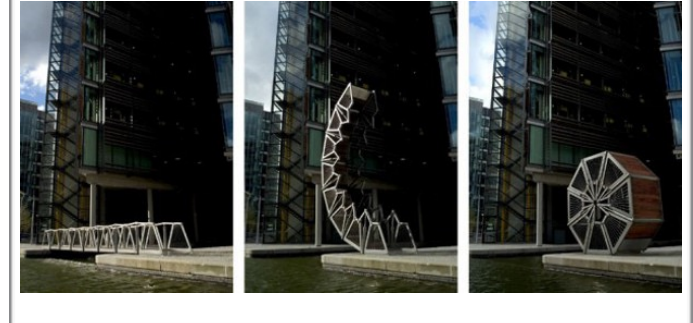


The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone



BRADDOCK Baptist Church
Alexandria, VA

July 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
4:30-6:30 p.m. miHi Youth Summer Days

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

V.B.S. 2015

Ever wanted to go to space? Calling all who would like to volunteer and help with our V.B.S. on July 13-17 Please see Emily Corder. Download a registration form online at braddockbaptistchurch.org or see Emily for a form. Get ready for a week of fun!!

Pastor's Corder Note

SAFETY

Safety and Security:

Is this just an illusion? Should believers think that they are always going to be safe and secure?

Psa. 140: Keep me safe, LORD, from the hands of the wicked; protect me from the violent, who devise ways to trip my feet. ⁵ The arrogant have hidden a snare for me; they have spread out the cords of their net and have set traps for me along my path.

It certainly seems that the psalmist, while committing his safety to the Lord as a point of prayer, did not think that evil ones would not be ever robbing the righteous of the security of peace. We see that evil men were devising ways to trip his feet, spread out cords, nets and traps along his path. And in light of the South Carolina church murders we know that bad things continue to happen to good people.

What is the promise of the righteous? Do we hold that nothing evil will happen to "Christians"? Do we really know what we are to believe? And does what we believe have a saving effect on others who have not yet come to believe. **1 Thess. 4: ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

Words such as: "so your daily life may win the respect of outsiders", show the world that even in death we hold out a great hope- referred to by many as the blessed hope! The resurrection of the dead! We are encouraged that while it is appointed unto man once to die- that if we have placed our eternal trust in the work accomplished by Christ on the cross on our behalf, and the power that raised Him from the dead will also raise us up with Him. In this we know we will not experience the second death. It is this hope that allowed the family members of those murdered to FORGIVE, and leave judgment to God alone!

John 11: ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; then he asks us "do you believe this"?

At this time we need to commit our safety to the Lord as a point of prayer and plan to assist one another in securing it to the best of our ability, but not live in fear of what can take our body but has no power over our souls.

1 Corinthians 15:42

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;

Pray with me for the safety of the body of believer and the believers worldwide, who the evil one sets traps for. But also give God praise that he has already provided for you to live even if you die! Amen!!!

Live Blessed

Pastor Timothy

Update on BBC Incorporation Process

The Constitution and By-Law Committee has provided a copy of Constitution and By-Laws to your Deacons to distribute to the church membership to review. We hosted a Question and Answer session on **Wednesday June 10th at 7:00 pm** and several questions were asked and answered. We had a special called business meeting on **Sunday June 28th** immediately following worship to vote the approval of the Constitution and By-Law. There were 61 ballots cast and 52 of them voted to approve the new Constitution and By-Laws which equals 85% approval.

Members of this committee are Gary Carr, Barry Dunn, and the Board of Directors (Pastor Timothy, Diane Carr, Jody Dunning Harry Finley, Gary Moore, and Dave Waters)

We will keep all the Braddockian church family informed as we progress through this process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Pastor.

God Bless!

Dave Waters, Chair
Board of Directors
Constitution and By-Law Committee

Stewardship

Financial statements detailing what you have given so far in 2015 are available upon request. Please see Jody Dunning or Gary Moore if you'd like a 2015 statement showing what you've given to date. Statements are available anytime during the year at your request.

Birthdays

02 Kate Partlow
 Patricia Riley
 04 Dorothy M. Campbell
 08 Janett Smith
 13 Jo Weaver
 15 Jean Massie
 16 Gary Lee
 18 Jean Reeder
 19 Loretta Freeman
 Sarah Weaver
 20 Faly Raharinaivo
 21 Mikayla Robinson
 22 Gary Carr
 23 David Waters, Jr.
 John-Alan Short
 26 Roxana Roman
 29 Daveda Raharinaivo
 31 Audrey Pearson

Anniversaries

06 Luz & Jim Jondrow
 27 Irma & Edd Dunn
 30 Beverly & Rick
 Rodriguez
 31 David & Stephanie
 Corder

MIHI YOUTH MADE IN HIS IMAGE

Souls on Fire Thank you BBC for supporting your children and youth on June 21! What a blessing to serve the Lord and hopefully encourage you as well.

miHi Youth Summer Days July 8, we will begin our youth summer days. Every Wednesday from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. the youth will meet. These meetings will be a time for our youth to come together and play the summer away. Youth consists of those going into the 7th grade through 12th grade. Stay up to date with youth events on our youth calendar online at BraddockBaptistChurch.org.

Christian Education

One of our members, Anjana Dayal Prewitt is a poetess who writes about humanitarian issues. Since Anjana became a member at Braddock Baptist, she was inspired by the preaching of Pastor Timothy. God cause us to act and react in many ways through worship, expression of faith and poetry. She began a series of poems entitled "Poems from the Pew". These poems have been inspired by the word of God as spoken through the word of Pastor Timothy. She shares in this section, a poem that she composed last Sunday. (To read Anjana's poem, please see digital version of The BRIDGE July 2015 e-mailed to you, or also online at BraddockBaptistChurch.org).

In His Service,

Joseph O. Prewitt Diaz, PhD



Deacon Ministry

Dear Braddockians;

I have been asked many times, What is God's purpose for my life?

The Lord has a very simple message to all those who ponder that question... Go, Share and Teach.

Go out of your way to meet people where they are. Get to know them because people desire to be heard.

Share the Gospel of Christ, the Good News that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners like you and I.

Teaching people who have received the grace of God to live out this new born again life that God has given to all that receive.

Warning Sign: This life will take you places you have never been but the rewards are tremendous.

Lets pray now that the Lord would move our hearts for His Kingdom.

Lord Bless you,

Mitch B

BBC Men

In June 2015, the Braddock Baptist Church (BBC) Men continued to serve and make additional plans to serve God and his people within BBC and the community. The BBC men sponsored and/or supported several advents. The BBC Men and member of the Building and Grounds committee continued to be part of many on going in-house mission activities to include continued the maintenance of the grounds of the church and Parsonage 2.

Graduate's Breakfast

The BBC Men honored the Graduates and their families at the Old Country Buffet June 7th. There were 9 this year and at the breakfast each of 2015 Graduates were given a card and a gift card from the BBC men.

Church Picnic

The BBC Men purchased all of the meat (hot dog, bratwursts, hamburgers, and chicken patties), buns, and drinks. The grill was manned by Chef Rick Rodriguez. The temperature was 95 plus degrees and Rick and I thought, because of the heat, we would not have many Braddockians attend, but praise God we had between 90 and a 100 people attend. To all of the BBC men that helped with the picnic, thank you for your continued good service to the Lord at BBC. I would like to express a 'BIG BIG' thank you to Rick Rodriguez for manning the grill in such extreme conditions and for all of the Lord's work at BBC that he does behind the scene.

Yard Sale

The BBC Men annual YARD SALE will be held on **Saturday July 11th**. We will start accepting donations for the yard sale on **June 29th**. We need volunteers to help price and sort items in preparation for the yard sale. Call Linda Waters if you would desire to help with sorting and pricing and Harry Finley and/or Barry Dunn if you need items picked up to bring to the church. The monthly BBC Men's meeting will be held on Friday **July 10th at 5:30 pm** for the final staging of items for the Yard Sale. Pizza, salad, drinks, and dessert will be provided to all of the workers (Men, Women, and Youth). Please come back Saturday morning **June 11th at 5:30 am** to move items for the Yard Sale to the parking lot. Donuts and coffee and lunch will be provided for the workers.

Men please come and help with the VBS setup and pizza luncheon following worship on July 12th. See the dates below for other upcoming events:

July: Monthly Meeting July 10th @ 5:30 pm

Fri 10th Yard sale final staging **5:30 pm** (Pizza/Salad for Dinner)

Sat 11th Yard sale setup/preparation **5:30 am** (Coffee/Donuts/ Bagels)

Sat 11th Annual Yard Sale **7:00 am (Lunch provided for Workers)**

Sun 12th Vacation Bible School (VBS) set up (Lunch will be served to workers)

Mon-Fri 13th-17th VBS 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

God Loves You and So Do I!

Keep the Faith!

Dave Waters, President BBC Men

Rolling Bridge, England. This unique bridge is found in the Paddington Basin area of London. Something that makes this bridge so special is how every Friday, the octagonal shape rolls out to reveal itself as a bridge.

Later on during the day, it will curl itself back up into its original form, hiding itself away again until it reemerges the next Friday. The bridge uses hydraulics to achieve this and it was completed in 2004. It was designed by Thomas Heatherwick, who also designed the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Cauldron.