

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ John & Keasha Marescot Surgery Recovery
- ◆ 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.

**We need to schedule people to make food for John Marescot after we find his diet. Let Barbara or Debbie if you can help.**

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## **Order of Worship**

**Song 144 *O Worship The King***

**Announcements - Shepherd**

**Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw**

**Song 31 *Be Still And Know***

**Reading 1 - *Psalm 16:7 - Psalm 18:6***  
*Angel Velez*

**Song 387 *Tell Me The Story Of Jesus***

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

**Song 960 *It's Me***

**Contribution**

**Song 538 *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less***

**Reading 2 - *James 4:13 - James 5:18***  
*Robert Balsamo*

**Song 652 *We Have Heard The Joyful Sound***

**Prayer - John Carter**

**Reading 3 - *Luke 11:1-13 - Luke 18:1-8***  
*Abraham Damuth*

**Song 712 *Jesus Is Coming Soon***

**Closing Prayer - Shepherd**

**Song Leader - James Butler**

**Greeter - Brenda Butler**

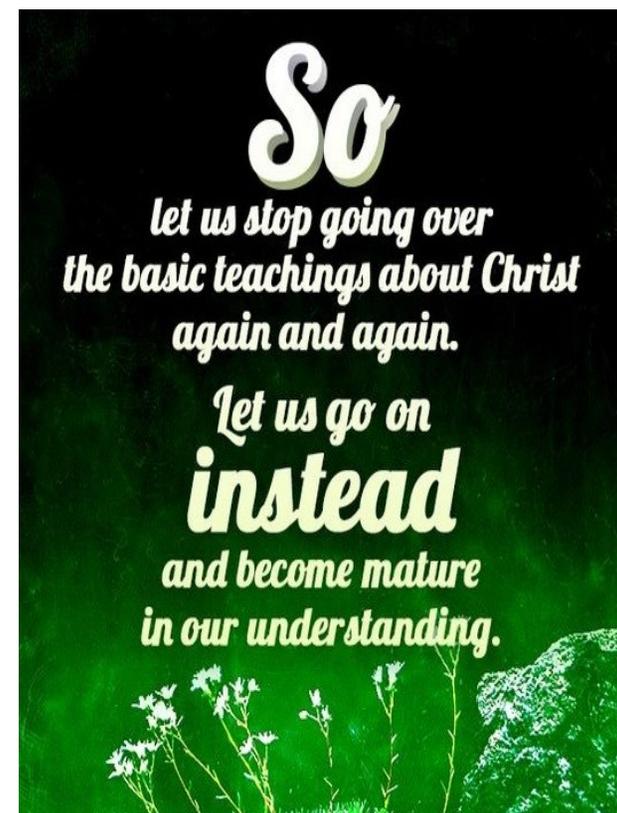
**Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth**

**Last Week's Numbers**

**Attendance: 27 Contribution: \$1167.39**

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When opportunity is there...  
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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

Tuesday 7/24  
Singing

#### Birthdays

Mike Wickwar 7/26  
Linda Barnes 7/27  
Ian Sampson 7/28  
Lenny Spano 7/28

#### Anniversaries

Bradford & Brenda Shaw 7/27

#### Ladies Night Out

Saturday 7/28 Brenda Shaw's Home  
Starting at 4PM

### Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo  
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw  
Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Ruffo  
Lawrance, Clifford Parker  
Prayer - Matthew Sampson  
Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano  
Greeter - Jessica Damuth  
Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay

## *Are You Listening Lord?*

The selections of scripture for our service today is meant to focus our attention on prayer. Prayer is a means of communication that is vital to our Christian walk. God exhorts us to "pray without ceasing" (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:17); in part, because "the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16). Prayer is the means by which we are given opportunity to communicate with God. But if we were to be honest about this subject, we would most likely acknowledge that at times, we wonder if God is even listening.

*In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried out to my God.*

*Psalm 18:6*

When our children were much younger, I can remember them calling out to their mother, "Mom! Mom!" Sometimes her response was swift, while others were delayed for various reasons. Whatever the reason for the delay, the call would not stop, "Mom! Mom! The fundamental reason for the calls from our children to their mom was simple, who else would they call too? We too, when our understanding is clear that "my help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2), our cries will go out to Him and He, in due time, will provide relief.

*Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."*

*James 4:15*

Not all of life is filled with cries, sometimes life goes forward as we make daily decisions about the roads we take. Prayer is an avenue used to invite God into those very choices, where our personal objectives collide with the will of God. I say collide, because in many cases, what I want to do and what God may want me to do, are two different things. Prayer helps remind me that it is

more about Him and His cause, than it is about my wishes. Prayer helps to align me as it did Jesus when He uttered these words, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). Confident prayer has as its back drop, the will of God (1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14).

*Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.*

*Luke 11:1*

I find it interesting that something so personal like prayer, was actually taught. One of the things that can be taught is the need for persistence (Luke 11:8). The parable of the persistent widow in Luke 18:1-8 teaches us just how important it is to be... persistent! Think of it, Israel was in captivity for a very long time (430 years). They cried out to the Lord for so long as generations came and went. God, in His perfect timing, came and brought them freedom.

Okay, now I want to share with you something about me and this subject of prayer. I have found it difficult to pray at times, in part, because it seems as though no one is listening. These verses are exactly what I needed to hear and read. Like a child, I need to trust in the one who can meet my every need and believe that, at the right time, that need will be met. Help me Lord to be committed to you in prayer.

*Dennis*

Sermon Notes

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