

Prayer Requests

- ◆ The Damuth Family - New Baby Damuth
- ◆ Matthew Godin - Germany Deployment then Warrant Officer training.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar his brother's health issues; Sandra - heart surgery, Bob - Cancer, Dan - Open Heart Surgery.
- ◆ Keasha Marescot Mom Barbara - Dementia
- ◆ Gabby Little personal & family health issue
- ◆ 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 997 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Announcements Angel Velez

Opening Prayer: Elder

Song 387 *Tell Me The Story Of Jesus*

Song 71 *As The Deer*

Lord's Supper: Angel Velez, Erik Cote,
Jacob Romano

Song 1003 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Contribution

Song 791 *On Bended Knee*

Prayer: John Marescot

Song 634 *We'll Work Till Jesus Comes*

Scripture Reading: TJ Balsamo

Text: **Ephesians 4:25-32**

Lesson: Dennis Godin

Here Is A Gift You Can Give

Lesson Text: *1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Song 860 *There Is A Habitation*

Closing Prayer: Tony Lemay

Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Brenda Horowitz

Communion Prep: Brenda Butler

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: ??

Contribution: \$?????.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 12/8
Yankee Swap

Tuesday 12/10
Bible Study

Saturday 12/14
Congregational Breakfast

Birthdays
Barbara Lemay 12/13

Anniversary
Tom & Gabby Little 12/14

*Singing on 12/24 is Cancelled
Please join the Romano's for
A night of Fellowship
from 3PM till 7 or 8 PM*

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo
Opening Prayer - Elder
Lord's Supper - Joe Romano, James
Butler, David Lawrance
Prayer - Mike Wickwar
Scripture Reading - John Erickson
Greeter - Brenda Butler
Communion Prep - Deborah Godin

Here Is A Gift You Can Give

If there is one thing I have learned about the Christian walk, it is this: I can't travel this road alone. A bible verse that echoes in my mind which reveals this truth is a familiar one to many of us: "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." Still, another verse that speaks to our need for mutual companionship is Ecclesiastes 4:12, "Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken." The simple truth is, we need each other, a thought that flies in the face of our influential, independent culture. Having our bibles filled with those "one another" verses helps us realize how much of a gift we can be to each other. We are intended to be a gift to one another, and if you're wondering how that might happen, here is a simple and powerful way...encouragement.

There is an old Japanese proverb that says, "Fall seven times, stand up eight." Sounds good, right? Yet, I know after a while, the "getting up" part becomes harder because I am distracted by my failures. It is here where the voice of another can make all the difference in the world. As one person writes, "A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success." God urges us to "encourage one another daily" (NIV, 1984) in Hebrews 3:12. Why is encouragement so important? Let's go back to Hebrews 3:12.: We learn from this verse that each day can bring about the possible "hardening through the deceitfulness of sin." So, we can help one another from getting a hard heart towards God. That, in itself, is a beautiful gift.

*Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth,
but what
is good for necessary edification, that it may im-
part grace to the hearers.*

Ephesians 4:29

Why is encouragement so important? Simple, words are powerful! God wants them to be used for "edification," or as the NCV says, "When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need—words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will do good to those who listen to you." I saw something anew when reading this verse; that is, one must be involved with another on some level if they are going to understand their need and thus be a source (i.e., gift) of strength and encouragement for them. This gift of encouragement can help someone through life and its adversities. There is another good reason to give this gift.

I think you would agree, there can never be too much encouragement. If I were to be honest, it is one of the things I often crave from others, because this life can, at times, seem overwhelming. Maybe this is why God yearns for us to grow in the grace of encouragement. 1st Thessalonians 5:11, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." Why seek to encourage? Because it is a gift, we can all give and the only cost is a little time, along with a loving heart that seeks to help another in their journey heavenward. So, who is going to receive your gift this day!

Dennis

Sermon Notes
