

Prayer Requests

- ◆ The Damuth Family - Benjamin Damuth
- ◆ Matthew Godin - Warrant Officer training.
- ◆ Angel Velez for his extended family in Puerto Rico affected by earthquakes.
- ◆ Amanda Bitton friend in ICU after stroke.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar Brother (health issues) Friends Sandra Bob, Dan (health issues)
- ◆ Keasha's mom Dementia & Parkinsons
- ◆ Gabby Little personal & family health issue
- ◆ Linda Barnes In MMC for heart surgery
- ◆ Marion Goodwin Ongoing health issues
- ◆ Denny Burnham Deb G's brother Cancer
- ◆ 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 709 *How Sweet, How Heavenly*

Announcements Angel Velez

Opening Prayer: Angel Velez

Song 538 *My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less*

Song 337 *Hallelujah, What A Savior*

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

Song 671 *Purer In Heart, O God*

Contribution

Song 288 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Prayer: Mike Wickwar

Song 453 *Love Lifted Me*

Scripture Reading: TJ Balsamo

Text: **Psalm 119:49-56**

Lesson: Dennis Godin

Measuring God's Love

Lesson Text: *Romans 5:8*

Song 452 *Standing On The Promises*

Closing Prayer: Tony Lemay

Song Leader: Antonio Balsamo

Greeter: Brenda Butler

Communion Prep: Deborah Godin

Last Week's Numbers:

Attendance: 42

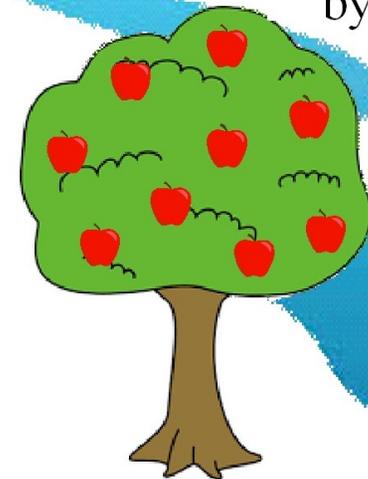
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*Live the Gospel at all times;
When opportunity is there...
Share the hope you have!*

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

Psalm 1:3

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



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

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Biddeford Church of Christ

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Sunday: Bible Class 9:30 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Tuesday: Bible Study 7:00 PM

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 2/16
Life Groups

Tuesday 2/18
Bible Study

Birthdays
Brenda Horowitz 2/20
Lisa Sampson 2/28

Box Tops for Education
Collection Container in back
To support Douglas Marescot's School

Ladies Day Coming In March

Next Week's Service Schedule

Song Leader - Robert Balsamo
Opening Prayer - John Marescot
Lord's Supper - John Carter, Erik Cote, Jacob Romano
Prayer - Matthew Sampson
Scripture Reading - Jon Erickson
Greeter - Jessica Damuth
Communion Prep - Amanda Bitton

Measuring God's Love

I believe it was Joe who talked about the widow who gave "two mites" (NIV says "very small copper coins") into the temple treasury, representing "all that she had" (Mark 12:44). I don't know about you, but such examples like this cause me to think deeply about what it means to give. In a sense, there is a measuring stick, so to speak, that enables us to try and grasp how much someone cares. So, I wondered, is there some way we can measure God's love for us...for me?

*"...For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"
Romans 3:22-23*

Sin is a word often tossed around in discussion, but has it lost its edge; that is, just how serious a problem it is for mankind? If you are like me, I have little problem reeling off the bible verses that speak of its devastating consequences. It has caused a separation between God and His creation, humanity (Isaiah 59:1-2). Left unchecked, it brings about spiritual death (Romans 6:23) and "everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (2nd Thessalonians 1:9). But like with so many things, we tend to measure sin. And it's not that measuring is wrong, but rather, how we measure is so often flawed. The Pharisee did this as he prayed to God, thanking Him that he wasn't "like other men...even as this tax collector" (Luke 18:11). When it comes to sin, we measure it by severity rather than merely by its consequence. In so doing, whether we realize it or not, we could be devaluing our understanding of God's love for me. The implications are profound.

*"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved...
...if anyone has a complaint against another;
even as Christ
forgave you, so you also must do."
Colossians 3:13*

Okay, work with me for just a moment. 1st John 4:19 states, "We love Him because He first loved us." Paul writes, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8) while we were still SINNERS! Just how much of a sinner were you? To the extent that I measure my sinfulness and desperate need for His redemptive work, will be in part, be how I can measure His love for me. That measure of love will then be the force that empowers me to love others. One of the most challenging acts of love towards others is forgiveness. Forgiveness is not easy! As accurate as that may be, what empowers us to take that journey? It begins, in part, by reminding ourselves of God's enormous love for us, for me, that while I was still a sinner, He gave Jesus, His only begotten Son to redeem me, us.

So, can we measure God's love? Psalm 103:12, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." I believe you can, the only problem is, there is no measuring stick long enough. May He who loves us so much, who has given us such a fantastic gift filled with hope, move us today to share His love with those around us. Have a blessed day!

Dennis

Sermon Notes
