

Prayer Requests

- ◆ The Doran Family Health & Financial.
- ◆ Mike's father medical issues from a fall.
- ◆ Marescot extended family health/financial.
- ◆ 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 103 *He Has Made Me Glad (x2)*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Elder

Song 1018 *Joy To The World*

Reading 1 - *Isaiah 9:1-7 & 40:1-11*
Abraham Damuth

Song 376 *He Paid A Debt*

**Lord's Supper - John Carter, James
Butler, Rufilo Lawrance**

Song 683 *I Am Mine No More*

Contribution

Song 239 *In Moments Like These (x2)*

Reading 2 - *Matthew 1:18-2:12*

Robert Balsamo

Song 704 *Bind Us Together*

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Song 264 *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

Song 768 *Jesus Let Us Come To Know You*

Reading 3 - *Luke 1:26-38 & 2:1-20*

Angel Velez

Song 528 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

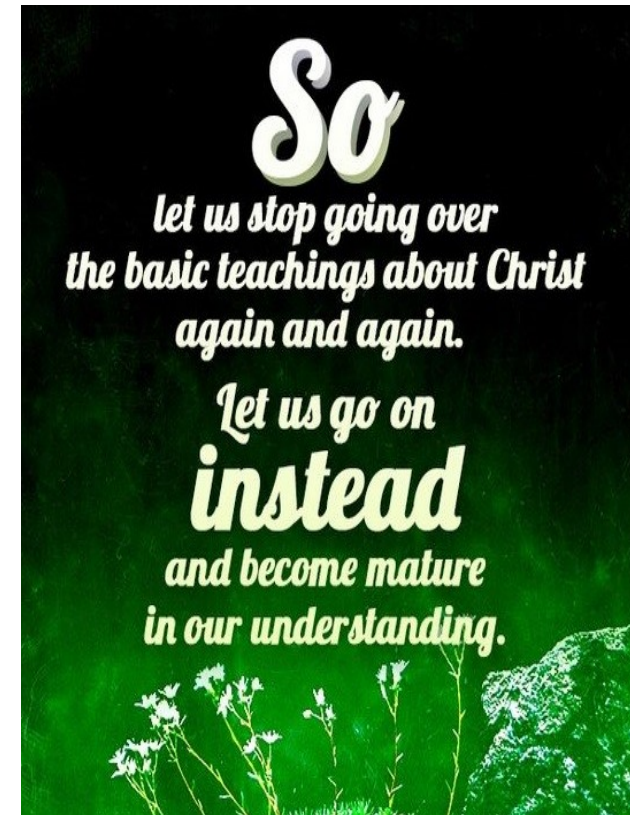
Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 39 Contribution: 1325.07

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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

Tuesday 12/25/25
Christmas Day

Sunday 12/30
Guest Speaker
Tony Lemay

Monday 12/31
New Year's Eve at the Godin's

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

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Elder
Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Lenny Spano, Clifford Parker
Prayer - Matthew Sampson
Scripture Reading - TJ Balsamo
Greeter - Barbara Lemay
Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Christmas Time Comes Round Again

As I write this article, we are coming to the tail end of an autumn that has felt a lot like winter. We are tossed back into the "Christmas Season". This can feel like a time when our top priority is to find the best Black Friday deal, when we get stressed out about hors d'oeuvre planning, when we might travel dozens or hundreds of miles to visit Family members that we would really rather not see.

Please do not be discouraged (Joshua 1:9). Last December, I wrote an article for this bulletin about the scriptures being read on that forth Sunday, and about another passage from the Bible. I reference Romans 14:5-8. It speaks about how each of us will have special days and normal days, and how we should regard them. Basically, whatever we do on any given day should be done for the Lord.

So, if any of us choose to celebrate Christmas with our family members of non-believers, let us make sure, as Christians, that we are doing so for the right reasons. Let us not fall into the traditions of man with blinders on. As we think about the teachings in Romans 14, and, as we are reminded to "live to the Lord", let me put forth another suggestion; use this time of year to your advantage. We are not commanded to celebrate the birth of Christ, but let us use this season to point our loved ones to Christ. Plant the seed. It may be as simple as showing them Isaiah, where the Lord is prophesied some 700-ish years before his birth. It may be helpful to point them to the first couple of chapters of Matthew or Luke where Mary and Joseph and the Magi are discussed. These scriptures contain the inspiration and even the very words of Christmas carols that many non-believers enjoy singing. Explaining what the words to carols mean may be helpful, or showing folks some of the other verses to songs that many have never seen may trigger curiosity for learning more.

However you handle this time of year, please, do not be ensnared into the traditions of men. Do enjoy your time with brothers, sisters, and lover ones in His creation, as we put our God and Savior foremost in our lives every day of the year.

Abraham

Sermon Notes



The Godin's would like to invite anyone that would like to come to their house New Year's Eve. Please bring a snack of some kind. The Godin's will provide sandwiches. You can come any time around 6PM so we can end early and people are not on the road too late. We will play some games, do some singing and praying. Hope to see you there!!