

## Prayer Requests

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

**Please review Prayer Requests  
Submit all updates to  
Mike Wickwar**

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## Order of Worship

**Song 4 *To God Be The Glory***

**Announcements - Shepherd**

**Opening Prayer - Matthew Sampson**

**Song 71 *As A Deer***

**Song 383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross***

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

**Song 376 *He Paid A Debt***

**Contribution**

**Song 786 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

**Prayer - Angel Velez**

**Song 909 *There's A Fountain Free***

**Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson  
*Proverbs 4:10-13***

**Lesson - Dennis Godin**

***Walk In Widdom***

**Lesson Text: *Ephesians 5:15-16***

**Song 754 *Faith Of Our Fathers***

**Closing Prayer - Shepherd**

**Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo**

**Greeter - Jessica Damuth**

**Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay**

**Last Week's Numbers**

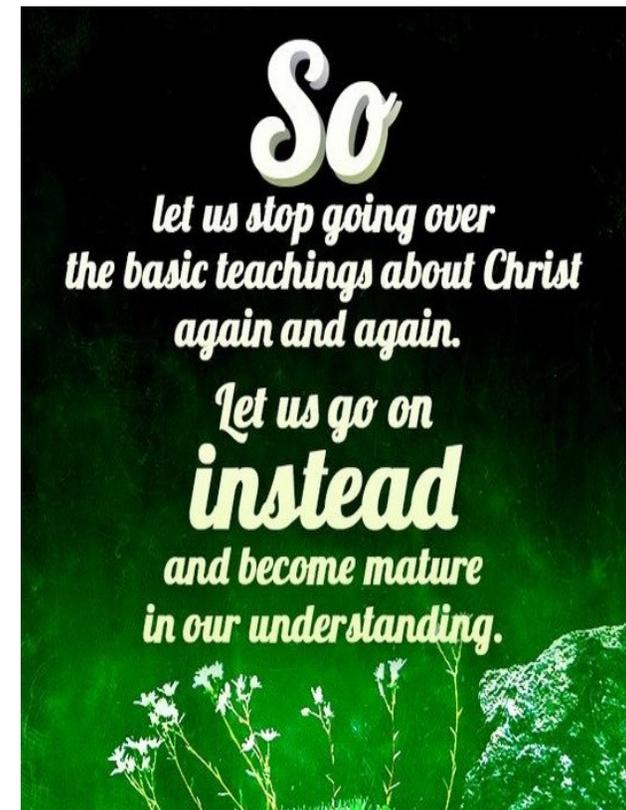
**Attendance: 52 Contribution: 1870**

***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  
Pot Luck

Tuesday 7/10  
Bible Study

Saturday 7/14  
Congregational Breakfast  
Ladies Meeting Upstairs

Birthdays  
John Marescot 7/6  
Laura Romano 7/8  
Mike Wickwar 7/26  
Linda Barnes 7/27

Anniversaries  
John & Keasha Marescot 7/15

### Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo  
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw  
Lord's Supper - John Marescot, Jacob Romano, Ruffalo Lawrence  
Prayer - Mike Wickwar  
Scripture Reading - James Butler  
Greeter - Barbara Lemay  
Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

## Walk In Wisdom

We have all seen it, maybe have fallen prey to it. That picture of a hopeless child or abused animal followed by a request for money that could make all the difference in the world. Or maybe it is the tele-evangelist promising so much if you would only send in some money. Today, the political arena is littered with pictures and captions meant to sway one's thinking. As much as times seem to change, things are not so different than they were at the start. The father of lies began the whole process saying, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" (Genesis 3:1). A subtle twist of words and deception is introduced to mankind and it has been going on ever since.

*See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

*Ephesians 5:15-16*

In a study this past week, this verse was brought up and it caught my attention once again. It seems to capsulize the reason for our need to mature continuously in Christ. The exhortation that was given to the church in Ephesus rings true today as well; that is, to walk in wisdom. Someone once said, "An intelligent man believes only half of what he hears, a wise man knows which half." Paul told the church in Colossae to "walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time." (Colossians 4:5) What is wisdom? What does it mean to be wise? The

word wise, located in Ephesians 5:15, means one who in action is governed by piety and integrity. For the Christian, our call is to "walk circumspectly" (i.e., aware of our surroundings) realizing that the world around us is watching and we want our steps to influence that world for the cause of Christ. As one commentator writes, "Hence the need for care and wisdom, lest the Christian cause should be inadvertently jeopardized by thoughtless speech or action on the part of the Christian." In a world that has not really changed that much, God's people need to "be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil" (Romans 16:19). In order for this to happen, we must be people of the word!

Just how important is godly wisdom in God's eyes? Well, I encourage you to read all of Proverbs 4 to get a full sense of its importance. For this article, v7 will suffice, "Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." The days are evil, and Satan is hard at work seeking to lure people away from God. May God help us to grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ our Savior so we can fight the good fight and influence the world for Him.

*Dennis*

Sermon Notes

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