

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT” BY DENNIS GODIN

I thought we would consider mercy one more time, only from a different angle this time. As Christians, knowing we can “come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy” (Hebrews 4:16) because God is “rich in mercy” (Ephesians 2:4) is nothing short of amazing. As we considered in our last lesson, the attitude we bring when we approach the throne, speaks volumes to our understanding of our need for mercy. I think all of us, if we were honest with ourselves, could speak the words of David found in Psalm 51:1-2, “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” God’s mercy, so abundantly flowing in our lives, is not intended to stop with me, for if I have received it, God desires that I offer it as well.

For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 2:13

The letter of James, sometimes called the “proverbs” of the New Testament, provides for



us some insight regarding God’s abundant gift of mercy. To understand what James is saying, we need to back up and see what was taking place. James writes, “My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality” (James 2:1). What does partiality mean? Consider the ETRV’s translation of the latter part of this verse, “So don’t think that some people are more important than other people.” During times of assembly, when the church would gather, they were distinguishing between “a man with gold rings, in fine apparel” from “a poor man with filthy clothes” (James 2:1). To the rich man they would say, “You sit here in a good place” while telling the poor man “You stand there or sit here at my footstool” (James 2:3). So hideous is this behavior that we read, “...have you not... become judges with evil

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY
BIBLE CLASS 9:30A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.
MID-WEEK STUDY
TUESDAY 7-8 P.M.
(BIDDEFORD)

Elders

Brad Shaw (207)878-4124
Tony Lemay (207)651-3369
Dennis Godin (207)651-3588

Deacons

John Carter (207)229-8516
Matt Sampson (207)251-3030

Ministry Leaders & Staff

Education - Antonio Balsamo
(207)286-0514
Youth - Angel Velez
(207)730-9889
Worship - Abe Damuth
(207)608-1784
Building - Joe Romano
(207)281-3929
Grounds - Lenny Spano
(207)569-8800
Fin./Benev. - John Carter
(207)229-8516
Fellowship - Matt Sampson
(207)251-3030
Secretary - Mike Wickwar
(207) 432-2272

Ladies Ministry

Debbie Godin (207)286-4821
Barbara Lemay (207)850-0084

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're on Facebook– Biddeford church of Christ is on Facebook! There is a profile, which is public, and there is a closed group, for current Biddeford church family only, where we can share photos, prayer requests, announcements, etc. The public cannot see posts in the BCOC FB group. Only members can.

Men Leading in Worship - The men who serve in worship are asked to meet in the cry room or, if it is in use, a classroom promptly at 10:30 to confirm assignments and go to God in prayer.

Building Lights - If you are the last person leaving the building, please be sure to turn off all the lights, check that all windows are shut, and the doors are locked.

Bulletin /- Prayer List - If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please contact Mike Wickwar at 432-2272 or email him at mickwick@yahoo.com by Friday of each week. Anything given after Friday may not make it into that Sunday's bulletin.

Reminder: Please turn off your cell phone or place it on vibrate during Bible study and worship.

We care what you think - If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, feel free to write them down on a piece of paper, then sign it and place it in the box. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks for your help.

Monthly Bulletins– One per family, please. If you would like another copy, you can find it on our website, biddefordchurchofchrist.com. You can also listen to sermons on the website.

Updating the Prayer List - Please review the prayer list. If there is a prayer request initiated by you, it is important you contact Mike Wickwar with updates. Thank you.

Upcoming Events - Please check your calendars

Life Groups– February 3rd and February 17th.

Congregational Breakfast - February 9th at 8:30 am.

Singing Nights - February 26th.

Happy Birthday!	Joe Romano	February 6th
	Gabby Little	February 7th
	Debbie Godin	February 10th
	Carolyn Balsamo	February 15th
	Brenda Horowitz	February 20th
	Lisa Sampson	February 28th

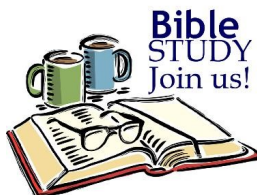
Happy Anniversary! John & Lisa Carter February 6th

Yearly Church Business Meeting Today January 27 After Services!!!!

Box tops for Education - Douglas Marescot -Container Upstairs - Ongoing

MID-WEEK BIBLE CLASSES

Biddeford
Tuesdays
7:00-8:00 p.m.



YOUR ATTENDANCE WOULD BE SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT!

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR TODAY

Song 123 *The Steadfast Love Of The Lord*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 354 *I Gave My Life For Thee*

Song 180 *Jesus Is Lord*

**Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, TJ Balsamo,
Clifford Parker**

Song 490 *It Is Well With My Soul*

Contribution

Song 827 *Sweet Hour Of Prayer*

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Song 753 *Farther Along*

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano

Matthew 5:3-12

Lesson - Dennis Godin

If You Have Received It

Lesson Text: *James 2:13*

Song 851 *I'll Fly Away*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd



Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep: Deborah Godin

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

**Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Erik Cote,
Robert Balsamo**

Prayer - John Marescot

Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

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.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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