulterated. God's word is pure, unmixed with human traditions, with falsehood, or with anything else which would destroy its purity." Jesus said while He was confronted with things one could crave, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

The word of God needs to be an essential part of the Christian's diet, for it is through the ingesting of that word "that you may grow thereby." Interesting, isn't it, that we can know such truths, yet struggle in applying this principle daily in our lives. I marvel at His patience and ask Him prayerfully, "Lord, create in me a heart only for You, that I may crave Your ways and not my own." Amen.

Dennis

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– April 1st and April 15th.

Congregational Breakfast - April 14th at 8:30 am.

Pot Luck - April 8th

Singing Nights - Tuesday April 24th (7 p.m. Biddeford)

Happy Birthday! Tony Balsamo Jr. April 4
 Stephen Parker April 10
 Keaton Sampson April 21
 Brenda Shaw April 23

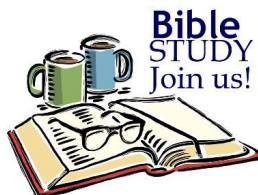
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*Live The Gospel at all Times;
When Opportunity Is there
Preach It!!!*

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASSES

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



Family Night April 28th

Join us for a dinner and
games organized by our
Students.

Lots of Family Fun

YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT!

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TODAY

Song ??? Unknown

Announcements—Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song ??? Unknown

Song ??? Unknown

Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Erik Cote,
Lenny Spano

Song ??? Unknown

Contribution

Song ??? Unknown

Prayer - John Carter

Song ??? Unknown

Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth
Matthew 28:1-7

Lesson - Dennis Godin
Craving The Word
Lesson Text: 1 Peter 2:1-2

Song ??? Unknown

Closing Prayer—Shepherd



Song Leader: Robert Balsamo

Greeter: Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep: Brenda Butler

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - John Marescot

**Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Clifford
Parker, Ruffalo Lawrance**

Prayer - Matthew Sampson

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano

Greeter - Gabriele Little

Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

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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