

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Lisa Sampson Mom's Neice Dawn suicide.
- ◆ Lenny Spano Sister's husband passed away
- ◆ Joey Godin - Serious stomach issues.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar Dad Fred health.
Friend Sandra Heart Issues.
- ◆ 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 health her and husband.
- ◆ 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 121 *Come Let Us All Unite To Sing*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 162 *All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name*

Song 382 *Why Did My Savior Come To Earth*

**Lord's Supper - John Carter, Erik
Cote, Jacob Romano**

Song 453 *Love Lifted Me*

Contribution

Song 827 *Sweet Hour Of Prayer*

Prayer - Joe Romano

Song 722 *Let The Beauty Of Jesus Be Seen*

Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson

Psalm 103:9-14

Lesson - Dennis Godin

Do It Because Of Mercy

Lesson Text: ***Titus 3:1-7***

Song 655 *Poured Out Like Wine*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 42 Contribution: 1657.92

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 4/7
Life Groups

Tuesday 4/9
Bible Study

Saturday 4/13
Congregational Breakfast

Sunday 4/14
Pot Luck

Birthdays
Stephen Parker 4/10

*Contact Angel Velez
To participate in our new
Community Outreach Project*

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper - John Marescot, Lenny Spano, TJ Balsamo
Prayer - Mike Wickwar
Scripture Reading - Ruffalo Lawrance
Greeter - Jessica Damuth
Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

Do It Because Of Mercy

So often in the Christian walk, the task at hand for us: that is, to "be holy, for I am holy" (1st Peter 1:16) by being "imitators of God" (Ephesians 5:1), can get lost in the do's and don'ts of life. Just recently in bible class, the idea of a "check list" came up in our discussion as we sought to reason through our commitment to Christ in this world. The fact of the matter is this, what God calls us to do in this world as His followers, is intimately woven into our awareness of what He has already done for us. What He has done is provided an inexhaustible amount of mercy towards sinful man.

Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

Titus 3:1-2

The evangelist Titus was given a task to remind God's people of how to conduct themselves, and in this case, it seems to be focusing on behavior towards those outside of Christ. The words chosen by the Holy Spirit speak directly to the Christian's battle with dying to self; be subject, obey, peaceable, humility. What can help to empower us though, is the truth which follows this exhortation. We read, "For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another" (Titus 3:3). Our calling to be Christ-like in this lost and dying world can be overwhelming at times. It can so easily be twisted into an "us" and "them" sort of attitude. Although there is a difference between the two, we should never lose sight of the fact that we were

once "them." Entangled in the workings of this sinful world, caught up in the allurements of selfish desires. The message we are to bring them, is the message we ourselves needed, and still need to this day.

But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us...

Titus 3:5

Mercy; that is, God not giving us that which we deserve. No amount of service! No amount of transformation! No amount of righteousness on our part could save us from what we deserve. Paul said it concisely, "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23). I believe it is this awareness that helps to empower us to live for Christ, realizing that we have "been justified by His grace" (Titus 3:7) "abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior" (Titus 3:6). That same mercy which has been so graciously extended to us should be evidenced through us in our day to day interactions with others. We do it because of mercy!

Dennis

Sermon Notes
