

Seeking God • Serving Others

BRADDOCK Baptist Church



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Every Week:

Sundays

TBD.....Church Breakfast
9:45 a.m.....Sunday School
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service
On Youtube: "Braddock Baptist Church"

Mondays

6:30 p.m Skype.....Young Adults
Small Group
<https://join.skype.com/FWtc2OLplqC4>

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m Skype.....Prayer Meeting
<https://join.skype.com/r07C9euD5UWY>
6:30 p.m.....Youth Group

MDO Preschool

Monday-Friday Opens 8:00a.m.

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The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

Pastor Corder Note

Good morning saints, it is I who has delayed the January Bridge. I remember some time ago, sometime in the last days of 2020 I was asked to submit my article and I had planned to do so with hast. Then today I received a reminder that I had not yet done so.



So here you go, this year people have come up to let me know that they were reading thought the bible with myself and others, some for the first time and some for just another time around, yet seemingly with the same enthusiasm. Why would you suppose that those who were to start reading the same book, again, for what, a repeated visit to the same pages, and why do yo siu suppose with similar excitement as those wishing to take this voyage the first time? For me it will be the thirteenth time since I have been your pastor at Braddock, but many more times than that, that have I take the same route "Through the Bible in a Year", this year I will be looking to stopover in places where in year past I merely cruised through, this time examine nuances that I have failed to see in prior trips through.

So, for me and so many others, we will be traveling through old familiar territory to catch new insights from heights and depths than we have in previous just perused. Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active... The living word, indicates that it is breathing, actively interactively relating to us at different junctures in our routes. One time down this path we are happy go lucky so to speak, the next time at the same place on the same route we have just been snake bit only to look over and see that there is a ranger cabin we had never noticed before, with a snakebite first aid kit in it and a help line that connects you directly to the great physician.

Each and every time through the word I take a very similar path, but I'm in a very different frame of mind, and God is so good to show me NEW facets of himself, his character, loving and exacting that I need to better understand why I am where I am and more importantly with who I am on the road trip with and what is require of me at this time around. As always with great love I write to you.

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

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Sunday School Update

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well the days are getting longer, little by little we experience more and more daylight. And what a light we just celebrated! Jesus coming into the world as “The Light of the World,” becoming fully human just like us, but also as fully God! The One and Only God! He was Crucified and raised from the dead saving us from our sins. He continues to walk and talk with us today and every day. And now as we watch as the light of day gets longer and the darkness gets shorter we realize that Time is also getting shorter, closer to “The Day,” “That Day,” when we will again celebrate Jesus' returning, but this time making everything new again; Oh the thought of celebrating at that time--The Lord of Lords and King of Kings--the Alpha and Omega, The Great I AM!!! Coming again to live with us all Forever and Ever – AMEN!

In Sunday school we continue with our study of God's Word from the book of Luke focusing on passages from chapter 2 through chapter 5. The passages will help us in the areas of becoming mature, being prepared, being compassionate, being rejected and being followed??? How, you ask? By looking at our “Perfect” example, Jesus! By the time you read this I hope you will realize that Jesus had to grow from a baby and mature, etc. just like all of us. His growing and maturing is featured in the Sunday school lesson taught the first Sunday of January 2021.

I pray you will continue to attend Sunday school and Worship in person or online Praising God for who He IS and Thanking Him for what He has done, is doing and what He will do through all eternity! What a Great and Mighty God we serve!

I pray you all will experience a grand and glorious New Year!

God Bless You

**Gary Moore, Sunday School Director
Chairman of the Board**

Note from the Deacons

Happy New Year in Christ!

Praise God for His blessings of another year to love & serve Him in the precious name of Jesus Christ! God gives us new beginning after new beginning. “Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.” Philippians 3:13. In Psalm 40:3, God gives us a new song in our hearts & lives. In Jeremiah 31:31, God gives Israel, Judah & His children a new covenant. In Ezekiel 36:26, God blesses us with a new heart & a new spirit. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, God transforms our minds & hearts into a new creation replacing the old sinful self.

In December, the Deacons assembled & delivered 19 Christmas gift baskets to the elderly & shut-ins in our church, distributed gift cards to a needy family in our community, and assisted with transportation to medical appointments.

Lord bless you.
Let us know if your deacons can assist in any way.

Elaine Comer & the new Deacon Team

Here to Serve

January Birthdays

08 Jim Hix

12 Stanley Dunning

21 Joyce Taylor

22 Jeremy Berry

25 Volana Raharinaivo



PS If your contact information, has not been updated...ie address, email or phone number.... please be sure to let Jonathan know. If any of your contact information has changed in the last couple of years, it will be more difficult to stay in touch if your deacon has outdated information.

Serving families:

Sunny Masih & Wesley Brown	→	Letters A through G
Manjaka A. & Tsiky R.	→	Letters H through P
Harry & Carol Finley	→	Letters Q through Z
Elaine Comer	→	Pastors & Deacons

Note from the Associate Pastor

Beloved BBC Family,

Praises and thanksgiving be to our God for his loving kindness and mercies which endures forever. There is no doubt that 2020 was a year of many challenges especially due to the pandemic which has claimed so many lives from here in USA and from around the world. But as a church, we are grateful to God for undertaking for us from January to this time.

As we begin 2021 the words which stand out for me are found from the book of Joshua. You remember Joshua took over the leadership of the children of Israel after Moses death. As the people prepared to cross river Jordan in order to possess the promised land, Joshua through the officers commanded the people saying , “When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God with the Levitical priests carrying it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. 4 However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 [a]cubits [i.e.1000 yards] by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.” (Joshua 3:3-4 NASB).

Joshua instructed the people so that they would know the way by which they would go since they had not passed that way before.

At one time at my Kenyan village home it had rained so much that the way to church through the black cotton soil road could not be driven on. As the head of the family I had to figure out an alternative walk path to church. I explained to Mama and the children that we would be taking an alternative route which we had not passed before. Since I needed to be in church earlier, we agreed I tell and show them the way then leave alone and my wife and the children would follow afterwards.

Therefore after telling them which way/path to take, I armed myself with gum boots to enable me to walk through the muddy path. I also took a three feet wooden stick as I started off to church through a walk path which was new to the family. As I walked on the narrow walk path I used my three feet stick to remove the dew from the grass and leafy twigs which would have soaked my wife’s and daughters’ dresses as they passed. I used the same stick to remove thorns and stones which would harm anyone walking on the path. The stick on my hands also served as an adequate weapon to kill any spiders, scorpions or snakes which I would find on the path.

As my wife and children walked to church through the winding forest path, they said that there was no dew to soak their dresses; they did not see any thorns, stones, scorpions or snakes! Why? I had gone ahead of them and gotten the walk path cleared from all those types of dangers. Why? My family had not travelled on that way before.

Likewise, Joshua told the children of Israel in crossing the Jordan to the promised land to make sure that the ark of the covenant and Levitical priests carrying it would go in front ahead of them leaving a gap of one thousand yards between them so that they may know the way by which they shall go, for they had not passed that way before. Notice Joshua did not send the military ahead first but in obedience to the Lord’s command he sent the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant to go in front.

The Ark of Covenant symbolized the presence of God being in front of the people while the one thousand yards gap between the people and the Ark was “to respect the holy nature of the ark of the covenant. But also, it was to make sure that everyone had a clear view of the ark. That you may know the way by which you must go shows that the ark of the covenant led the way. Israel would accomplish this impossible task -

as they set their eyes upon God's presence and followed only after His presence." (<https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/joshua-3>). Also, we should remember that the whole gathering was over two million people and certainly a reasonable distance was needed between them and the Ark so that God's guiding presence would be visible by all.

For the children of Israel to navigate the new route where they had not passed before, they needed God's presence to go before them. Likewise, for us to navigate the new route of 2021 we need God's presence to be not only in us but in front of us. We need the guidance of God's Word and guidance from those God has placed in the leadership of His Church. In Psalm 121:7 God promises to be with us and that He will keep us from all harm. God has already been through 2021. This is why we cannot tell God, "Happy New Year God!" God has lived through all time! He is God of the ages! He is the Eternal I AM!

And just as my wife and children walked through the winding forest path and there was no dew to soak their dresses, nor did they see any thorns, stones, scorpions or snakes! Why? I had gone ahead of them and gotten the walk path cleared from all those types of dangers. I did that because my family had not passed on that way before. So, our loving heavenly Father knows that we have not gone through 2021! He will be with us through out every moment of 2021 for "even though I walk through the [d]valley of the shadow of death, I fear no [e]vil, for You are with me." (Psalm 23:4). For all the challenges of 2021 our loving heavenly Father will be with us. His gracious Presence is all we need.

So Happy New Year to everyone. May 2021 be the year of God's favor for you. May you enjoy God's gracious presence in January and throughout the whole year. Amen!

Your sibling in Christ,

Pastor Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor

Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Happy New Year Beloved!

I want to start off by encouraging you with something I have been encouraged with as I read through the Psalms.

-REFUGE-

What does it mean for something to be a refuge? The literal definition is "a condition of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger, or trouble." Did you know that in the whole Bible, there are over 80 times this word is referenced? Half of those are referenced by the King David, the Psalmist. Here is one verse as an example that I think we can all cling to this new year: Psalm 37:39-40, "**The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**" When he mentions refuge, in context he is referring to God being our refuge. It got me thinking, if one of the greatest kings who ever lived who had as much power as he wanted at the time, how was he able to view God as his refuge. For a king who didn't have to rely on anyone but himself, he relied on God as his safety and shelter. Am I viewing God as my refuge? I am nowhere near who King David was, so I should be running to God as my refuge even more, yet, I am not. Are you viewing God as your refuge?

So, go into this new year with the mindset and trust that God is our refuge! He is our shelter from the storm, from anything that comes our way on this earth. Trust in Him beloved! If we turn to anything else during this time, it will surely bring us up empty. Rely on God as your refuge today, tomorrow, and forever!

"...blessed is the man who takes refuge in him." (Psalm 34:8)

Jonathan Gesin, Youth Director

Health & Wellness Tidbit

Did you know...

Colder temperatures can benefit your health? Colder temperatures may help reduce allergies and inflammation and research has shown that it can help you think more clearly and perform daily tasks better. Don't stay in when it's cold, bundle up and breathe the fresh cold air!

TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH

Stewardship

We are pleased to report that we have made our Budget goals for 2020. We are also blessed to report that we have received \$1,836,077.25 as of December 15, 2020, for our capital campaign. Glory to God! We will continue accepting capital campaign donations in 2020 as well as will issue bonds. Thank you for your support for both our day-to-day and special activities (e.g., missions, capital campaign, love gifts).

Giving

You can continue to give by sending your checks, payable to Braddock Baptist Church, to our address, 6519 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312. You can also give online through our website! Scroll down and hit the “donate now” button on the bottom right in the home page. We also have an offering plate in the back of the “Upper Room” Sanctuary for those joining us in person! Thank you for your continued giving and Obedience to Christ!

