

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
- ◆ Brad Shaw - Surgery recovery.
- ◆ 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 31 *Be Still And Know*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 63 *I Will Call Upon The Lord*

Song 315 *When I Survey*

The Wondrous Cross

Lord's Supper - John Carter, Rufilo
Lawrance, TJ Balsamo

Song 745 *Humble Thyself*

Contribution

Song 912 *Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary*

Prayer - Matthew Sampson

Song 957 *This World Is Not My Home*

Scripture Reading - James Butler

Colossians 3:15-17

Lesson - Dennis Godin

Give Thanks

Lesson Text: *Colossians 3:15-17*

Song 103 *He Has Made Me Glad (2X)*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Barbara Lemay

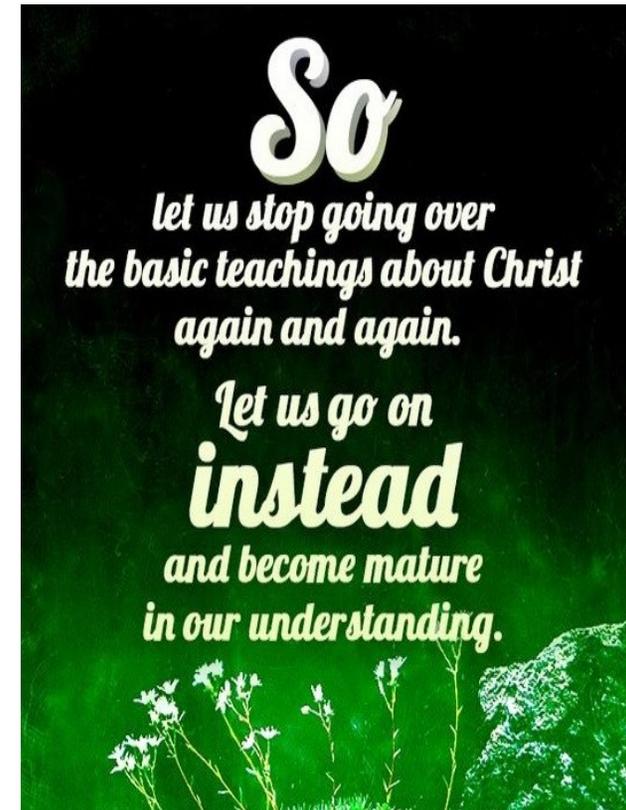
Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 48 Contribution: 1215.76

*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 11/18
Life Groups

Tuesday 11/20
Bible Study

John & Cheri Erickson
Welcome a new baby girl

And a New Address
1 Brook Drive
Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064

Birthdays
Tony Lemay 11/18
Corrine Lawrance 11/20

Ladies Night Out Will Resume 1/26/19
Nov & Dec cancelled due to holidays

Next Week's Service Schedule

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

Give Thanks

With the Thanksgiving holiday upon us, traditionally the lesson has to do with being thankful. This year, something a little different is going to take place. You see, Brad was planning on giving the lesson today, but due to his surgery and pace of recovery, he is unable to do so. He asked me to take his place, and how could I say no, especially since he did most of the work in preparing the slide presentation. As I sought to walk through it, I found myself with a unique opportunity to learn what he was seeking to relay as I prepared to be his conduit so to speak. I am blessed with this opportunity.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

Interesting is the simple task given to us by our Lord; that is, be thankful. I can hear my parents saying, "Dennis, say thank you for that." The very first thing Brad reminded me of is the sense of duty behind thankfulness. That word, duty, is not very well received, is it. Yet, the bible speaks clearly about it in not only the above verse, but also places like 1st Thessalonians 5:18 that says plainly, "...in everything give thanks." History is brought forth by Brad concerning the establishment of the Thanksgiving holiday. As you will see in the lesson, the very idea of this special day was rooted in their deep conviction of God's wonderful care for people. The next word caught me off guard; that is, description. Thankfulness is not merely a thought, but rather an action that finds it's roots in a thought, and that thought is gratitude. How do you express thankfulness? Psalm 100 speaks of making "a joyful shout to the Lord." The fact of the matter is this, in whatever we find ourselves doing, thankfulness should be ever present (Colossians3:17). This brings us to the final thought from Brad and it has

to do with benefits. In Revelation 7:12 we read, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Angels could not help but to lift their voices in thanks to God. Then Brad wrote this, which caused me to pause, "It appears that rejoicing in thankfulness is just what happens when those who belong to God stand in full awareness of who He is." Because of who He is, we are a blessed people! Because of who He is we are a saved people! Because of who He is, we have "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).

Thank you, Brad, for helping to remind us all that thankfulness is not so difficult to do. All we need to do is look in the right direction. For it is our duty as believers in the one true God, to acknowledge Him for what He has done, continues to do and plans on doing when we go home to be with Him. Whether in our heavenly home, or waiting faithfully for His return, may our lives paint a picture to both Him and the world that describes how thankful we are, for the benefits of our God are impossible to number. Have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
