

# BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## WILL IT BE WORTH IT? BY DENNIS GODIN

Many of us are familiar with Jesus's encounter with the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:16-22. If you recall, Jesus challenged the young ruler with these words, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me" (Matthew 19:21). Much like what we have considered from Luke 9:23, this rich young ruler was faced with the challenge of denying self and taking up his cross, in order to follow Jesus. Sadly, the cost seemed too much for him and "he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions" (Matthew 19:22). Jesus then says to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:23). Not impossible, but hard; that is, with difficulty. So difficult it can be, that it is likened to trying to put a camel through the eye of a needle.

The question is asked by His disciples, "Who then can be saved?" (Matthew 19:25). Have you ever thought why such a question would be asked? Remember, the setting is a rich young ruler who seems to have upheld the law and earnestly wonders what he lacks (Matthew 19:20). He was not



aware that his riches had become his battle field. He was confronted with the age-old question, "Is it worth it?"

**With men this is impossible, but  
with God all things are possible.**

**Matthew 19:26**

The scene now changes from one who leaves distressed, to one who begins to wonder about his own situation. Peter asks, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" (Matthew 19:27). Although the twelve are initially spoken of by Jesus, our attention moves to what Jesus says about all those who leave things to follow Him. Disciples have, and will, leave houses, brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, wives, children, lands "for My names sake" (Matthew 19:29). People will make personal

## SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

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

### Elders

Brad Shaw (207)878-4124  
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### Ministry Leaders & Staff

Education - Antonio Balsamo  
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Fin./Benev. - John Carter  
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Fellowship - Matt Sampson  
(207)251-3030  
Secretary - Mike Wickwar  
(207) 432-2272

### Ladies Ministry

Debbie Godin (207)286-4821  
Barbara Lemay (207)850-0084

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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 ~

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## Ladies Corner

***Are You Interested in "Secret Sisters"***  
***Please contact Debbie or Barbara***

Thank You,  
***Debbie and Barbara***

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 50 Contribution: \$ 759.13

## "WILL IT BE WORTH IT?"

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sacrifices for Christ. Sometimes those sacrifices will pit family against family or challenge the disciple concerning where his allegiance is (Matthew 10:34-39). The cost of discipleship in this life, can be costly, much like it was for the rich young ruler. There is no better place to see this revealed than Hebrews 11:35-38, where such persecution was encountered for the cause of Christ by those who lost so much, even their own lives. But again, is it worth it?

**And everyone who has left...shall receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life.**

**Matthew 19:29**

The writer of Hebrews speaks of the "better resurrection" of those who faced such persecution. That is the eternal life that Jesus speaks of in our text today. But Jesus also adds this idea of being blessed "a hundred fold." Luke says it this way, that those who sacrifice to follow Him will "receive many times more in this present time" (Luke 18:30). Receive what? Be blessed how? Mark talks of "houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands" and yes, "persecutions" (Mark 10:30). I believe this is making reference to the church and the many relationships that we could receive. The point, although challenging to grasp, is simple: It will be worth it, both now and when Jesus comes to bring us home.

***Dennis***

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## 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**– June 2nd and June 16th.

**Congregational Breakfast** - June 8th at 8:30 am.

**Singing Nights** - June 25th.

<b>Happy Birthday!</b>	Jon Erickson	May 31st
	Meagan Romano	June 1st
	Aberaham Damuth	June 9th
	Jessica Damuth	June 12th
	AJ Damuth	June 17th

**Happy Anniversary!** Jon & Cheri Erickson          June 17th

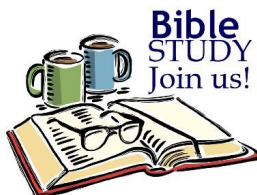
***Box tops for Education - Douglas Marescot -Container Upstairs - Ongoing***

***June 22 thru June 28 W & W Week***

***Camp Gander Brook opens for the season June 29!!!***

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 63 *I Will Call Upon The Lord***

**Announcements - Shepherd**

**Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw**

**Song 613 *Hold To God's Unchanging Hand***

**Song 337 *Hallelujah! What A Savior***

**Lord's Supper - John Marescot, Antonio  
Balsamo, Clifford Parker**

**Song 552 *Have Thine Own Way***

**Contribution**

**Song 827 *Sweet Hour Of Prayer***

**Prayer - Angel Velez**

**Song 539 *Higher Ground***

**Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano**  
***Luke 18:18-22***

**Lesson - Dennis Godin**

***Will It Be Worth It?***

Lesson Text: ***Matthew 19:16-30***

**Song 851 *I'll Fly Away***

**Closing Prayer - Shepherd**



Song Leader: Robert Balsamo

Greeter: Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep: Brenda Butler

### NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

**Song Leader - James Butler**

**Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw**

**Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, Erik  
Cote, Lenny Spano**

**Prayer - John Marescot**

**Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson**

**Greeter - Brenda Horowitz**

**Communion Prep - Deborah Godin**

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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.

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