

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Lenny Spano Sister's husband passed away
- ◆ Joey Godin - Serious stomach issues.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar Family health & healing.
Friend Sandra Heart Issues.
- ◆ Keasha Marescot - Mom Barbara dementia.
- ◆ Gabriele Little Husband-III, 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 - Health.
- ◆ 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 31 *Be Still And Know*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 909 *There's A Fountain Free*

Song 315 *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

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

Song 701 *My Jesus I Love Thee*

Contribution

Song 960 *It's Me*

Prayer - John Marescot

Song 648 *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*

Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson
Psalm 40:1-4

Lesson - Dennis Godin

What's Your Motive

Lesson Text: *James 4:1-3*

Song 969 *Don't You Want To Go To That Land*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - James Butler

Greeter - Brenda Horowitz

Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: ?? Contribution: \$???

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 6/2
Life Works

Tuesday 6/4
Bible Study

Saturday 6/8
Congregational Breakfast

Sunday 6/9
Pot Luck

Birthdays
Jon Erickson 5/31
Megan Romano 6/1
Abe Damuth 6/9
Jessica Damuth 6/12

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper - Matthew Sampson,
Jacob Romano, TJ Balsamo
Prayer - Angel Velez
Scripture Reading - Ruffalo Lawrence
Greeter - Brenda Butler
Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

What's Your Motive?

Thanks to all those who were able to provide some information regarding prayer through your participation in the survey. Although more details will be provided once the study begins, two things stood out. First, almost everyone agreed with the idea that prayer plays a very significant role in our Christian walk. William Corey writes, "Prayer – secret, fervent, believing prayer – lies at the root of all personal godliness." Second, many believe that their personal prayer life is in need of improvement. Richard Foster, in his book entitled Celebration of Discipline – The Paths to Spiritual Growth writes, "...we should remember that God always meets us where we are and slowly moves us along to deeper things."

You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

James 4:3

Okay, I need to be honest about something regarding me and my often-chaotic prayer life. More than not, as I look back to consider my prayers, I see them focused on me...my perceived needs, my wants, what I think is best in order to benefit me. Okay, wait, I am not saying that any of that is necessarily wrong; that is, until one's prayers are simply all about me. This appears to be part of the problem with those whom James is writing to. One

person writes, "To ask 'rightly' involves transformed passions." So, what are you passionate about? Those James is writing to had asked "amiss," or as the NIV says, "with wrong motives." This word carries with it the sense of doing something *improperly*, *wrongly* and its use in this verse carries the impression of *bad intent*. The significance of this whole idea is the simple fact that such prayers often go unanswered.

I look forward to the weeks ahead, as I seek to better understand the role and purpose of prayer in the Christian's walk. As we journey through this class, may the Lord empower us to be more fervent and deliberate as we seek to communicate with our Lord. One thing is for sure, if we seek to be intentional in our prayer life in a God focused way, good things will take place. I know this because "...the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers" (1st Peter 3:12). Thank You Lord for your patience with us!

Dennis

Sermon Notes
