

Prayer Requests

- ◆ John & Keasha Marescot Surgery Recovery
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Linda Barnes Heart & respiratory problems.
- ◆ Marion Goodwin heart issues
- ◆ Wife of Dennis' brother - Alzheimer's
- ◆ Glory Parker - Health/travel.
- ◆ Spiritual and Physical well being of the church and all its members.

*Baby Shower for Cheri Erickson
Sunday September 30 After Services
Ladies Only * Gift Cards Appreciated
RSVP Keasha Marescot or Lisa Sampson*

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Order of Worship

Song 123 *The Steadfast Love of The Lord*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 4 *To God Be The Glory*

Song 962 *Were You There?*

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

Song 701 *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Contribution

Song 837 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Song 948 *I Am Resolved*

**Scripture Reading - Robert Balsamo
*Luke 11:1-4***

Lesson - Dennis Godin

Our Father In Heaven

Lesson Text: *Matthew 6:9*

Song 853 *When We All Get To Heaven*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

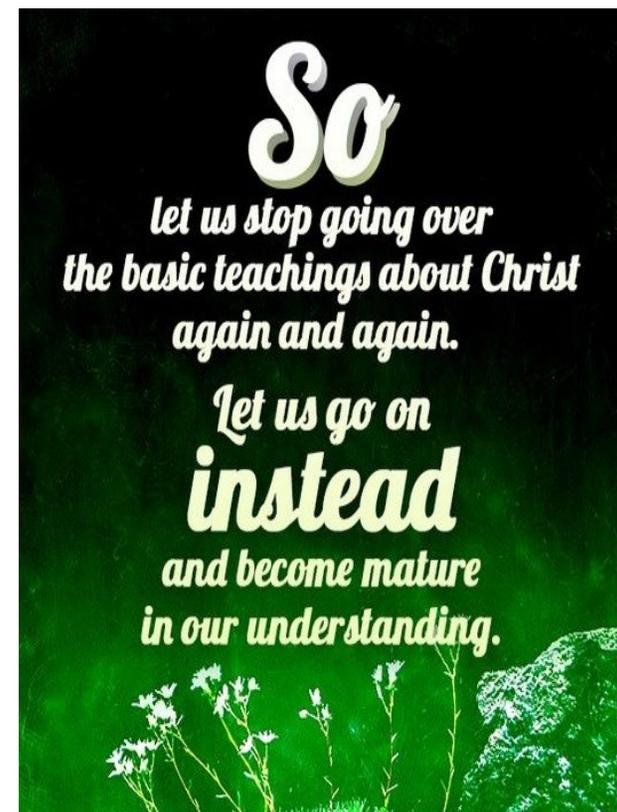
Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 37 Contribution: 957.67

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When opportunity is there...
Preach It!***

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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

Tuesday 9/11
Bible Study

9/13 thru 9/15
Ladies Retreat

Sunday 9/16
Life Groups

Birthdays

James Butler 9/11
Natalee Lawrance 9/11
Clifford Parker 9/12
Viny Balsamo 9/22

Anniversary

Antonio & Carolyn Balsamo 9/15
Abraham & Jessica Damuth 9/18

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Matthew Sampson
Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Clifford Parker, Lenny Spano
Prayer - Angel Velez
Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson
Greeter - Barbara Lemay
Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Our Father In Heaven

When it comes to discipling people, the topic of prayer, being so personal and intimate, can be viewed as something one simply does, rather than something one is taught. As I mentioned last Sunday, I have been deeply challenged about this recently and want to take this time to share it with you. Most of us are familiar with Matthew 6:5-15 and Luke 11:1-4 which are often given the title of the Lord's Prayer. In these texts, Jesus, after sharing some "don'ts" when it comes to prayer (only in Matthew 6:5-8), sought to teach his disciples some simple, yet profound things about prayer. Although the whole prayer is rich with insight, I wish only to consider it's beginning.

In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven. Hallowed be Your name...

Matthew 6:9

As most of you know, our youngest son made some choices some time back which has resulted in us not hearing from him for a very long time. I intellectually understand that we are to "count it all joy" (James 1:2) when faced with difficult times, realizing that such times, with a God centered attitude, can be beneficial in helping us to grow in Christ: so, it is with this situation. If you were to ask me, "What do you yearn for the most when it comes to your son?" My answer is simple, "I yearn to hear from him." His father wants to hear from his son whom he loves so desperately. Now let's step away and consider the prayer that Jesus taught the disciples, which begins with "Our Father." The Father who put redemption in motion "before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4) with the intent of offering "His only begotten Son" (John 3:16) that would usher in sinful man's opportunity to "come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16), yearns for us to talk with Him. The exhortation for God's children to "pray without ceasing" (1st Thessalonians 5:17) is the Father's way of saying, I am always here to listen and

help. Even though He knows what we need before we even ask (Matthew 6:8), He still wants to hear from us. The Father yearns to hear from His children!

If that wasn't enough, I was confronted with another thought, equally challenging. You see, I thought, "My son should reach out to me because...well...I am his father." Notice that father is not capitalized, nor should it be. I was, and still remain, an imperfect father, giving reason to why my son may struggle to communicate with me. Okay, what about God the Father? He is perfect! He is "the Father of mercies and God of all comfort" (2nd Corinthians 1:3) who is ready to "comfort us in all our tribulation" (2nd Corinthians 1:4). Much like my son's perception of me may hinder him, so it is with my perception of my heavenly Father. "Hallowed be Your name," Jesus says. This word hallowed speaks to man's perception of the Father. It means *to render or acknowledge to be venerable*. Simply put, "God the Father deserves and yes, commands great respect." The ETRV reads in part, "...we pray that your name will always be kept holy." By who? By me, the petitioner!

As much as I yearn to hear from my son, how much more does our Father, who is in heaven, yearns to hear from us...from me? If, by virtue of being his father, I should anticipate, even expect to hear from him. How much more should my heavenly Father expect to hear from me. God, so gracious and patient, is teaching me to reach out to Him in good times and bad, for He is worthy of my attention. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name!

Dennis

Sermon Notes
