

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 Skyp.....Prayer Meeting
<https://join.skype.com/r07C9euD5UWY>
6:30 p.m.....Youth Group
TBD..... Praise Team Rehearsal

Third Fridays

TBD.....JustWorship

First Fridays

TBD.....First Friday Dinner

Mother's Day Out (TBD)

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

LIFE AT BRADDOCK

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The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

Pastor Corder Note

Well happy August Braddockians,

If you are really old and especially if you are really young, this will have to go down as the weirdest July on record! Becky and I had been self – isolating for months and had to travel the first of July. Which started our certainty clock all over again, upon returning to N. VA we again began to self-isolate and then I had a couple of days of high fever and caught which sent me to get tested and returning negative allowed us once again to confidently feel, well, we know we don't have covid-19 to give away so simple caution would assure that we do not contract it from others.

All the while all of you have been staying safe and I hear mostly great reports from you! Meanwhile God has been doing GREAT THINGS! We are having good progress on the building and you as the LORD'S servants continue to amaze with your generosity. Mitch Bennet became aware of some roofing issues with the sanctuary not to be covered by remodel and partitioned the Ins. Company to help defray additional cost during these difficult time. The insurance Co. found that the church had indeed received hail damage, that's not nearly as bad as hell damage which would not be covered by our ins. The damage we did receive will mostly be covered and that is a great praise going forward!!

I hope Brother Jon will share that the youth were able to have a safe retreat and that the Lord worked some wonderful thing out for the group right in the middle of this pandemic! This past week the Dunn's, Edd and Irma, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary by ordering food for delivery. They said they were just excited to be together and will go out to dinner at a later date.

Love you all, we are enjoying some small, safe gatherings and a lot of skype meetings too, in fact the past Wednesday we had the best attend Skype Prayer Meeting yet. This will truly go down as a sweet hour of pray with the saints of Braddock and the assured presence of the Lord as he says where two or three are gathered there he is.

Weird is not always so bad, God's ways are not our ways but their better than anything we could even imagine.

Love you all, keep hanging in there with us and we hope to all be together soon

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

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Sunday School Update

Wow! Proverbs, what a book. I hope you are not only enjoying, but learning from the lessons of one of the wisest persons in the Bible. A Big thank you to Mitch Bennett for the wonderful job he is doing bringing us the insights and meanings of the scriptures online each Sunday. Big thanks also to Jonathan as he does Sunday school and continues working with our youth.

What great advice Solomon gives us to stay on the right path, not turning to the left or right, but focusing straight ahead keeping our feet from evil. Staying on the right path is important as we journey through life because it brings us righteousness and blessings. But most important it brings us to our destination an eternal home and life with our God. Just one of the important lessons we learn from following the advice of Solomon and his book of proverbs.

Where are You Going? What is Your destination?

Yes we're in the lazy hazy days of the good old summertime again, but don't Be Lazy in your Daily Bible reading, devotions and prayer time. Our Lord wants to share the days of summer and every day with us. He welcomes our Presence and Worship and Praise Always!

As we continue in our partial regathering please enjoy our Sunday school lessons and Worship services online by way of "YouTube" on the internet. Just search for <Braddock Baptist Church> to find Sunday school at 9:45am and Worship at 11:00am each Sunday.

Celebrate, enjoy summer and Stay Safe! God Bless you All.

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

August Birthdays

01 Mary Smith

08 Amy El-Naggar

14 Julia Thompson

15 William Bennett

28 Bobbie Rivenbark

31 Katie Gregerson



Note from the Deacons

Well yes, it has been a strange year....but nothing outside of the will of God. Nothing out of His control

It is now the end of July and August is upon us. And August is the time for electing deacons. We have 3 deacons coming off the diaconate this year, Becky Corder, Jim Hix and Mitch Bennett

I bring this issue up now because getting together in person to pass out ballots will be more difficult so we may use some creativity in getting deacon nominations this year. So prayerfully consider, new faces, new leaders that have exhibited service characteristics. Any active member of the church would be eligible to nominate, however, you would not want to vote for the following members because they are either coming off the diaconate or currently serving. They are:

- 1) Rebecca Corder
- 2) Jim Hix
- 3) Mitch Bennett
- 4) Harry Finley
- 5) Carol Finley
- 6) Manjaka

Here to Serve

Be looking for your ballots soon and be sure to participate in this very important function within the church. As you consider choosing these servants, review the qualifications of a deacon Paul lays out to Timothy in 1st Timothy 3: 8 - 13 and Acts 6:1-6. The Word of God will assist in leading you to make a good selection that aligns with the will of God..

May the Lord bless you in all you do; if the deacons can assist you, please do not hesitate to contact your deacon or me.

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:

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| 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, Brethren you remember that last month the pastoral staff discussed on the ongoing conversation on " Black Lives Matter". Building on what I said last month I would like us to explore this thought further from a biblical perspective. Yes, as Christians we believe that ' All Lives Matter" but as said in our Sunday school lesson the other day, " All Lives Matter" not based or judged by how they look like or by being black or white but they matter because all humans are made in God's image as precious persons of value and dignity. Every single one of us is a precious person of great worthy and dignity before God. Psalm 139: 13-14. " For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb; I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful ,I know that full well." Learning to see the image of God in every human face is what God expects from all of us.

<https://newiona.files.wordpress.com/2012/11/ethnic-diversity2.jpg>



Ethnic Diversity is beautiful humanity made in God’s Image !

So what is the problem and why is the world having the current conversation? The core of the matter is that while we believe that " All Lives Matter" we have not lived out that truth. Had we lived out that truth; treated all lives equally as precious persons of great worthy and dignity; as creatures made in God's image there would be no need for the current conversation. Thus the current conversation on " Black Lives Matter" is but a case in point ! The current conversation reveals that humanity has failed to treat each other as God has commanded or as God intended. We need to admit we have lived under falsehood and be willing to change.

People only change when they change in their ideas; change in their minds. This change is what we call change in people's worldviews. Worldviews are the fundamental assumptions on which we as humans build our beliefs and values. All human cultures are man-made ways of responding to their own environments in such of meaning. All cultures have different worldviews on which they base their beliefs and values. Due to Adam’s fall all human cultures are tainted with sin. Only the Bible God’s Holy Word can judge what is right and wrong in every culture. This is why Martin Luther of Germany (1483-1546) said, we must have our consciences [our souls/minds] captive to the obedience of God's Word. The moment human beings stop believing in the Bible as God's absolute revelation of His will for all humans, of all times and of all cultures then we have no authority to stand by. Our desire to have others live by certain values becomes a matter of human cultural opinions. Personal preferences become our guide thus the rule of secular humanism takes over and replaces the Bible as God's absolute and objective revelation of His will for all humans.

We pray to God to have mercy on us. To appropriate God's mercy we must be willing to admit that God is right and we are wrong. We must admit that we have not treated one another as God has commanded us to do. Even within the global church of Jesus Christ we have not displayed unity and siblings love before a desperate ethnically/tribally divided world. We must humble ourselves before God. We must bring our pride to the cross of Jesus Christ. We must cry unto the LORD. This is the meaning of 2 Chronicles 7:14-15."

14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place."

May the LORD hear us as we pray and as we seek to become the church that is known by our love for God and for one another. O God enable us by the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit to live as Jesus our Lord commanded us. Jesus commanded "34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35).

Be richly blessed.

Pastor Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor.

Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Happy August Beloved Braddock!

What an interesting past few months. From Covid-19, to getting a new church bus, to taking the youth on a virginia beach retreat, God is doing mighty things to show his power, sovereignty, and control. We have to look to him while we navigate our every day!

Thank you for all who support our church financially, because of that, my wife and I have the opportunity to take our Youth Group on retreats. We went on our annual retreat at Virginia Beach (thank you Pastor Timothy and Becky opening up their beach house for us) in early July. What a grand time we had. The theme this year was Olympics 2020, where the youth competed in Olympic type games (Frisbee Throw, egg toss, sock war, Archery, just to name a few). The youth were paired with one other person, they came up with made up countries, and competed for the gold medal. If you haven't already, go and watch what the youth had to say: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZ432Gy8n4>.

All this fun is to tie it back to our faith in Jesus Christ. We looked at Hebrews 12:1-3 as our theme verse: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." I pray that we all look at our lives as a race, and in order to win that race, we have to keep our focal point as Jesus Christ.



God bless you all, Braddock!

Jonathan Gesin, Youth Director

Health & Wellness Tidbit

Did you know...

Meal Planning? Focus on things that come from the earth, not a factory. The best advice is, when shopping at the grocery store, stay along the outside walls where you find fruits, vegetables, beans and lean sources of meat. All of these occur naturally. This helps keep those processed foods and sugar-packed snacks, all of which will kill your metabolism, out of the cart.

Stewardship

As authorized by the BBC Board of Directors, we are planning to issue Church Bonds sometime on or after October 1, 2020, as needed to finance the balance of the Church renovation. The Bond denomination will be \$10,000.00, paying 3.25% annual simple interest on December 31 of each year until redeemed December 31, 2039. The Bonds will be a general obligation of the Church and will be callable (redeemable) in whole or in part at the discretion of the BBC Board on or after December 31, 2023.

Anybody who has an interest in purchasing one or more bonds, or desires additional information, should contact our Church Treasurer (Amy El-Naggar at 571-748-8741) or our Stewardship Chairman (Harry Finley at 703-256-3480). We have received pledges of \$150,000 to date.

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| Capital Campaign Donations | |
| Received thru 7/15 * | \$1,338,196.29 |
| * Includes \$233,920.79 on hand at beginning of our capital campaign and Endowment funds | |

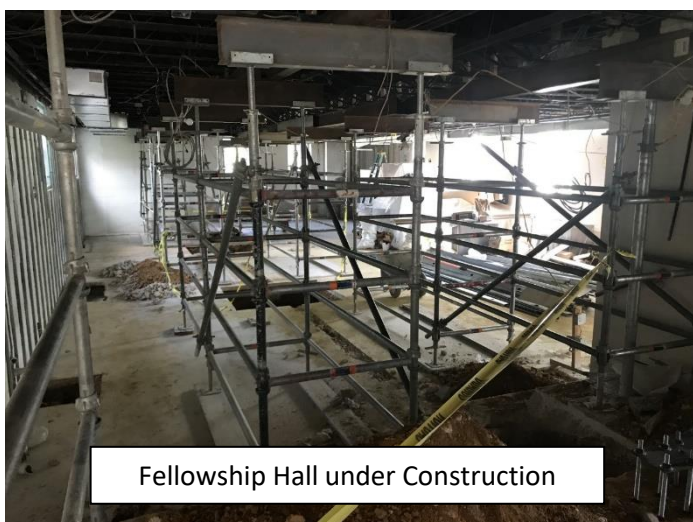
Church Location Update

For Sunday Service, we are now partially reopening on the third floor for worship. The church renovation is in full swing and we are waiting expectantly to see our new sanctuary, fellowship hall, and lobby. Please be flexible in this time of transition and let us know if you have any questions. For those unable to do three flights of stairs, or unable to come due to being at high risk for Covid-19, you can also find our livestream on YouTube @ "Braddock Baptist Church." Sunday School starts at 9:45am, and Service starts at 11:00am! Please see updated pictures of renovation below!



Our 2/3rd Braddock Baptist Church Temporary Sanctuary

Renovation Update Pictures



Fellowship Hall under Construction



Sanctuary Stage under Construction

