

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Keasha Marescot Back Surgery Recovery
- ◆ John Marescot surgery 7/20.
- ◆ The Balsamo Family - loss of Tony's father
- ◆ Gabriele Little Husband-Ill, Brother-ALS.
- ◆ Lisa Carter's Friends-Jenn(Breast Cancer), Jayne(Life Struggles, Cardiac Issues)
- ◆ Mary McVicar Erik's friend kidney disease
- ◆ Wife of Dennis' brother - Alzheimer's
- ◆ Glory Parker - Health/travel.
- ◆ Spiritual and Physical well being of the church and all its members.

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Order of Worship

Song 709 *How Sweet, How Heavenly*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Matthew Sampson

Song 300 *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Song 725 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Lord's Supper - John Carter, Rufilo
Lawrance, Clifford Parker**

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

Contribution

Song 539 *Higher Ground*

Prayer - Joe Romano

Song 452 *Standing On The Promises*

**Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano
*Psalm 31:1-3***

Lesson - Dennis Godin

The Discipline of God

Lesson Text: *Hebrews 12:5-11*

Song 674 *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Gabriele Little

Last Week's Numbers

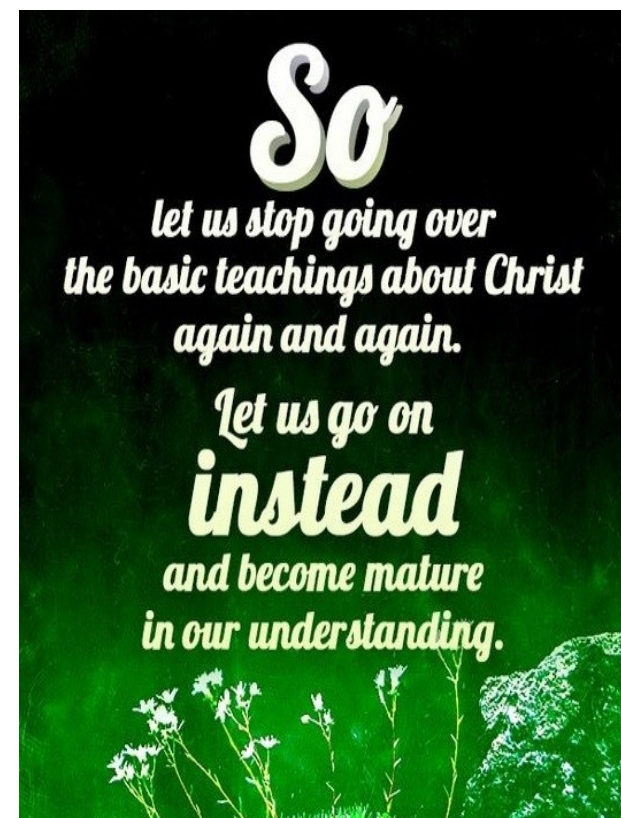
Attendance: 45 Contribution: \$1,218.11

Live the Gospel at all times;

When opportunity is there...

Preach It!

**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 6/17

Father's Day

Tuesday 6/19

Bible Study

Thursday 6/21

Summer Begins

Saturday 6/30

**Ladies Night Out starting at 4PM
Finger Foods * Games * Devotional
Sign Up Sheet In the back of Auditorium**

Birthdays

AJ Damuth 6/17

Anniversaries

John & Cheri Erickson 6/17

Next Week's Service Schedule

**Song Leader - Robert Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper - John Marescot, David
Lawrance, Erik Cote
Prayer - Angel Velez
Scripture Reading - James Butler
Greeter - Barbara Lemay
Communion Prep - Deborah Godin**

The Discipline of God

Our study of Hebrews during mid-week bible class has truly caused me to think far more deeply about my faith in Christ. Not questioning that faith; but rather, coming to terms with the faith which God yearns for me to grow into. This letter of Hebrews, was written to Jewish Christians, struggling with their faith. Have you ever struggled with yours? Well, God encourages them to "run with endurance" (12:1), for the race which is "set before" them and us, has some truly challenging moments. The question may be, "How do you see those moments?"

My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him.

Hebrews 12:5

Also found in Proverbs 3:11, these words follow the exhortation to "consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, *lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls*" (Hebrews 12:3). Have you ever been weary and discouraged in your faith? For these Christians, the fact is that they had "not yet resisted to bloodshed"; that is, it could possibly get even more difficult in your walk with Christ in the future. (Take a moment and read Hebrews 11:36-37) So, again, "How do you see those moments?" Consider Hebrews 12:6, "For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." The writer would go on in the next couple of verses explaining this truth; that is, those difficulties in life are "for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness" (Hebrews 12:10). You see, to get to where God so desperately wants us to be, we will have to face obstacles...moments...or better yet, opportunities that will challenge us

to grow. So, how should we see these moments? With honesty.

Now no chastening seems to be joyful or the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11

Moments of adversity, where faith is challenged and endurance is tested, we need to see God at work in us. That is how we need to see those moments! God wants us to partake in His holiness, and for that to happen, work needs to be done. Although one may not jump up and down with joy when faced by such events, they can be sure that God is at work and fruit will come from it. So, Lord, help us to stay fixed on You and trust that You know what You are doing...always! Amen.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
