

## 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-Ill, 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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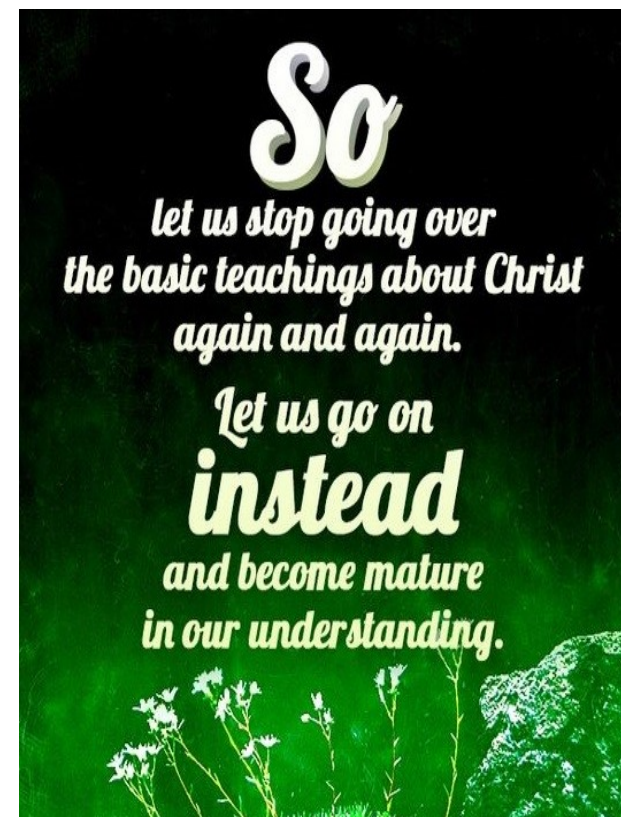
### Ladies Ministry

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## Order of Worship

**Song 387 *Tell Me The Story Of Jesus***  
**Announcements - Shepherd**  
**Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw**  
**Song 509 *I Will Sing The Wondrous Story***  
**Song 315 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***  
**Lord's Supper - John Marescot, Jacob Romano, Ruffilo Lawrance**  
**Song 555 *Seek Ye First***  
**Contribution**  
**Song 800 *What a Friend We Have In Jesus***  
**Prayer - Mike Wickwar**  
**Song 882 *No Tears In Heaven***  
**Scripture Reading - James Butler**  
***Philippians 2:12-13***  
**Lesson - Dennis Godin**  
***Keeping Him In View***  
**Lesson Text: *Hebrews 12:28-29***  
**Song 904 *Have You Been To Jesus?***  
**Closing Prayer - Shepherd**  
**Song Leader - Robert Balsamo**  
**Greeter - Barbara Lemay**  
**Communion Prep - Deborah Godin**  
**Last Week's Numbers**  
**Attendance: 34 Contribution: \$1370.06**  
***Live the Gospel at all times;  
When opportunity is there...  
Preach It!***

**THE BIDDEFORD  
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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

Life Groups

#### Tuesday 7/17

Bible Study

#### Birthdays

Mike Wickwar 7/26

Linda Barnes 7/27

Ian Sampson 7/28

Lenny Spano 7/28

#### Anniversaries

John & Keasha Marescot 7/15

Bradford & Brenda Shaw 7/27

#### Ladies Night Out

Saturday 7/28 Brenda Shaw's Home

### Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, Lenny Spano, Erik Cote

Prayer - John Carter

Scripture Reading Sunday

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

## Keeping Him In View

The intimacy which God invites us to have with Him is so amazing! Through the marvelous work of Christ, we have "received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'" (Romans 8:15). Paul expresses a similar thought in Galatians 4:6, and then says, "Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" (Galatians 4:7). How wonderful it is to be able to have confidence about our relationship with God, who through Christ has invited sinful man to sonship. How we see God, I believe, is at the very center of our personal growth as Christians. Seeing God as savior is only part of how we should look to God.

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.*

*Hebrews 12:28*

This verse caught my attention in our mid-week study and has been running through my head ever since. The Jewish Christians were being challenged in their walk with Christ, being tempted to go back to the ways of the old law. Thus, the writer has spent much of the time comparing both the Old Covenant and New Covenant, revealing that although going back may be tempting, you are going... backward. They would be leaving the "kingdom which cannot be shaken" and going back into a broken world. Have you been tempted to do so? You know...go back into the world? How do we fight against such temptation?

Part of the answer is found in the exhortation given to these Jewish Christians. By the immeasurable grace given them through Christ, they were (we are) called to serve (some translations use the word *worship*) God acceptably. And I think that acceptably is linked to the next two words, which are reverence and fear. What does reverence mean? Some define it as *modesty or awe* towards something, in this case God. This reverence, as one person put it, "would always restrain a good man from an unworthy act." Then, there is this word fear. Not just any fear, but godly fear. It carries the idea of *veneration*; that is, *great respect* toward God. Why such fear? Listen to Hebrews 12:29, "For our God is a consuming fire."

An electrician (we do as well), works with electricity every day. He knows its benefits and its capability. It can help, and it can be devastating. What keeps the latter from happening is a healthy fear (i.e., great respect) of its potential. Could it be the same as we walk with Christ? How we view God, plays a significant role in the choices we make and the road we travel towards Christ likeness. Sometimes I need to be bold enough to ask myself this simple, yet profound question, "Am I serving God acceptably with reverence and godly fear?" Thank you, Lord, for Your grace!

*Dennis*

Sermon Notes

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