

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“READING THE UNREAD” BY DENNIS GODIN

There is a New Testament verse that I suspect many of us are familiar with; that is, Romans 15:4. It says the following, “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” Such a verse is spoken often to encourage us to take the time to look back into the Old Testament and benefit from that part of God’s word. Truth be told though, many of us might have the tendency to almost avoid certain books. For instance, when talking with people, they express their frustration with books like Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, expressing confusion because they don’t understand so much of what they read. Yet, some of those very same people walked away enriched after our study of Leviticus because it gave insight into the cross of Christ that they did not realize before. It truly is worth our time.

Well, our theme verse for 2019 comes from one of those books often avoided by Christians, simply because of



lack of insight: that book is Lamentations. The word lamentation means the passionate expression of grief or sorrow, weeping. Its title is understood when you realize it deals with the destruction of Jerusalem and the burning of the temple which took place in 586 B.C. We can read of this tragic event in 2nd Chronicles 36:11-21. Lamentations is five poems written by Jeremiah that speak to this event and its impact on God’s people.

***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

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

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

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AS EACH PART DOES ITS WORK

How important is encouragement to you? Note someone you have not seen in worship lately and give them a call or send them a card. Who knows, your words of encouragement could make an eternal difference.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" - Acts 16:30

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Romans 10:14, 17

Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31; Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37; Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9; Rev 2:10

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"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

~ Acts 4:12 ~

Ladies Corner

Our next Ladies meeting will be during the congregational breakfast on January 12th.

Thank You,
Debbie and Barbara

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 45 Contribution: \$ 1494.62

"READING THE UNREAD" (CONTINUED)

Do you find it interesting that that very song we sing with these words in it, comes from a book that was written by someone in great anguish over the state of God's people? If you take the time to read the events leading up to this tragedy, you would understand why God was so upset with His people; even so, their state was awful, and lamenting was reasonable. It seems odd to read such words when thinking of such a horrific time; that is, until you read verse 21, "This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope." In the midst of this overwhelming event, Jeremiah reminds himself, and us, that God loves His people always. Even when He must discipline them for their behavior.

Reading the unread. When was the last time you read Lamentations? Maybe this might be the first time, and that is okay. My prayer is as we consider this text and the background behind it, that we become even more committed to the God that so desperately loves His people. Thank You Lord for 2018 and may we dedicate 2019 to the One who makes it all possible.

Dennis

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– January 6th and January 20th.

Congregational Breakfast - January 12th at 8:30 am.

Singing Nights - January 22nd.

Happy Birthday! Robert Balsamo January 2nd
 Maria Wickwar January 19th

Happy Anniversary! Tony & Barbara Lemay January 8th

Yearly Church Business Meeting Sunday January 20 After Services!!!!

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

*New Year's Eve
At the Godins
December 31st around 6PM
Sandwiches provided, bring a snack*

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 031 *Be Still And Know*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Elder

Song 63 *I Will Call Upon The Lord*

Song 315 *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

**Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Lenny Spano,
Clifford Parker**

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 - TJ Balsamo

Psalms 1

Lesson - Tony Lemay

Meditation Is Essential For Success

Lesson Text: *Psalms 1*

Song 103 *He Has Made Me Glad (2 x's)*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd



Song Leader: Robert Balsamo

Greeter: Barbara Lemay

Communion Prep: Jessica Damuth

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - James Butler

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

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

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.

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