

BIDDEFORD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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IT'S THE TRUTH ... NEVER
BY DENNIS GODIN

I want to be upfront with all of you, letting you know that this week's lesson and article are deeply woven in both last week's lesson and something going on this week; that is, my son Dennis's birthday. Another year has passed, making it four years now since we have heard from him. It is during times like this that anxiousness can rear its ugly head, thus it is important to meditate (dwell on) certain things: things that are truth, noble, just, pure, lovely...you get the idea. So, today I want to plant a seed, a truth that is powerful when focused on. It has not the capacity to change the situation but has every ability to change how you journey through it.

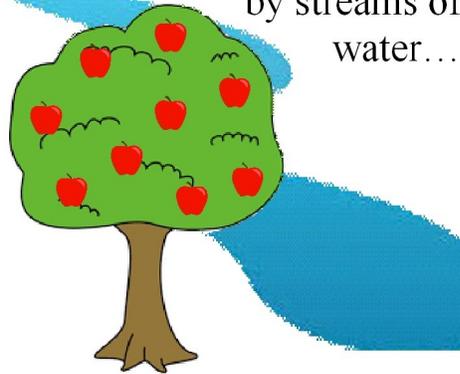
I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5

Promises, promises. I will meet you there at such and such a time. We live in a world of so many promis-

Psalm 1:3

He is like a tree planted
by streams of
water...



... which yields its
fruit in season...

es, many of which are broken. Maybe this is why such words from God are guardedly received. Dwight L. Moody once said, "God never made a promise that was too good to be true." We can go back to Deuteronomy 31:6 & 8 and find these very words of encouragement spoken by Moses to Israel and to Joshua as the time to claim the Promised Land draws closer. Like them, we too are on a journey towards the promised land. There will be times of testing and so the exhortation to walking faithfully is seen in Hebrews 13:1-5. How we conduct ourselves is so important, but not as important of realizing God's promise. He will never leave you;

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY
BIBLE CLASS 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.

MID-WEEK STUDY

TUESDAY 7-8 P.M.
(BIDDEFORD)

Elders

Tony Lemay (207)651-3369
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John Carter (207)229-8516
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Debbie Godin (207)286-4821
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AS EACH PART DOES ITS WORK

How important is encouragement to you? Note someone you have not seen in worship lately and give them a call or send them a card. Who knows, your words of encouragement could make an eternal difference.

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" - Acts 16:30

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Romans 10:14, 17

Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31; Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37; Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; 10:22; Heb 5:9; Rev 2:10

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"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

~ Acts 4:12 ~

Ladies Corner

Ladies Meeting after services Today!!

Thank You,
Debbie and Barbara

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 43 Contribution: \$ 1372.00

"IT'S THE TRUTH ... NEVER"

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that is, not to uphold, let sink. He will never forsake you; that is, to leave in straits, leave helpless. NEVER!!! Some want to suggest that this is proof of one's absolute salvation and although tempted, I wish in this message not to be distracted from my intent; which is, to hear God's promise to us as we journey homeward. I will never leave or forsake you! There will be times in this walk of ours, where we will echo the words of the psalmist, "How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?" (Psalm 13:1). God's presence will be questioned if not doubted.

It is during such times that we need to cling to His promise that he will be and is, always there for us. Through dark times and wayward times, He is always at work wanting to help us as we journey homeward. Maybe that is the writer of Hebrews follows this promise with these words, "So we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'" (Hebrews 13:6). It is true, God will never leave any of us, nor will He forsake us. It's the truth! Think about that and may He bless you with His assurance this day.

Dennis

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– February 2nd and February 16th.

Congregational Breakfast - February 8th at 8:30 am.

Singing Nights - January 28th and February 25th.

Happy Birthday!	Corey Butler	February 2nd
	Joe Romano	February 6th
	Clark Parker	February 7th
	Gabby Little	February 7th
	Debbie Godin	February 10th
	Carolyn Balsamo	February 15th
	Brenda Horowitz	February 20th
	Lisa Sampson	February 28th

Happy Anniversary! John & Lisa Carter February 6th

Corporation Meeting after Services today!!!

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 704 *Bind Us Together*

Announcements - Angel Velez

Opening Prayer - John Carter

Song 214 *Have You Seen Jesus My Lord*

Song 344 *Low In The Grave He Lay*

Lord's Supper - John Marescot, Lenny Spano, Clifford Parker

Song 538 *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

Contribution

Song 791 *On Bended Knee*

Prayer - Mike Wickwar

Song 742 *When Upon Life's Billows*

Scripture Reading - TJ Balsamo

Text - Psalm 119:25-32

Lesson - Dennis Godin

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Lesson Text: *Hebrews 13:5*

Song 587 *Sing And Be Happy*

Closing Prayer - Tony Lemay



Song Leader: James Butler

Greeter: Brenda Butler

Communion Prep: Deborah Godin

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo

Opening Prayer - Elder

Lord's Supper - Angel Velez, James Butler, David Lawrance

Prayer - Joe Romano

Scripture Reading - Lenny Spano

Greeter - Jessica Damuth

Communion Prep - Amanda Crawford

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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