

# BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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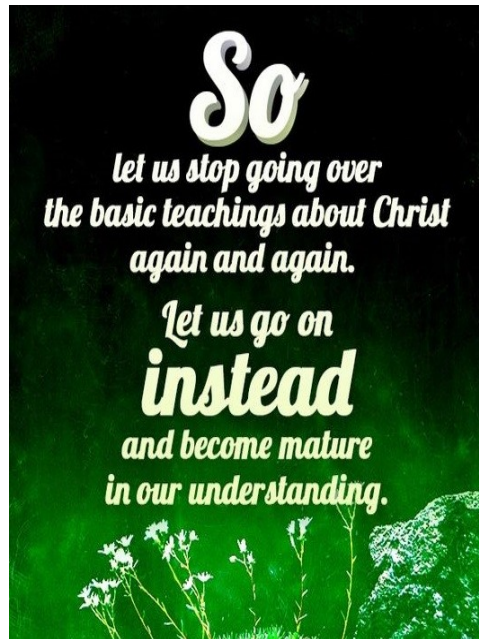
A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION  
ARTICLE BY DENNIS GODIN

I want to express my appreciation for those who commented on last week's lesson entitled, Becoming Who We Are. The simple fact that I am a work in progress, speaks to the need to have my hope someplace other than self; thus, I place my confidence in knowing that I am complete in Him (Colossians 2:10). Although I did not use it last week, I find comfort in this verse found in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people..." As the song we sing proclaims, my hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness. In the midst of this hope, I am called to change, grow, mature, be transformed. A word that is seldom connected to the maturing process is repentance.

***For godly sorrow produces repentances leading to salvation, not regret; but the sorrow of the world produces death.***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 7:10***

If you are familiar with this text, you know that the per-



son being spoken of is most likely the sexually immoral son mentioned in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5. Such an egregious sin is something few of us might relate to; nonetheless, we do battle sin, which is simply a falling short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). I believe this verse provides some insight into this idea of repentance that can help us grow in Christ. For instance, repentance is stimulated by godly sorrow; that is, it is initiated by that sorrow. I think of the number of times I told my children as they were growing up, "Go tell him you are sorry!" Only to hear them say "I'm sorry" with arms crossed and a scowled face. For repentance to be effectual, it must be generated by genuine sorrow. Next, this sorrow "produces repentance leading to

## 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

Brad Shaw (207)878-4124  
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Dennis Godin (207)651-3588

### Deacons

John Carter (207)229-8516  
Matt Sampson (207)251-3030

### Ministry Leaders & Staff

Education - Antonio Balsamo  
(207)286-0514  
Worship - Abe Damuth  
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Grounds - Lenny Spano  
(207)569-8800  
Fin./Benev. - John Carter  
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Fellowship - Matt Sampson  
(207)251-3030  
Secretary - Mike Wickwar  
(207) 432-2272

### Ladies Ministry

Debbie Godin (207)286-4821  
Barbara Lemay (207)850-0084

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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 ~

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### *Ladies Corner*

Our next Ladies meeting will be during the congregational breakfast on July 14th.

Thank You,  
*Debbie and Barbara*

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 33    Contribution: \$ 1702.55

### WHO AM I? (CONTINUED)

salvation." God's desire, when it comes to repentance, is that it results in change. As John the Baptist confronted the Pharisees and Sadducees in Matthew 3:8, he says, "Therefore bear fruit worthy of repentance..." Listen to how the ETRV translates this, "You must do things that show that you have really changed your hearts and lives." Although I acknowledge that repentance is often a process, not an event; nonetheless, the fact that one embraces the process is fruit which God yearns to see.

I ended last week's article with the following: Instead of endeavoring to become something we are not (becoming righteous through works), we endeavor to become more like what Christ has made us to be in Him. I seek to be more like Him because I am complete in Him. To become more like Him, I need to embrace this idea of repentance; that is, asking God to cultivate within me a heart that is sensitive to His will. So sensitive, that it moves me to act upon it, whatever that may be, that I might enable Him to change me. I want to take steps in the right direction.

*Dennis*

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## 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**– July 1st and July 15th.

**Congregational Breakfast** - July 14th at 8:30 am.

**Pot Luck** - July 8th

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

**Happy Birthday!**

- Cheri Erickson July 1
- Keasha Marescot July 2
- John Marescot July 6
- Laura Romano July 8
- Mike Wickwar July 26
- Linda Barnes July 27
- Ian Sampson July 28
- Lenny Spano July 28

**Happy Anniversary!** Raymond & Marion Goodwin July 1

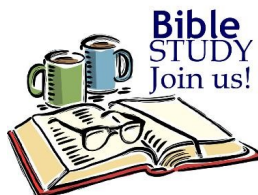
John & Keasha Marescot July 15

Brad & Brenda Shaw July 27

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

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASSES

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



YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TODAY

**Song 716 *Sing To Me Of Heaven***

**Announcements** - Shepherd

**Opening Prayer** - Brad Shaw

**Song 344 *Low In The Grave He Lay***

**Song 364 *Come, Share The Lord***

**Lord's Supper** - Joe Romano, Ruffolo  
Lawrance, Lenny Spano

**Song 450 *Give Me The Bible***

**Contribution**

**Song 827 *Sweet Hour Of Prayer***

**Prayer** - John Carter

**Song 648 *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus***

**Scripture Reading** - Abraham Damuth  
*Psalm 51:10-13*

**Lesson** - Dennis Godin

*A Step In The Right Direction*

Lesson Text: *2 Corinthians 7:10*

**Song 989 *Soon And Very Soon***

**Closing Prayer** - Shepherd



Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Brenda Butler

Communion Prep: Jessica Damuth

### NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

**Song Leader** - Antonio Balsamo

**Opening Prayer** - Matthew Sampson

**Lord's Supper** - John Carter, Erik  
Cote, David Lawrance

**Prayer** - Angel Velez

**Scripture Reading** - Jon Erickson

**Greeter** - Jessica Damuth

**Communion Prep** - Barbara Lemay

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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.

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