

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Lisa Sampson Mom's Neice Dawn suicide.
- ◆ Mike's Friend Sandra Heart Issues.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar Dad Fred fall recovery.
- ◆ Herb Ranks-Passed away prayers for family
- ◆ Marescot extended family health/financial.
- ◆ 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 Ongoing Health Issues.
- ◆ Marion Goodwin heart issues
- ◆ Brad Shaw - Surgery recovery.
- ◆ Godin Family Debbie friend Carol-heart
- ◆ Dennis sister in law Alzheimer's
- ◆ Spiritual and Physical well being of the church and all its members.

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Order of Worship

Song 611 *Hevenly Sublight*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 334 *Tis Midnight And On Olives Brow*

Song 364 *Come Share The Lord*

Lord's Supper - John Carter, Lenny Spano, TJ Balsamo

Song 902 *Nothing But The Blood*

Contribution

Song 960 *It's Me*

Prayer - Joe Romano

Song 538 *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

Scripture Reading - Rufilo Lawrance
Psalm 105:16-22

Lesson - Dennis Godin

Therefore I Will Hope

Lesson Text: *Romans 5:1-5*

Song 148 *I Keep Falling In Love With Him*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - James Butler

Greeter - Brenda Horowitz

Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 48 Contribution: \$2427.00

*Live the Gospel at all times;
When opportunity is there...
Preach It!*

**THE BIDDEFORD
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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 3/10

Pot Luck

Tuesday 3/12

Bible Study

Saturday 3/16

No So Youth Rally - Kittery

Birthdays

Bradford Shaw 3/12

Anniversary

Steve & Glory Parker 3/17

Ladies Day March 23, 2019

We Need your Help!

Please contact Barbara or Debbie

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, Jacob Romano, Erik Cote

Prayer - Angel Velez

Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Therefore I will Hope

It is said that an optimist believes we live in the best of all possible worlds and the pessimist fears this is true. As Jeremiah looked around at his world, he truly did not see "the best of all possible worlds." He also didn't have disabling fear that this was as good as it can get. He was able, through faith, to pen these extraordinary words while faced with immense adversity, "'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I hope in Him!'" (Lamentations 3:24) His hope was not defined by his circumstances; instead, it was anchored in the reality of God and his steadfast love.

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5:3-4

For those of us who are in Christ, we should say with certainty that our hope is in Him, our Lord and Savior. We sing the song, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." In Romans 5:1-2, Paul makes it clear that "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" enabling us to "rejoice in hope of the glory of God." But did you know that one's hope can be refined? But how you might ask? One way is through tribulations. Paul and Barnabas, as they worked with the early church, said, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). As difficult as tribulations can be at times, it is to our benefit as Christians to see such events as opportunities for God to work in our lives. The word *produces* means *to do that from which something results*. In this case, it appears to be a sort of domino effect. First, it effects perseverance or patience (NIV) which means *steadfastness, constancy, endurance*. This sets the stage for the building of character or as the KJV translates this word, experience. The

word simply means *approvedness, tried character*. The Psalmist writes, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way of everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24). The genuineness of one's conviction is often revealed in the midst of adversity. And when circumstances take all sense of earthly hope away, what is left is the only real hope for mankind.

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 5:5

As Jeremiah witnessed the devastation around him, he was overwhelmed with what was taking place. Still, in the midst of such adversity, his anchor was unmoved: His hope was in the Lord! For us today, as we place our hope in the redemptive work of Christ, we can face adversity with similar conviction. The conviction that God is working in our lives and that this work will further develop, our understanding of real hope. A hope that is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and His righteousness. Therefore, I will have hope

Dennis

Sermon Notes
