

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Brenda Butler with cancer diagnosis.
- ◆ John & Keasha Marescot Surgery Recovery
- ◆ Keasha's friend Louise in Virginia for job.
- ◆ 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 Recovering from Surgery.
- ◆ 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.

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# Order of Worship

**Song 587 *Sing And Be Happy***

**Announcements** - Shepherd

**Opening Prayer** - Brad Shaw

**Song 474 *Thank You Lord***

**Song 382 *Why Did My Savior Come To Earth***

**Lord's Supper** - John Carter, Jacob Romano,  
Rufilo Lawrance

**Song 477 *There Is A Place Of Quiet Rest***

**Contribution**

**Song 753 *Farther Along***

**Prayer** - Mike Wickwar

**Song 490 *It Is Well With My Soul***

**Scripture Reading** - Jon Erickson

*2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

**Lesson** - Dennis Godin

*What Drives You*

Lesson Text: *1 John 3:1-3*

**Song 851 *I'll Fly Away***

**Closing Prayer** - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

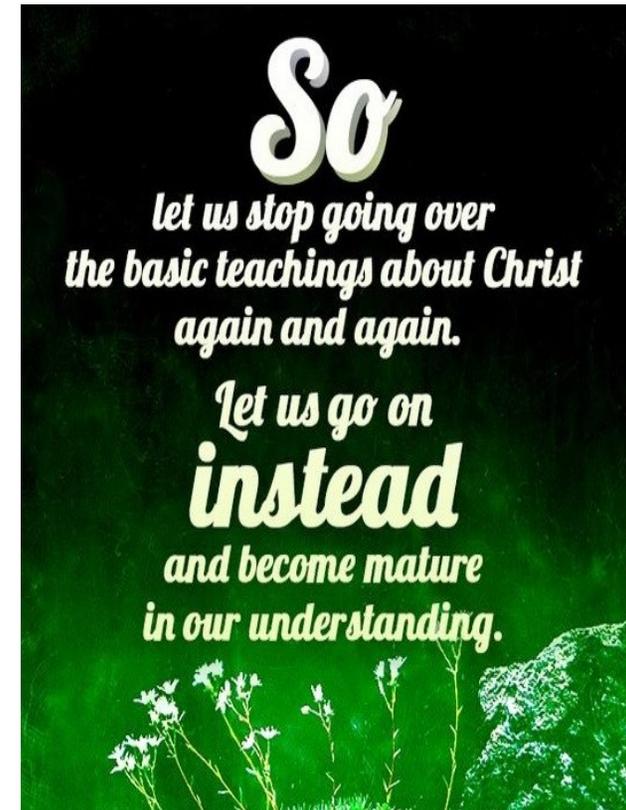
Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

**Last Week's Numbers**

**Attendance: 46 Contribution: 2540.47**

***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 10/7  
**Life Groups**

Tuesday 10/9  
**Bible Study**

Saturday 10/13  
**Congregational Breakfast**

Birthdays  
**Matt Sampson 10/4**  
**Antonio Balsamo 10/5**  
**Candis Lawrance 10/6**  
**Luke Lawrance 10/18**

Anniversary  
**Dennis & Debbie Godin 10/18**

### Next Week's Service Schedule

**Song Leader - James Butler**  
**Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw**  
**Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Erik Cote, Lenny Spano**  
**Prayer - Joe Romano**  
**Scripture Reading - Robert Balsamo**  
**Greeter - Brenda Butler**  
**Communion Prep - Barbara Lemay**

## What Drives You?

As I thought about this article, I realized I could have entitled it, "What motivates you." Either way, the fact of the matter is this, something causes us to move forward, to become engaged, or simply remain stagnant and apathetic in life. For the bulk of this year, the attention from the pulpit has been that of spiritual growth. The verses that speak to this need are plentiful and here are a couple. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15 begins with "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God..." 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:5 exhorts us, saying "giving all diligence, add to your faith..." Jesus Himself would exhort His disciples to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). God yearns for, and yes, expects us, to grow spiritually, for we "are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Ephesians 2:10). But I am again drawn back to the question, "What drives or motivates you... us?"

*For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:14-15*

In a world of expectations, goals to achieve and objectives to accomplish, we wrestle, at times, with the reason behind it all, and so it is with our Christian walk. As much as God yearns for us to grow in Christ, He doesn't want us to lose sight of the reason for that growth. One could say the reason for spiritual growth is that they desire to be like Christ. True, but that is more like a goal than a reason...right? Paul says that his awareness of Christ's love for him, compels or drives him in life. You can have all the goals you want, work efficiently and diligently towards them, systematically accomplishing one after another, only to find out that with each accomplishment there is a void, an emptiness. The goal was never intended to be the reason for joy and contentment; that is, to fill the void. Rather, the love of Christ is what is intended to fill it. Christ is the reason for all the things we do; and more importantly, for all that we are right now! So, what are you right now?

*Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!*

*1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1*

Here is a challenging question, "When you look in the mirror, what do you think of first and foremost?" Is it the flaws in your life? The imperfections that so often rise to the top? Is it the objectives of the day and the things you need to accomplish? Such reflection is needed, I know, especially if growth is to take place. Still, when was the last time you meditated on how much the Father loves YOU! Flaws and all! That regardless of those very things, He graciously sought after you because he loves YOU just as you are. If you are in Christ, He wants you to know you're his child completely and absolutely.

We work hard to earn our boss's approval. We strive to make our parents proud and receive their love. This is often the way of the world around us. What if we instead, thought about the incredible love the Father has for mankind...for me. What if, before I pick up my cross each day, that I first look to His cross? What if that was the driving force behind the things I do: Being part of His church, reaching out to serve those around me, growing in Christ. What if I daily took hold of the Father's love for me through Christ? What drives YOU?

*Dennis*

**Sermon Notes**

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