

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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A NATURE LIKE OUR'S BY DENNIS GODIN

For many of us who have grown up in the church or have been part of the church for many years or have simply been involved with religion, the characters of the bible seem almost iconic. Who do you think of first? Moses and the crossing of the Red Sea, Daniel in the lion's den, how about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace. Or maybe it is someone like Ruth or Mary, the mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Sometimes when we look at those we read about and listen to the amazing faith and godliness which they portrayed, we place them on pedestals, seemingly beyond anything we might be able to exhibit in our lives.

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours...

James 5:17, NKJV

The prophet Elijah is one of those "iconic" characters in the bible. In 1st Kings 17-19 we read of some of his life and service to God. In chapter 17:17-24 we read of him praying to the Lord on behalf of a widow whose son had died, resulting in God raising him from the dead. In chapter 18:20-40 Elijah challenges the prophets of Baal (450 of them) to call on their gods and he will call on God and see whose altar would be consumed by fire. Of



course, you know the outcome. Then, there is the event which James speaks of that actually starts in chapter 17:1 where Elijah says, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my words." This man, who seemed to have such a powerful connection with God is no different from you or me! I like how the ETRV translates James 5:17, "Elijah was a person the same as us." He had no special power or inroads to the great I am. What he did have, is something we all can have; that is, conviction that God is listening and working in the life of the believer.

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

James 5:16, NKJV

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

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

Elders

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 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– September 1st and September 15th.

Congregational Breakfast - September 14th at 8:30 am.

Singing Nights - September 24th.

Happy Birthday!	Marion Goodwin	August 25th
	James Butler	September 11th
	Natalee Lawrance	September 11th
	Vinny Balsamo	September 22nd

Happy Anniversary! Antonio & Carolyn Balsamo September 15th
Abraham & Jessica Damuth September 18th

Ladies Retreat at Ganderbrook September 12 thru September 14

Men's Retreat at Ganderbrook September 19 thru September 21

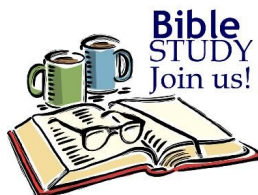
Southern Maine Church of Christ presents "Life After Death" 9/8 - 9/11

Free Car Wash September 14 - Rain Date September 21

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 555 *Seek Ye First*

Announcements - Shepherd

Opening Prayer - Shepherd

Song 31 *Be Still And Know*

Song 364 *Come And Share The Lord*

Lord's Supper - Matthew Sampson, TJ
Balsamo, Lenny Spano

Song 538 *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

Contribution

Song 791 *On Bended Knee*

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Song 648 *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*

Scripture Reading - Abraham Damuth

Text - 1 Kings 18:41-46

Lesson - Dennis Godin

A Nature Like Our's

Lesson Text: *James 5:17-18*

Song 14 *I Keep Falling In Love With Him*

Closing Prayer - Tony Lemay



Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Brenda Horowitz

Communion Prep: Deborah Godin

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Shepherd

Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Erik
Cote, James Butler

Prayer - Matthew Sampson

Scripture Reading - Rufilo Lawrance

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

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.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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