

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Brian (Dorin's Son In Law) brain tumor.
- ◆ Cheri & Jon Erickson—new arrival.
- ◆ John Marescot Surgery on 10/26.
- ◆ 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 47 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 354 *I Gave My Life For Thee*

Song 364 *Come Share The Lord*

**Lord's Supper - Matthew Sampson,
Rufilo Lawrance, TJ Balsamo**

Song 683 *I Am Mine No More*

Contribution

Song 960 *It's Me*

Prayer - John Carter

Song 96 *I Stand In Awe (2X)*

**Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth
*Romans 6:1-4***

Lesson - Dennis Godin

The Benefits of God's Love

Lesson Text: *1 Peter 3:21*

Song 699 *I'll Be A Friend To Jesus*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - James Butler

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

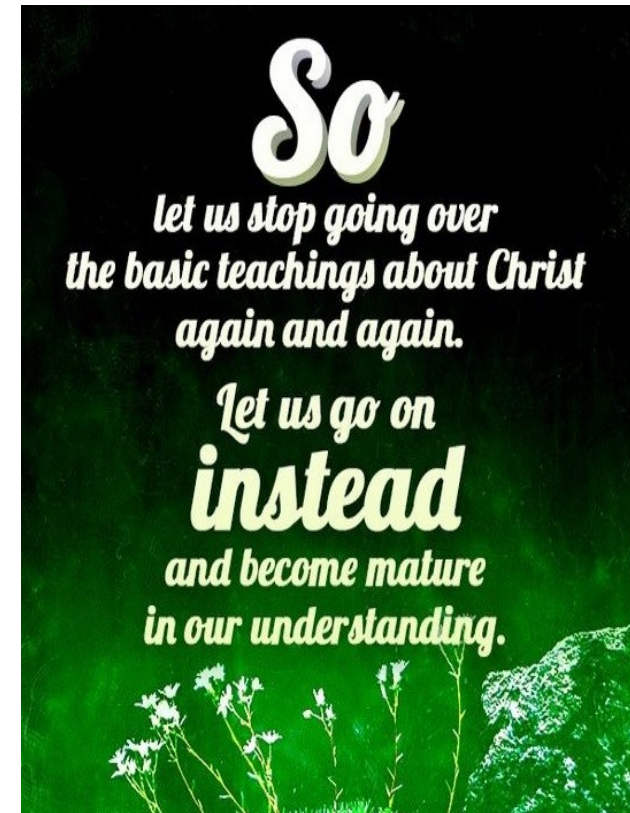
Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 31 Contribution: 1040.96

***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 10/21
Life Groups

Tuesday 10/23
Singing Night

Saturday 10/27
Church Workday at 8:30AM

Saturday 10/27
Ladies Night Out at 4PM
At the Church building
If you would like to bring finger food
Contact Debbie or Barbara

Birthdays
Jacob Romano 10/26
Glory Parker 10/28

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Lenny Spano, David Lawrance
Prayer - Angel Velez
Scripture Reading - TJ Balsamo
Greeter - Barbara Lemay
Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

The Benefits Of God's Love

I don't know about you, but the last couple of lessons from 1st John have been running through my mind. As a Christian, to grasp the "love the Father has bestowed (NIV, lavished) on us, that we should be called children of God" (1st John 3:1) can be truly life changing. The fact that this love, given to us through Christ's sufficient work on the cross, can enable us "to have boldness in the day of judgment" (1st John 4:17), casting "out fear" regarding His return, is equally comforting. Those who are in Christ should walk with confidence and hope because of Christ's amazing redemptive work.

We know that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16), opening the opportunity for sinful mankind to benefit from that perfect love. The question is, "When does sinful man begin to reap the benefits of God's love so he can walk in that confidence and hope?" It would seem reasonable that God would establish a point where man could reflect and remind him or her self when they became a child of God. Consider the following verse which most will be familiar with.

There is also an antitype which now saves us – baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...

1st Peter 3:21

The role of baptism in God's redemptive plan has been a point of contention in the religious world. Some religious groups make it more symbolic and thus, empty it of any real significance. Sadly, others elevate it so much that it blurs the work of the cross, something I have been guilty of in times past. But extremes cannot negate the true nature of this act of genuine be-

lief. Peter makes it clear, baptism is fundamentally important to salvation! It is, as the bible clearly teaches, the moment in time when we are "buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead" (Colossians 2:12). In this seemingly simple act of faith, we connect with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ and reckon ourselves "to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:11). With a heart sensitive to one's sinful past, the believer seeks change (repentance) and is "baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). There is a point of reference clearly revealed in God's word that shows us when sinful man can know confidently that he or she is His child, purchased by the blood of His Son and our Savior.

One may ask the question, "Does baptism save sinners?" The verse in 1st Peter mentioned above is a verse where one would go to, to answer that question with an emphatic yes. In times past, I would seek to empathize the act of baptism, but not anymore. You see, although baptism is essential to salvation, it is not more essential than the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There can be no confidence and hope without Jesus!

Dennis

Sermon Notes
