

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Lisa Sampson Mom's Neice Dawn suicide.
- ◆ Joey Godin's Mother-In-Law (Linda's) Father passed away, prayers for the family.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar Dad Fred fall recovery.
- ◆ Brian (Dorin's Son In Law) brain tumor.
- ◆ Marescot extended family health/financial.
- ◆ Keasha's friend Louise in Virginia for job.
- ◆ Gabriele Little Husband-III, Brother-ALS.
- ◆ Lisa Carter's Friends-Jenn(Breast Cancer), Jayne(Life Struggles, Cardiac Issues)
- ◆ Mary McVicar Erik's friend kidney disease
- ◆ Linda Barnes Ongoing Health Issues.
- ◆ 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 290 *Shine Jesus, Shine*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 694 *Servant Song*

Song 364 *Come Share The Lord*

Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Erik Cote,
Rufilo Lawrance

Song 129 *Amazing Grace*

Contribution

Song 960 *It's Me*

Prayer - John Marescot

Song 648 *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*

Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson

Psalm 145:8-13

Lesson - Dennis Godin

Mercy In A Vacuum

Lesson Text: *2 Chronicles 36:11-21*

**Song 969 *Don't You Want To Go
To That Land***

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - James Butler

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 40 Contribution: 1015.65

*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 1/06
Life Groups

Tuesday 1/08
Bible Study

Saturday 1/12
Congregational Breakfast
Ladies Welcome

Sunday 1/09
Pot Luck

Anniversary
Tony & Barbara Lemay 1/08

Ladies Night 1/26/19
At 4PM in the Church building

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper - John Carter, Lenny Spano, Jacob Romano
Prayer - Joe Romano
Scripture Reading - TJ Balsamo
Greeter - Jessica Damuth
Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

Mercy In A Vacuum

What is interesting about so many things in life is that the depth of our understanding of specific things is directly related to our insight about others. Let's use a relatively simple example, light. Light can only be truly measured and understood through our knowledge of darkness. Let's try another example; that is, the word hot. Try to describe it without any reference to cold...you can't. At best, you would only be able to develop a shadow of its true nature. The same applies to our understanding of many biblical words.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end,
they are new every morning, great is your
faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

Today marks the first lesson of the new year and with it a new theme. As was noted in last week's article, the text chosen is familiar with most of us simply because we sing it often. What strikes me as interesting are the words uttered in this text and sung with great enthusiasm. Words like faithfulness, steadfast and even love. Each of these words carry meaning but are often described outside the context of the verse. Doing so, although not intentional, limits the depth of our understanding. It is my hope in the weeks and months to come, that we can increase our understanding (in some cases, simply rekindle it) of these, and other words that have such powerful biblical significance.

I thought that today, we would begin with a word that is profoundly powerful; that is,

mercy. How would you define it? Listen closely to this definition: *compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.* You may remember how Terry Schmidt defined mercy, "God **NOT** giving us what we deserve." There it is! Mercy cannot be truly understood outside of understanding what one deserves. So, for us to grasp what Jeremiah was writing, to get an idea of what God's mercy is truly like, we need to place it in the context of real life; that is, the events that moved him to pen these words.

I am convinced that if we allow ourselves to journey down these roads, the depth of our understanding of God will grow, along with, our awareness of how much we desperately need Him. May God be glorified and each of us enriched in 2019 so that His church can be strengthened, and the gospel can be proclaimed.

Dennis

Sermon Notes

Annual Church Business Meeting

Sunday January 20 After Services

We Need You There!!!