

# BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## LORD HELP MY UNBELIEF BY DENNIS GODIN

The title of this article may sound familiar, because it is what a father, who cried out in tears, said to the Lord in Mark 9:24. His anguish was because his son, who was plagued with a “deaf and dumb spirit” (Mark 9:25), could not be healed by the disciples. Now in the presence of Jesus, he hears these words, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes” (Mark 9:23). Just moments before, his hopes were dashed, now he is being challenged to believe what did not happen, could happen. These words from Jesus have caused me to stop and think for a moment about something so critical to the Christians walk; that is, belief. John will be bringing a lesson next week on the topic of faith, so I thought I would try and set the stage.

*For God so loved the world  
that He gave His only begotten  
Son,  
that whoever believes in Him  
should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*John 3:16*

I suspect that many of us began to quote this verse or quickly passed over it because of its familiarity. It is spoken often to send forth a message to a lost and dying world. Some-



times, things can become so common that we lose sight of the profound message behind it and maybe this is one of those verses. Today, I wish to revisit this text, in hopes of reminding us about one amazing fact. What might it be? God loves you! The challenge is not in knowing if God loves us; but rather, believing that God loves us.

Let me explain by looking at this text backwards. Now, I need to say from the beginning that God’s redemptive plan is complete and the roles of various acts of faith, which include baptism, is clearly taught. But my intent here is to consider what is behind those acts of faith, so we begin with believing. The Greek word used here is often translated “faith” in other places. The nuances of its meaning all seem to come down to this, *conviction*. So, what is one to be convinced of? That God loves

## 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  
Tony Lemay (207)651-3369  
Dennis Godin (207)651-3588

### Deacons

John Carter (207)229-8516  
Matt Sampson (207)251-3030

### Ministry Leaders & Staff

Education - Antonio Balsamo  
(207)286-0514  
Youth - Angel Velez  
(207)730-9889  
Worship - Abe Damuth  
(207)608-1784  
Building - Joe Romano  
(207)281-3929  
Grounds - Lenny Spano  
(207)569-8800  
Fin./Benev. - John Carter  
(207)229-8516  
Fellowship - Matt Sampson  
(207)251-3030  
Secretary - Mike Wickwar  
(207) 432-2272

### Ladies Ministry

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



## 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](mailto: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](http://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**– August 4th and August 18th.

**Congregational Breakfast** - August 10th at 8:30 am.

**Singing Nights** - August 27th.

**Happy Birthday!**

Ian Sampson	July 28th
Lenny Spano	July 28th
Dennis Godin	August 5th
Marion Goodwin	August 25th

**Happy Anniversary!** Matthew & Lisa Sampson August 7th

### Our New Members

**Amanda Bitton** DOB – July 8

Address – she presently lives at the building.

Mailing address – 10 Freeman Street, Apt. 202 Biddeford, Maine 04005

Email – [amanda.bitton@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.bitton@yahoo.com) Cell – 207-432-8621

**Justin Crawford** DOB – September 9

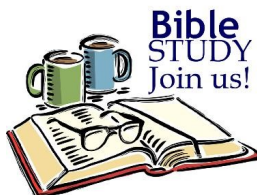
Address - 10 Freeman Street, Apt. 202 Biddeford, Maine 04005

Email – [jcraw@gmail.com](mailto:jcraw@gmail.com) Cell – 207-907-5509

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

### 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 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 - Matthew Sampson, TJ  
Balsamo, Lenny Spano**

**Song 376 *He Paid A Debt***

**Contribution**

**Song 837 *I Need Thee Every Hour***

**Prayer - Mike Wickwar**

**Song 652 *We Have Heard The Joyful Sound***

**Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth**

Text - 1 John 3:1-3

**Lesson - Dennis Godin**

***Lord Help My Unbelief***

Lesson Text: ***John 3:16***

**Song 470 *Victory In Jesus***

**Closing Prayer - Tony Lemay**



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 - Angel Velez, Erik  
Cote, Antonio Balsamo**

**Prayer - Matthew Sampson**

**Scripture Reading - Rufilo Lawrance**

**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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