

# BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## WHY THE SEMINAR?

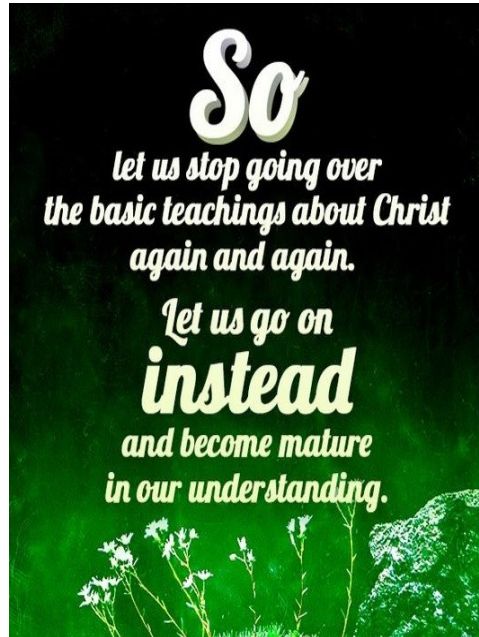
ARTICLE BY DENNIS GODIN

In just a little less than two months, we will be hosting an area wide seminar entitled, Dynamic Deacons. Don't let the title confuse you, this seminar is for men and women, young and old, ministry leaders, those who might consider a leadership role, and yes, of course, deacons. The design of the Lord's church should reveal to us that leadership, and those who are led, play a pivotal role in our well-being and growth. The simple fact is this, we all are critical parts of God's redemptive team called the church. We are "His own special people" (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9)!

*Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach.*

*Nehemiah 2:17*

It is the year 586 B.C., and Jerusalem has been decimated and God's people taken into Babylonian captivity. Years go by and the reestablishing of this iconic



city begins with a proclamation from Cyrus king of Persia, who released the Jews to go back and rebuild. Called by God, Nehemiah comes of the scene, with some of the work already done, but the great wall around the city, with its majestic gates, remains in rubble. After years in captivity and some progress made after their release, things are not yet finished. Nehemiah exhorts the Jewish people, "Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem." If you were to read through this letter, you would find the nay-sayers of course, but don't get distracted by them. As you read through chapter 3, time and time again, you read of those who took on the task of rebuilding various gates. Adversity came knocking, as chapters 4-6 reveals, but

## 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  
Tony Lemay (207)651-3369  
Dennis Godin (207)651-3588

### Deacons

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

### Ministry Leaders & Staff

Education - Antonio Balsamo  
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Grounds - Lenny Spano  
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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 September 8th.

Thank You,  
*Debbie and Barbara*

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 42    Contribution: \$ 2609.64

### WHY THE SEMINAR? (CONTINUED)

God's people remained focused and the wall was rebuilt. What an amazing story of resilience and faith in the midst of such hardship.

*...according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

*Ephesians 4:16*

So, why the seminar? It is simple, we are God's elect who have been called to help build, only this time it is not a wall, it is His church which He made us a part of. We all have something to offer! All of us have a "share" to contribute to this objective. The seminar is but one building block to help us understand, not only what my share may be, but also the role of others that God has put in place by design. Make plans now to attend and be a part of building the Lord's church here in Biddeford!

*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**– September 2nd and September 16th.

**Congregational Breakfast** - September 8th at 8:30 am.

**Pot Luck** - September 9th

**Singing Nights** - Tuesday September 25th (7 p.m. Biddeford)

**Happy Birthday!**

Cynthia Fournier	September 7th
James Butler	September 11th
Natalee Lawrance	September 11th
Clifford Parker	September 12th
Vinny Balsamo	September 22nd

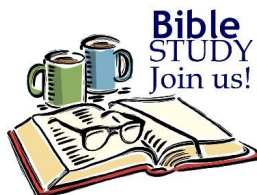
**Happy Anniversary!** Antonio & Carolyn Balsamo September 15

Abraham & Jessica Damuth September 18

***Sunday September 30  
Right after Services  
Baby Shower for Cheri Erickson  
Ladies only \* Lunch provided  
In Lieu of presents Gift Cards  
RSVP to Keasha Marescot or Lisa Sampson***

### 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 509 *I Will Sing The Wondrous Story***

**Announcements - Shepherd**

**Opening Prayer - Joe Romano**

**Song 478 *Nearer Still Nearer***

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

**Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Lenny Spano, TJ Balsamo**

**Song 76 *How Great Thou Art***

**Contribution**

**Song 837 *I Need Thee Every Hour***

**Prayer - Matthew Sampson**

**Song 96 *I Stand In Awe***

**Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson**  
***Ephesians 4:11-16***

**Lesson - Dennis Godin**  
***Why The Seminar?***

Lesson Text: *Nehemiah 2:17*

**Song 969 *Don't You Want To Go To That Land***

**Closing Prayer - Shepherd**



Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Brenda Butler

Communion Prep: Barbara Lemay

### NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

**Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo**

**Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw**

**Lord's Supper - John Carter, Ruffo Lawrance, David Lawrance**

**Prayer - Mike Wickwar**

**Scripture Reading - Robert Balsamo**

**Greeter - Jessica Damuth**

**Communion Prep - Deborah Godin**

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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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