

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Matthew Godin - Germany Deployment then Warrant Officer training.
- ◆ Family of Brian Blake - who passed.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar his brother's health issues; Sandra - heart surgery, Bob - Cancer.
- ◆ Keasha Marescot Mom Barbara - Dementia
- ◆ Gabby Little personal & family health issue
- ◆ Brad & Brenda Happiness in new home.
- ◆ Linda Barnes Ongoing Health Issues
- ◆ Marion Goodwin Ongoing health issues
- ◆ Godin Family health, SIL Alzheimers
- ◆ Mary McVicar chronic kidney disease
- ◆ Glory Parker family health, traveling
- ◆ Lisa Carter's Friends Jenn & Jayne battling health and life issues
- ◆ Sampson Family health & family healing
- ◆ Our Congregation

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## Order of Worship

**Song 535 *The Glory-Land Way***

**Announcements** Angel Velez

**Opening Prayer:** Shepherd

**Song 452 *Standing On the Promises***

**Song 349 *Ten Thousand Angels***

**Lord's Supper:** John Marescot, Justin Crawford, Lenny Spano

**Song 552 *Have Thine Own Way***

**Contribution**

**Song 684 *Nearer, My God, To Thee***

**Prayer:** Joe Romano

**Song 538 *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less***

**Scripture Reading:** Rufilo Lawrance

Text: **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

**Lesson:** Dennis Godin

***Make Me An Extension Of You***

Lesson Text: **2 Peter 1:9, John 13:34-35**

**Song 648 *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus***

**Closing Prayer:** Tony Lemay

Song Leader: Antonio Balsamo

Greeter: Brenda Butler

Communion Prep: Amanda Bitton

**Last Week's Numbers:**

**Attendance: 56**

**Contribution: \$1583.00**

***Live the Gospel at all times;  
When opportunity is there...  
Share the hope you have!***

**THE BIDDEFORD  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WELCOMES YOU!**



Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

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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 11/3  
Life Groups

Tuesday 11/5  
Bible Study

Saturday 11/9  
Congregational Breakfast

Sunday 11/10  
Pot Luck

### Ladies Day Coming In March

*First Planning Meeting*  
*is November 24 after services*  
*Snacks Provided .. About 45 min mtg.*

*Thank you for attending,*  
*Barbara & Debbie*

### Next Week's Service Schedule

**Song Leader - Robert Balsamo**  
**Opening Prayer - John Carter**  
**Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, Erik Cote, David Lawrance**  
**Prayer - Matthew Sampson**  
**Scripture Reading - TJ Balsamo**  
**Greeter - Jessica Damuth**  
**Communion Prep - Brenda Butler**

## Make Me An Extension Of You

In his book, Learning to Love, Willard Tate deals with the sensitive issue of hypocrisy. We see them all the time, people saying one thing and doing another. Unfortunately, there are times I need to look no further than the mirror in front of me to find one. I found comfort then in this quote from Dr. Paul Faulkner's definition of this word, "Hypocrisy...is pretending to be something you never intend to become." Let's be honest, the exhortations to "love your enemy, do good to those who hate you" (Luke 6:27) or "pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44) don't come naturally, for they fly in the face of our selfish tendencies. That is why, as Christians, we are called to give "all diligence" to the task of adding to our faith "brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love" (2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:5, 7). Why is learning to love so crucial to the Christian cause?

*For he who lacks these things is short-sighted,  
even to blindness,  
and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his  
old sins.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:9*

As I prepared for this article and lesson, my intent was not to consider the above verse, for I feared it would take away from the tone of the lesson. You see, I want us to grasp those reasons which are so critical to the health and well-being of the church and the gospel it is called to proclaim. Yet, I found myself looking back at this verse, challenged by the fact that I am compelled to learn about His love for me because of His love for me. As 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:19 says, "We love Him because He first loved us." My ability to love rest squarely at the foot of the cross, a place I need to be if I am going to understand what it means to love others.

*A new commandment I give to you, that  
you also love one another.  
By this all will know that you are My disci-  
ples, if you have love for one another.*

*John 13:34-35*

The shortest distance between two points is a straight line. We need to be an extension of God's love, as seen by these words from Jesus. The world is going to draw a line to something. Our ability to love is the "pencil" used to draw that line. Like all of us, they can sense genuineness, and thus, in their minds, flush out hypocrisy. Maybe this is in part why Paul penned these words, "Let love be without hypocrisy...Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love" (Romans 12:9, 10). This idea of being loved and in turn, loving others, is serious business!

I suspect that you, like me, desire to be the extension of God's love to those both in the church and the world. That task is sometimes easier said than done, primarily because I have yet to understand His love for me fully; thus, it gives reason for our continued pursuit of the understanding of His love. The more I pursue Him and His love, the better I can love all others. Lord, cleanse me from my selfish thoughts and empower me to love as You do, unconditionally. Amen!

*Dennis*

**Sermon Notes**

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