

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Brian (Dorin's Son In Law) brain tumor.
- ◆ Cheri & Jon Erickson—new arrival.
- ◆ John 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 709 *How Sweet, How Heavenly***

**Announcements - Shepherd**

**Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw**

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

**Song 337 *Hallelujah, What A Savior***

**Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Erik Cote,  
Lenny Spano**

**Song 662 *All To Jesus, I Surrender***

**Contribution**

**Song 202 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

**Prayer - Joe Romano**

**Song 122 *The Love Of God***

**Scripture Reading - Robert Balsamo**

***1 Samuel 16:7***

**Lesson - Dennis Godin**

***Create In Me***

**Lesson Text: *Psalm 51***

**Song 148 *I Keep Falling In Love With Him***

**Closing Prayer - Shepherd**

**Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo**

**Greeter - Jessica Damuth**

**Communion Prep - Deborah Godin**

**Last Week's Numbers**

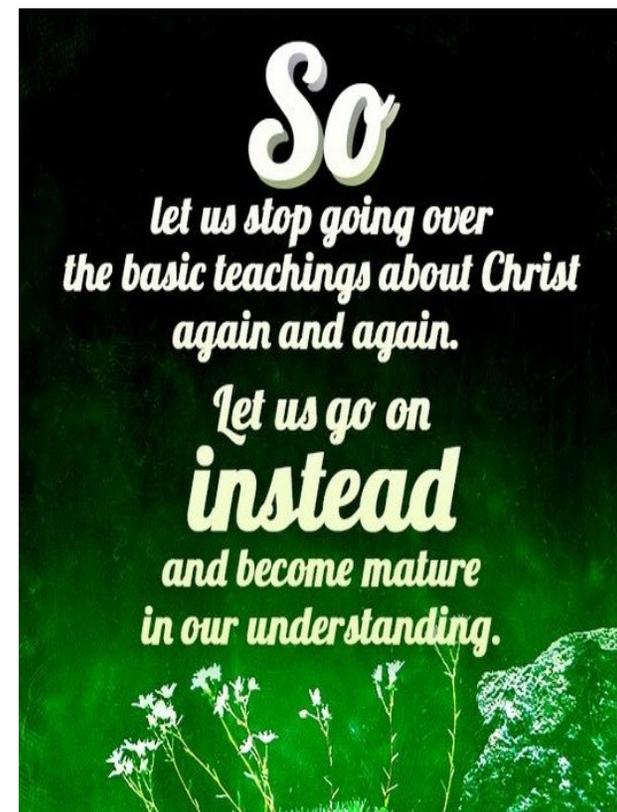
**Attendance: 37 Contribution: 2181.92**

***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 11/11

Pot Luck

Tuesday 11/13

Bible Study

John & Cheri Erickson

Welcome a new baby girl

And a New Address

1 Brook Drive

Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064

Birthdays

Lisa Carter 11/10

Erik Cote 11/12

Thanksgiving Baskets Complete Today

### Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - John Carter, Ruffalo

Lawrance, TJ Balsamo

Prayer - Matthew Sampson

Scripture Reading - James Butler

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

## Create In Me

As our year rapidly comes to a close, so does our theme for 2018 that has centered around our growth as Christians. On numerous occasions throughout the year, a word has emerged, that seems to play some significant role in that growth and it is momentum. Consider this definition, *the quantity of motion of a moving body*. If you are like me when seeking to achieve something, the initial surge comes reasonably easy to me: the challenge is keeping it going over the long term until completion is accomplished. What hinders you from your journey? What causes you to lose momentum?

After giving this some thought, I realized that momentum is less about the external and more about the internal. David, in Palm 51, would word it like this, *"Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice"* (Psalm 51:8). David's momentum killer was unresolved sin in his life. This tremendous burden can weigh a person down, robbing them of life and hindering them from any personal growth. David's sin was easily recognized. Some sin though, is not so easy to spot and those sins can be rooted in complacency. Proverbs 1:32 in the ESV says, *"For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them."* I wonder if that was what caused David not to go to war with his fighting men? I wonder then, if complacency has more to do with loss of focus, which seem to be the issue with the church in Laodicea in Revelation 3:15. Listen to this verse, *"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot."* I can be so busy (works) and satisfied with those things I have (Revelation 3:17), that I lose focus of those things of God. Such sin is difficult to see with clarity; nonetheless, it has its ability to stifle momentum. Whatever the sin may be, overt or obscure, it hinders the growth of Christians.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit with me.*

*Psalm 51:10*

Psalm 51 is about repentance and repentance is about getting back on track, spiritually re-focusing our lives to be lived for God. It begins with the heart! David wanted heart surgery because he knew he needed it. He writes, *"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit"* (Psalm 51:12). David needed to re-connect with God if momentum was to be regained. If you don't believe me, listen to the very next verse, *"Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You"* (Psalm 51:13). His efforts to work for God was intimately connected to his relationship with God.

May each of us be sensitive to the condition of our heart, the inner part of mankind that is the life force of all that we say and do. May we be aware of the ease to which one can become complacent, even in a busy, chaotic world. In so doing, may our God create and maintain within us a new heart, enabling us to continue the momentum of glorifying Him in all that we do.

*Dennis*

Sermon Notes

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