

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 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 144 *O Worship The King*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 10 *A Mighty Fortress*

Song 113 *His Grace Reaches Me*

Lord's Supper - Matt Sampson, Jacob
Romano, TJ Balsamo

Song 180 *Jesus Is Lord*

Contribution

Song 350 *When My Love To Christ Grows Weak*

Prayer - Angel Velez

Song 659 *I Love To Tell The Story*

Scripture Reading - Rufilo Lawrance
Psalm 1:1-4

Lesson - Dennis Godin

How Did We Get Here?

Lesson Text: *1 Corinthians 15:33*

Song 38 *Awesome God*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 48 Contribution: \$1627.22

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 6/9
Pot Luck

Tuesday 6/11
Bible Study

Life Groups Moved
Due to Father's Day
Biddeford 6/23
Sanford 7/7

Birthdays
Abe Damuth 6/9
Jessica Damuth 6/12
AJ Damuth 6/17

Anniversaries
Jon & Cheri Erickson

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper - John Carter, Antonio Balsamo, Clifford Parker
Prayer - Matthew Sampson
Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano
Greeter - Jessica Damuth
Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

How Did We Get Here?

The title of this article is a question often asked by people who have come to a crossroad in life, whether it be in a relationship, work, finances and I am sure the list could go on. The question is an attempted to try and reflect in some fashion so as to understand how such a thing could have happened; that is, how one got to that point. The history of God's people reveals all too well part of the reason behind such crossroads. The close of Judges is a reflection of that very thing as we read, "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). Our theme verse from Lamentations is written at a time when Jerusalem is destroyed, and its people are brought into captivity. How did they get there? The leadership of God's people then may carry some of the blame. Jeremiah writes of how God's people "rebelled against His commandments" (Lam. 1:18) and how the people had become "very rebellious" (Lam. 1:20). One thing is for sure, change, good or bad, is never absent of influence.

Don't be fooled; "Bad friends will ruin good habits."

1st Corinthians 15:33, ETRV

In Deuteronomy 7:3 God's people were cautioned as they prepared to take possession of the promised land to not intermarry with their enemies because "they will turn your sons away from following Me." Solomon, in all his splendor, was influenced by his many foreign wives and "turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God" (1st Kings 11:4). Let's be honest, we are influenced by our surroundings. Paul cautioned the church in Corinth, as they battled with the idea of the resurrection, not to be "fooled" or as my NKJV

says, "deceived." This word carries the idea of being led away from the truth. How was this taking place? By the people they were regularly engaging with, the so called "friends" that were being a bad influence on them. Such influence can "ruin" or "corrupt" good habits, which in the case of the church in Corinth, was their understanding of the resurrection to come upon Christ's return.

Throughout time, God has cautioned His people about the possible effects of our world's influence and history has shown us the painful truth of this reality. The remembrance of D-Day, and the profound influence Hitler had on people, is a clear reminder of this fact. As the saying goes, "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it." The simple truth is that we are people who not only are called to influence the world as Christians, be that light and salt (Matthew 5:14-16), but that we ourselves need to be cautioned about being influenced. For how we got where we are, is directly related to the things that have influenced us the most in our lives. So, what is influencing you the most in your life?

Dennis

Sermon Notes
