

# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone



**BRADDOCK** Baptist Church  
Alexandria, VA

## Pastor's Corder Note

### January 2015

#### Every Week:

##### Sundays

9:30a.m. Fellowship

9:45a.m. Sunday School

10:45a.m. Prayer

11:00a.m. Worship Service

##### Mondays

4 p.m. Exercise

##### Tuesdays

6 p.m. Seminary Classes

##### Wednesdays

4 p.m. Exercise

6-7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

6:30-8 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal

##### Thursdays

6 p.m. Seminary Classes

##### Fridays (First of the Month)

6 p.m. First Friday Fellowship

##### Saturdays

9 a.m. Exercise

10 a.m. ESL Classes

12p.m. GED Class

##### Mother's Day Out

Tuesday-Friday

9:30-1:30

Vision: how important is vision? To literally see, gives one the ability to rise up and traverse across a room to arrive at a point you have been drawn to by sight. Or even to climb rough mountainous terrain having your hands and feet follow the will of the eye. Each movement is carefully made upon what the eye has determined is the best placement for both safety and successful arrival at your destination.

Now, my reader, you know me well enough to know I have more in mind than talking about eyesight, leaving behind 2014 and propelling into 2015. I concluded our final Sunday morning service of 2014 encouraging you to inspect your morning bulletin. The leadership of BBC envisioned for 2014 a good budget, one that would see the accomplishment that the individual leaders projected would be needed in them achieving the God goals they had in mind in their areas of ministry. Along the way this past year, other things caught our attention and we asked to include them too in our goals for 2014. And I am so pleased to say that with clarity of vision we have navigated our way to a beautifully remodeled parsonage and new bathrooms throughout the church. Spoiler alert: we have met and exceeded our \$14,000 goal for Lottie Moon missions too.

In addition to this I want to commend our leadership, we have done more outreach in 2014 than in past years combined. Also we are recycling many of our materials; like Sunday school books and music production materials and giving them to churches in the Philippines and Puerto Rico who otherwise could not afford to have individual lesson plans or music books. Yeah team!!! Also, we have increased our inreach efforts. We added two additional deacons to see to the needs of this body for the coming years. And I am thrilled to report the deacons love and care for you; their assigned families has truly resulted in greater awareness of what is going on at BBC.

The scriptures tell us in Luke 21:28 "**And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh**". When we see God moving to bring about His kingdom, look up. When we hear reports of God's grace, lift up your heads for I believe that in 2015 we will see redemption come to more people than in the prior year here at BBC. It was a joy to have our new Youth Directors come up for prayer Sunday and state while having finished what they had planned for 2014, they were seeking new vision, for where God would take your young people; in their own individual spiritual journeys as well as where God would use them to bring others to know His grace.

In 2015 and in years to come I see God reaching out through us to international students. Many of these young people are in from countries that are hostile to the U.S. and believe us to be to them as well. It is our State Dept. goal to change some of their view on the U.S., it is also my goal to watch God use BBC to change many of their views concerning Christ followers. What I am asking of each of us, is to be more intentional this year and following, to be true to our scriptures -for this we must become much more aware of what they tell us true Christ followers do, and I ask you to continue your welcoming and including these young people in the family activities of BBC. Many of these students will return to their countries, which are closed to missionaries, after a short ten month stay. I believe God will use us to missionize their otherwise closed off country in this way. Ever wanted to be a missionary?

I want you to further see with me the vision of God bring to our staff one who can greatly assist us in developing discipleship to conversion "lifestyle"; were we all disciple someone to obey all that Jesus has commanded us. Matthew 28:19-20 **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**"

Another goal like those set, met and exceeded last year- see it with me, and lets break it together.

Love Pastor Timothy

## Birthdays

01 Chang (Peter) Ahn  
 06 Evan Song  
 08 James Hix, Jr.  
 10 Barrie Dunn  
 12 Stanley Dunning  
 17 James Lewis  
 21 Joyce Taylor  
 25 Volana Adriama Sinoro  
 31 Madeline Waters

## Anniversaries

06 Tim & Terry Stockdale

## MIHI YOUTH MADE IN HIS IMAGE

### Youth: A New Year Prayer from *The Valley of Vision*

O Lord,

Length of days does not profit me except the days are passed in Thy presence, in Thy service, to Thy glory.

Give me a grace that precedes, follows, guides, sustains, sanctifies, aids every hour, that I may not be one moment apart from Thee, but may rely on Thy Spirit to supply every thought, speak in every word, direct every step, prosper every work, build up every mote of faith, and give me a desire to show forth Thy praise, testify Thy love, advance Thy kingdom.

I launch my bark on the unknown waters of this year, with Thee, O Father as my harbor, Thee, O Son, at my helm, Thee O Holy Spirit, filling my sails.

Guide me to heaven with my loins girt, my lamp burning, my ear open to Thy calls, my heart full of love, my soul free.

Give me Thy grace to sanctify me, Thy comforts to cheer, Thy wisdom to teach, Thy right hand to guide, Thy counsel to instruct, Thy law to judge, Thy presence to stabilize. May Thy fear by my awe, Thy triumphs my joy.

Amen.

## Stewardship

Each year we step out in faith as we plan our budget to take care of the more mundane things, such as our electric bills, as well as to be able to fund the exciting plans of the Sunday School, Choir, and Youth programs, and all the things in between.

Did you notice last Sunday's bulletin? We have met the yearly budget goal! We have met the Building goals of both the Parsonage and the Bathroom remodeling! And we just met our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal this past Sunday!

What more can we say, but Thank You and Praise God – All the Time!

Wishing you and yours a blessed New Year!

## Deacon Ministry

Happy New Year BBC!

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:21

As we embark upon 2015, we are physically a bit older, a bit more sore, a bit more tired and a bit closer to eternity. If our hope is in the Lord, if we are waiting for His return, the Lord gives us promises to energize and encourage us for His will to be done in our lives. Paul says, "The outward man is perishing but the inward man is renewed (or made new) day by day."

Is 40:21 should encourage believers as they labor for the Lord to do what is impossible based upon scientific ways. There is a spiritual way that is higher and above the physical limitations of this life. God is moving His people toward eternity. Are you and I moving in that direction? What is impossible to man is possible with God!

The mouthpiece of God, the prophet Isaiah, gives us promises to stand on as we face a New Year (2015) not filled with dread, but filled with hope, joy and peace and all the other attributes of His spirit. Listen to Isaiah...God will make new our strength, we will fly, we will run, we will not be tired (Its okay to sleep ☺) we will walk with God and not faint. His energy is not just a 5 hour energy drink; His drink is the eternal water of His word that lasts for an eternity!

What hope and promise we have in 2015! Believe it, trust in the Lord, act on it, lean not on your own understanding and God will do the impossible for you in 2015.....for His Glory and Honor!

The Lord bless you in 2015. Your deacon team is here to assist and encourage you.

**Mitch Bennett**

## Christian Education: Three thoughts for Christian Education 2015

**Joseph O. Prewitt Diaz, PhD**

Three thoughts come to mind as two lines intercept: the arrival of a New Year and our constant interaction with Jesus.

- (1) Christian Education is about welcoming the stranger. Let us learn to share God's grace and mercy with the stranger. After all it was a stranger that gave His life for you and for me, and has cleansed our sins with His blood.
- (2) Christian Education is about bringing God near our hearts. We should conduct Christian Education as a process to facilitate Gods' presence into the learners' heart. From that moment our life is changed. Now God comes and draws the learner nearer to Him.
- (3) Christian Education is about multi-tasking. Everyone multitasks these days, making teaching difficult. We scratch our head wondering what would be the best way. The way is Jesus, everything changes, and Jesus is the same yesterday, today and in the future.

In the coming year let us think about teaching how to develop our Christian faith, how that faith brings us closer to Jesus, and how our faith can transform into hope for a stranger.

## BBC Men

The BBC Men, WMU, and many other Braddockians had an incredible busy but rewarding month of December serving and ministering to others.

The BBC Men provided funds from the Wicker/Williams fund to purchase gift cards and Christmas gifts for several families in the community. Thank you very much Diane Carr and Jody Dunning for selecting and delivering the gifts.

December 6<sup>th</sup> the Church-wide Christmas Dinner was held in the fellowship hall. The hall was very beautifully decorated. The tables and place settings were festively decorated to look like a winter wonderland. About 80 people attended the dinner and the food and fellowship was awesome. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee chaired by Jody Dunning and her committee members Diane Carr, Carol and Harry Finley, Gary Moore, Rick Rodriguez, and Dave Waters for coordinating the event.

There were many other acts of ministry performed by the Braddockians. To mention a few: on December 13<sup>th</sup> the choir ministered in song during the morning worship hour and again at the Burke Rehabilitation Center that afternoon; December 18<sup>th</sup> the MDO Preschool children performed their Christmas pageant and had a luncheon afterwards for about 80 people; the Deacons ministering to the BBC Senior adults; the Live Nativity with real animals including a camel and the event was well attended; Christmas Eve candle light service and many other in reach/outreach mission activities.

Luke 12:48 says '[Much is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much more is given](#)'. BBC did an exceptional good job ministering and giving to others in 2014. Let continue the good works in 2015. We have several ministry opportunities in January and we need your help

See the dates for this month below.

January:

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> **Breakfast Meeting @ 7:30am**  
(Take down Christmas decorations)

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Baptist Men's Day

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Men's Soup Dinner after worship  
(Admission blankets or coats)

God Loves You and So Do I!  
Keep the Faith!  
**Dave Waters**, President BBC Men

