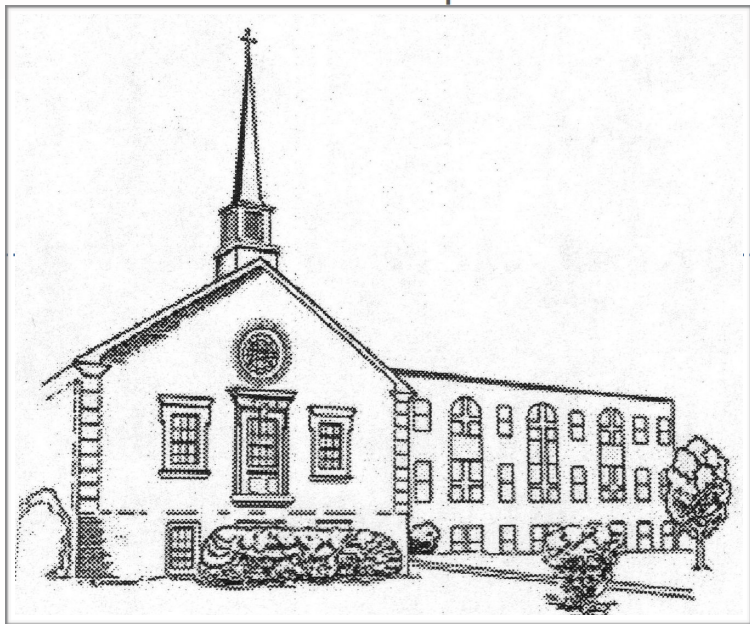


Seeking God ● Serving Others

BRADDOCK Baptist Church

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The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

Pastor's Corder Note

Motto: Seeking God, and Serving Others

Vision: The vision of Braddock Baptist Church is to continue to grow in our love with the triune (three in one) God: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by building ourselves up in the most holy faith, and to influence our community and the world with the message of Jesus Christ. This vision will guide every element of our ministry, here at BBC.

In **Romans 1:16, 17** Paul says, ¹⁶ **For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.** ¹⁷ **For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."** At B.B.C., we believe that a relationship with Jesus Christ is the only thing that can transform a person's life. Our church is unashamedly dedicated to presenting this message in various ways and through many venues so

that every person in our community and around the world, under our influence, is given a chance to understand it and come to salvation by faith.

Mission: Our Mission at Braddock Baptist Church; we are Seeking God- diligently and Serving Others- earnestly and trusting the Lord to give the increase steadily, as we follow Him in the work He is doing.

Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength". Therefore, the answer to; "What is our mission?", we simply say "To love God whole heartedly" and " to let the expression of the love of God be in serving one another.

Jesus also said that the Father is always at work, and he too is working, and we at B.B.C., have come to understand that when we see the Father at work, that is our invitation to join him. We are to complete the good work he has prepared in advance for us to do and in doing so, we bring glory to His most excellent name.

Finally, we find in His word that in our work, some are to plant; others water, but it is through God we can count upon to see growth. This is the natural state of the Kingdom. When things are properly aligned, we seek first and then God adds everything else needed. Our desire, through our obedience to His initiating of love, is that his kingdom will continue to grow and our Father's house will be full.

Goals: I wish to add to our long established **Vision** and **Mission** statement our Goals: in 2 Peter 1, it talks about adding to our faith. God has given believers "**divine power**", to receive **divine** and precious (valuable) **promises**, so we can participate in his "**divine nature**", which allows us to escape the corruption of this world caused by our evil desires. So while in earnest prayer the other day and thinking about 2 Peter 1, I enquired of the Lord as to help me set goals for us here at BBC: this Bible Believing Community as to how to add to our faith and congregation. And what I believe the Lord showed me I wish to share with you. It comes in the form of three "D's" also.

Divine Drawing: the scripture tell us that if we lift up Jesus, he will draw people to himself. **Jn. 12: ³² And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. ³³ This he said, signifying what death he should die.** Lifting up Jesus, is to elevate one understanding of who he is, what it is he has done and what is the result of his work. As we hoist an individual's understanding of Jesus' death, resurrection, ascension, return policy and how he will rule, this will draw men to him. We need to be prepared to explain the purpose behind his death, resurrection and ascension. What was gained by these, and then use his return policy (I will come back for my own) as a motivation to make a discussion to follow him now, and the fact he will someday reign, benevolently, that is in such a way that the good of all is the truly realized.

Divine Discipling: this is the discipline similar to that which an athlete undergoes to get his or her very best performance. Peter speaks to receiving all that we need for life and godliness. This is achieved by our understanding of Him: His character, nature, actions and motivations. As we keep our eyes fixed upon Him we find how then we too ought to live our lives. And by his divine power, he promises that we can participate in his divine nature.

Divine Dispatching: is the goal of fulfilling our generations' part in the great commission. Vs. 8 tells us that if we possess these qualities in increasing measure they will keep us from being infertile and unproductive. We will bear fruitful, after His kind! The passage concerning adding to our faith these disciplines in ever increasing measure is a statement that we must remain in the vine. By our connection to the vine we too will produce good fruit!

We need to be drawing seekers to Christ, moving seekers to discipleship, and dispatching disciples to being soul winners. The scriptures tell us that wise men win souls. Let's all pray for this kind of wisdom!!! Amen! Our Vision: We must not allow our lives to get in the way of our Christianity; we must live our lives in the context of our faith and walk with Christ as people who were designed with a purpose. Christ-likeness must infiltrate every aspect of our existence: the way we conduct our business affairs, the relationships we have with friends, neighbors, spouses and children. Our belief must rise to the level of life style and choice. Our vision for BBC is for us to be unified to level of understanding that there is only one race, the human race and two physical kinds of humans; male and females and the two most significant statuses in which they find themselves, saved or sinners. And for us at BBC (Braddock Baptist Church), a truly Bible Believing Community, we are reminded regularly that saved people are not better than sinners, just better off for the eternal discussion they have made to follow Christ Jesus the Lord.

With Love,
Your Pastor, **Timothy Corder**

February 2017

Every Week:

Sundays
 9:30a.m. Fellowship
 9:45a.m. Sunday School
 10:45a.m. Prayer
 11:00a.m. Worship Service

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

Wednesdays
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting &
 Bible Study
 7:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

Fridays
 6 p.m. First Friday
 Fellowship
 6:30 p.m. OPEG (First
 Friday)

Saturdays
 9 a.m. Exercise
 10 a.m. ESL Classes
 12p.m. GED Class

Mother's Day Out
 Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Birthdays

- 2 Dallas Rodriguez
- 6 Patricial Lewis
- 7 Christopher Marshall
- 10 Brenda Carr
- 11 Janine Murphy
- 13 Valerie Owens
- 15 Wendy Perry
- 15 Thomas Perry
- 16 Virginia Owens
- 21 Sandy Shifflett
- 22 Kay Abbott
 Diane Carr
 Benjamin Lewis
- 24 Charlene Bowser
- 27 Kevin Lazo

Sunday School

As I begin to write this short article about Sunday School, its a very dark, dreary day with heavy wind and rain. A day one could easily get depressed and feel down-in-the-dumps or pits if you prefer. So I'd like to cheer you, and myself up. The sun is still shinning, its just hidden by the clouds. This is rain, not snow that needs shoveling. The temperature is fairly mild for late January...
 By now I'm sure you get the idea, no matter how dark and dreary the weather or how we feel, God continues to "shower" us with blessings each day. All we have to do is what Jesus tells us in His sermon on the mount in Matthew chapter 7 verses 7-11: **"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."** So beat the dreary depressed down-in-the-dumps feeling by doing what Jesus says; ask, seek, and knock--It Really Does Work!

Want to know what else works??? Attending church and Worshipping The Lord in Spirit and Truth. The Lord loves our worship and praise. He also loves us to read AND study His Word. Let me continue to strongly encourage you to attend one of our many Sunday School classes. What better way to learn and mature in our Christian walk, than to attend a wonderful Sunday School class here at church. There is a class for each one.

"Come," attend Sunday School and Worship each week.

Learn, Study, Grow and Worship!
 Wishing you LOVE Happy Valentine's day

God Bless You,
Gary Moore
 Sunday School Director



Dear Braddock,

I wanted to take time this month to thank you, my family, as a whole. Alyssa and I have been blessed so far beyond words by you. Whether it be little gestures here and there or gifts at our couples shower or even just words of encouragement, we feel loved.

As another month has flown by I've seen a couple things. One, I've seen myself grow in my understanding of the Church and God's mission for her. Two, I've fallen more in love with Alyssa's and my church family. And lastly, I've witnessed salvation, renewal of faith, and all other sorts of praise-worthy, God-ordained moments! I call these "God-sightings"!

In February I will be getting married and I'm sure anyone that knows me well enough knows in the days leading up to it I won't shut up about it! But God is still number one, God always will be number one, and God forever will be number one! Look around you in February and ask yourself, "Does my life reflect God being number one?" You just may see a God-sighting.

~In His Service,
JJ Engelbrecht; The Intern
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miHi youth

Praise the Lord! Your youth are working on reading the Bible with BBC throughout the year. I'm so happy that the youth are excited to read these old but incredible stories that God used to write His love letter to us.

Coming up this weekend is our annual miHi youth Ski Retreat. Like last year, I ask all of them to seclude themselves from the world and take the time to focus on Christ. Please pray with us as we enter this time of true retreat.

Much Love, **Cristina Riojas**



Stewardship Report

2016 year-end contribution statements were either handed out after church during the last Sunday in January, or were mailed at the end of January. If you didn't receive yours, please contact Jody Dunning or Gary Moore.

Also there are still a few 2017 envelopes that haven't been picked up outside the Church Office. To ensure that you receive your correct contributions, please use the envelopes provided. These envelopes have your unique contribution number preprinted on them and will ensure your year-end statement is correct. If you did not receive envelopes this year and would like a set, please contact Jody Dunning or Gary Moore.



The Virginia Dare Bridge. Outer Banks, North Carolina. via http://www.stalite.com/project_details.php?id=15

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