

Seeking God • Serving Others  
**BRADDOCK Baptist Church**



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**Every Week:**

**Sundays**

9:00 a.m.....Church Breakfast  
 9:45 a.m.....Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m.....Worship Service

**Mondays**

6:30 p.m.....Young Adults  
 Small Group

**Wednesdays**

6:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting  
 6:30 p.m.....Youth Group  
 7:30 p.m.....Praise Team  
 Rehearsal

**Third Fridays**

7:00 p.m.....JustWorship

**First Fridays**

6:00 p.m.....First Friday Dinner

**Mother's Day Out**

Monday-Friday 9:30a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

**Pastor Corder Note**

This January in the word, we hope the greatest number of you since I have been here will sign on to read through the word with us. Let me know if you are beginning or beginning again to read through the Word of God. Becky and I are really enjoying another perusing of daily Old Testament and New, refreshment. Some are on their way through the Chronological Bible this time around.

This all brings me great joy, but I was thinking the other day, what would be better is making sure the Word is getting into me, us! The scriptures tell us the word is to be hidden in us that gives us the ability to not sin against God. Psalm 119:11 **“Thy word has I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”** Yet Jesus said of the Pharisee’s: John 5:39-40 **“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”** Jesus draws a distinction between being in the word and it being in us. That dissimilarity is one of eternal life consequences.

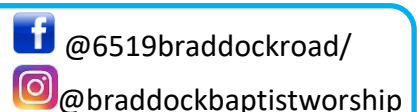
Allow me to further challenge us in this still New Year, to make sure we are doing more than getting into the word, but rather as in the saying of our Lord Jesus making sure the word dwells in us, by believing in the one it tells of, and come and follow his teachings and example. In other words, be doers of the word and not mere hearer, or “readers” of it!!

The Bible is so much more than the greatest self-help book, with little adages of how to live better, be happier in our conscious. The scriptures reveal; God saying to Abraham “Now I know you love me, because you did not withhold your son, your only son whom you love, from me.” It is from internalizing a passage like this that gives us the confidence to say to any skeptic “Now we know God loves us because we do not withhold from him.” Let’s continue to do the word in 2020 and let’s continue to do it together here in the Church at Braddock!

Well, let’s all stay in the Word this year, and seek earnestly to be obedient to its illuminations.

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

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**Sunday School Update**

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!

As the time gets shorter and shorter let’s use our time wisely to greatly grow in our relationship with Him. Study His Word, follow His example, Talk to Him, and Worship and Praise Him Always! And we can do that right here in His Spirit-Filled church called Braddock Baptist Church. Attend Sunday school and Worship on Sundays and Love Him with All Your Heart...and each other also! The perfect prescription for a Happy and prosperous New Year!

**Happy New Year, Gary Moore**

**December Birthdays**

- 08 Jim Hix**
- 12 Stanley Dunning**
- 21 Joyce Taylor**
- 25 Jeremy Berry**
- 25 Volana Raharinaivo**



**Note from the Deacons**

Your deacons are busy at Braddock in a number of ways to support your spiritual journey:

- 1) They are reaching out monthly either by phone call, letter, text or personal visit.
- 2) They delivered gift baskets to the elderly and shut-ins of the church.
- 3) They pray for the needs of their families on a weekly basis, going to the throne of grace on your behalf.
- 4) Delivering meals to individuals/families as the need arises.
- 5) Meet every other month to discuss needs, old and new, and how to best address them scripturally.

And they do much more than the list above or that you or I even know about. They are servant-leaders.

Do you know who your deacon is? I hope so. If not, look at the bulletin board, look at the bottom of this Bridge newsletter. If you still don’t know, contact me.

Pray for your deacons, that the Lord would strengthen them for the many needs of the church. God is faithful.

The Lord bless you as you live for Him.

**Mitch B and the Deacon Team!**

703.451.7784

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:

Harry & Carol Finley	—————>	Letters A through G
Becky Corder & Jim Hix	—————>	Letters H through P
Elaine Comer & Manjaka	—————>	Letters Q through Z

### Note from the Associate Pastor

Beloved Members of BBC Family,

As we stand at the beginning of the new year and indeed a new decade, the words of King David come to mind. “What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me?” ( Psalm 112:12). Like King David all of us in the BBC family can echo Davids words. What can we give back to the LORD for His goodness through out the whole year? the whole decade ! There is no better answer than what David said, “I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD.I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people ( Psalm 112:13-14). Early at the start of the New Year we surrender our lives to God and choose to live for His glory in the presence of all His people.

Another great thought to reflect on at the start of the New Year is found in Moses prayer when he prayed for God’s presence to accompany him. Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”(Exodus 33:15-16).

Moses knew that all what he needed was God’s presence. For in God’s presence there is joy, peace, power, love and all the fruit of the Holy Spirit. As mentioned a few Sundays ago. “God’s greatest gift to humanity is His Presence...God does not promise us biological life in 2020! but He promises His Presence. Without His presence you and I are like other people”. God’s presence distinguishes us from others. Thus all we need for a joyous, blessed, peaceful, prosperous and successful new year is God’s Presence (Joshua 1:8). May the LORD in His grace give to each member of the BBC family a new year filled with His Presence.

Please find below a photo of the orphans and their pastor whom we introduced to you at the Sunday service on December 22:

They are now on their holidays from school. We were glad for the opportunity to see them before they return to their different Christian boarding schools where they attend school. A few years ago they all completed their catechumen classes and were baptized. Please remember them in prayer so that God’s presence will abide with them always so that in addition to excelling in their academic work they will grow into Jesus likeness as they continue to live their lives under Christ’s Lordship.



May the whole BBC Family enjoy the fullness of God’s presence, starting from the MDO preschool, the Sunday School children, the Youth, the Young Adults, International students who fellowship with us on Sundays, all adult Sunday School classes, our church members who are hospitalized or shut-ins, the Deacons, SMEs,the Board, our Youth Director Jon and Brittany Gesin and our beloved Senior Pastor Dr.and Becky Corder. We pray that the Holy Spirit fill each member of the BBC Family and enable us to love God and love one another for love never fails.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor.**

**Kingdom Work Youth Ministry**

Dear Braddock Saints!

Happy New Years! I pray that our eyes are opened and aware to see what God is doing in us and through us this year. Our youth group this year will focus on Experiencing God! I wanted to share a thought that came on the radio recently. I do not know who was speaking, or what station it was, but it spoke so clearly to me. I'm guessing it was a pastor, and he was talking about relief vs. strength. When we go through "trials of many kinds" (James 1:2), we often find ourselves praying for relief. Our prayers go something like, "God, please take away this sickness. Please take away this temptation. God please relieve me of this hurt, sorrow, pain, etc." The list goes on. What is so important to understand is that we do not need to ask relief for anything, we serve a much bigger God. We should, instead, ask for strength to persevere, strength to overcome, strength to fight the good fight. Each trial in our lives are meant for teaching, honing, and growing us in Jesus Christ. So, remember, the next time you are going through trials, pray for strength, not for relief. While you do that, remember these verses:

2 Corinthians 4:17, **"For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison."**

Romans 8:18, **"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."**

James 1:2-3, **"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."**

Starting January 2020, I will be adding a Health & Wellness tidbit.

**Did you know...**

Laughing may increase overall health. Research suggests a good laugh can increase your blood flow by 20%. The positive effects of this can last for 24 hours. [American Heart Association]

Happy New Year, **Jonathan Gesin**

**Stewardship**

We are pleased to report that we have made both our Budget and Lottie Moon goals once again. We are also blessed to report that we have received \$1,281,545.72 as of December 31, 2019, for our capital campaign. Glory to God! We will continue accepting capital campaign donations in 2020. Thank you for your support for both our day-to-day and special activities (e.g. missions, capital campaign, Christmas boxes, love gifts).

Total budget for 2019:	\$311,414.00
Budget Needed/week:	\$5,988.73

Total Budget Needed (to date)	\$311,414.00
Total Budget Received (to date)	\$313,029.92
Budget Surplus	\$1,615.92
Budget Received last week:	\$36,875.26

<b>Capital Campaign Donations</b>	
Received thru 12/31 *	\$1,281,545.72

\* Includes \$233,920.79 on hand at beginning of our capital campaign and Endowment funds