

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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WHAT "WILL" I DO BY DENNIS GODIN

In the last couple of lessons, I have mentioned one of the central aspects of a Christian's walk; that is, to "deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow" Jesus (Luke 9:23). I find myself draw back to this text in light of what we read in Lamentations that speaks of how God's people of old, who became more focused on what they wanted, rather than what their God wanted. The consequence was devastating. Of her, Jeremiah writes, "She did not consider her destiny" (Lamentations 1:9). I find comfort in God's steadfast love, His endless mercy and compassionate faithfulness. Yet, I also realize, that like the Jerusalem of old, faithful followers can get distracted by the world around us. The objective of "denying self" is slowly replaced by the daily pursuits of this life, obscuring our ability to understand the will of God, or in some cases, denying to do His will. The fact of the matter is this, what "will" I do is at the core of our walk with Christ.

*For I have come down from
heaven, not to do My will,
but the will of Him who sent
Me.*

John 6:38

The context of the above verse



focuses on the redemptive work of Christ and all that it would entail, including the abuse He would face, the rejection He would encounter and the cross he would hang upon. For the Father's will to be accomplished through Jesus, Jesus would have to deny self on daily basis. With the cross looming, and in great anguish, the challenge of denying self to do another's will is seen in our Savior's prayer, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). I wonder sometimes that my struggle with knowing and doing the will of God is because I am reluctant to do just that, deny self. Help me Lord to willingly deny myself daily so that your will can be evidenced in my life. What other things can influence what "will" I do?

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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Ladies Ministry

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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

Ladies Night Out - May 25th
Please contact Debbie or Barbara

Thank You,
Debbie and Barbara

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 37 Contribution: \$ 1022.35

"OUR NOURISHMENT" (CONTINUED)

**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,
that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

Romans 12:2

I could be accused of coming to this verse rather frequently, but I do so with good reason. In my own life over the years, I have often found myself struggle with understanding what God's will is, because I lack the desire to learn it; it is just that simple. I realize the battle for the mind is where Satan works the most, with subtle changes that sound reasonable, but pave the way to depravity. As disciples (i.e., learners), our willingness to "deny self-daily" sets the stage for God to transform our minds; which in turn, opens up the opportunity to come to understand His will more perfectly. I want to know what His will is for me...for us as His church.

Okay, with that said, I am painfully aware that such an endeavor is riddled with problems, of which, I am one of them. And although I will never get it all down perfectly, I don't want those imperfections to be used as an excuse to not grow in my understanding of His will. So today, this day, I have an objective. I ask God to strengthen me in my efforts to deny self so I can focus on His will. With that, I apply myself, to the best of my ability, to allow God to transform me through the renewing of my mind. All, so I can more clearly understand His will and thus, have the opportunity to bring glory to His name. Lord, may your will be done in our lives this day.

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– May 5th and May 19th.

Congregational Breakfast - May 11th at 8:30 am. Also Work Day.

Singing Nights - May 28th.

Happy Birthday!

Douglas Marescot	May 10th
Rufilo Lawrance	May 13th
Clayton Parker	May 17th
Brenda Butler	May 24th
Jon Erickson	May 31st

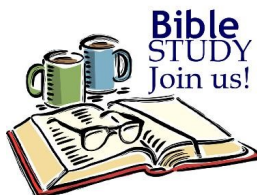
Happy Anniversary! Mike & Maria Wickwar May 18th
Rufilo & Candis Lawrance May 20th

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

***Spring Is Upon Us!!! Please sign up for Church Work Day
And Weekend Mowing Schedule***

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 574 *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 193 *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Song 318 *O Sacred Head*

**Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, TJ Balsamo.
Clifford Parker**

Song 578 *We Will Glorify*

Contribution

Song 479 *Peace, Perfect Peace*

Prayer - John Marescot

Song 452 *Standing On The Promises*

**Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano
*James 4:13-16***

**Lesson - Dennis Godin
*What "Will" I Do***

Lesson Text: *John 6:38 & Romans 12:2*

Song 580 *The Joy Of The Lord*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd



Song Leader: Antonio Balsamo

Greeter: Brenda Butler

Communion Prep: Jessica Damuth

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

**Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Erik
Cote, Jacob Romano**

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

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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