

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 87 *Sing Amen*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw

Song 396 *No Not One*

Song 334 *Tis Midnight, And On Olive's Brow*

Lord's Supper - John Carter, Antonio
Balsamo, Clifford Parker

Song 376 *He Paid A Debt*

Contribution

Song 837 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Prayer - Matthew Sampson

Song 652 *We Have Heard The Joyful Sound*

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano
Acts 10:9-16

Lesson - Dennis Godin

God's Mercy Is Needed By All

Lesson Text: *Jonah*

Song 470 *Victory In Jesus*

Closing Prayer - Shepherd

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Brenda Butler

Last Week's Numbers

Attendance: 39 Contribution: \$1410.80

Live the Gospel at all times;

When opportunity is there...

Preach It!

**THE BIDDEFORD
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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 6/16
Father's Day

Tuesday 6/18
Bible Study

Sunday 6/23
Guest Preacher - Joe Romano

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

Birthdays
AJ Damuth 6/17

Anniversaries
Jon & Cheri Erickson

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - James Butler
Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw
Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Robert Balsamo, David Lawrance
Prayer - Mike Wickwar
Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson
Greeter - Brenda Horowitz
Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

God's Mercy Is Needed By All

When it comes to stories that depict the mercy of God in the bible, there is none like that of Jonah. Although we read of him in 2nd Kings 14:25 as a prophet of God and how he predicted the restoration of the northern kingdom's boundaries, he is most noted for the story which we read of in the Old Testament known by his name. Interesting to note that the name Jonah signifies *a dove*. The story is one about mercy, not only for those lost, but for Jonah himself, a servant of God.

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me."

Jonah 1:1-2

We first find Nineveh mentioned in Genesis 10:11 where we find that its start came from Nimrod, the son of Cush. At the time of Jonah, we learn that its population was at least "one hundred and twenty thousand" (4:11). The city, filled with wickedness that had come up before the Lord much like it did Sodom and Gomorrah in Genesis 18:20-21. Jonah was to go and "cry out against" this wickedness. Jonah's problem was, he did not like that idea, for the city of Nineveh was their enemy filled with Gentiles. So, he tried to run from the Lord only to find himself in the belly of a great fish. God, rich in mercy, bears with His rebellious prophet and frees him from the belly of the fish. Once again, God told Jonah, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you" (Jonah 3:2). Jonah does so, saying, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" (Jonah 3:4). You Gentiles are doomed!

So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

Jonah 3:5

Remember, mercy is God not giving us what we deserve and that is what God did here. We read, "Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it" (Jonah 3:10). Jonah then revealed his deep-seated issues with this gentile city. We read in Jonah 4:2-3, "So he prayed to the Lord, and said, 'Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You *are* a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness, One who relents from doing harm. Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for *it is* better for me to die than to live!" From this point forward in the story, God extends mercy towards His prophet Jonah.

God works with him to help open his eyes to the glorious hope of God's mercy that was displayed by His relenting on destroying Nineveh. The only evidence that Jonah came around is the fact that we now have this letter. And what we glean from it is simple. God is merciful and His children need to proclaim it to a lost and dying world. Praise God for His mercy.

Dennis

Sermon Notes
