

Seeking God • Serving Others

**BRADDOCK Baptist Church**



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**Every Week:**

**Sundays Via YouTube**

**April 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunrise Service 6:30am**

9:45 a.m.....Sunday School

11:00 a.m.....Worship Service

**Mondays Via Skype**

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

Small Group

<https://join.skype.com/FWtc2OLplqC4>

**Wednesdays Via Skype**

6:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting

<https://join.skype.com/JwCncd5PPvCe>

6:30 p.m.....Youth Group

**Third Fridays Via YouTube**

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

**First Fridays (Cancelled)**

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

**Mother's Day Out (Closed until Fall)**

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

**LIFE AT BRADDOCK**

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@BRADDOCKBaptistChruch.com



# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

**Pastor Corder Note**

You all are great, each time I call you or email to check on you, you encourage me! We all are embracing that we have one hope, found in Eph. 4: *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

The Word makes it clear; it is Christ in you who is the hope of Glory. Any and all hope we have is Christ in us. Christ is in his glory, it is we who wait to come into glory, not our own for that would not be heaven, but to come into his glory with Him!

I pray this short note finds each of you healthy, but more importantly, it finds us all in Christ. Long term is eternal life, Heaven, and joint heirs. But short term is *Christ in your morning*: joy comes in the morning - *in your praise*, God inhabits the praises of his people - *in you search*: for He promises that those who seek him will find him when they search for Him with all their hearts.

See, Jesus is the answer to all our need, he takes care of our “todays” one after another and for our “always” because He alone can bring us into the only eternity we want any part of. I have read plan “B”, it is torturous and longer than one can imagine.



I will end with this, I am encouraged by many of you telling me about your devotions. Some of you are have family devotions for the first time in your marriages, others are returning to long past dropped from your otherwise busy schedules. And your prayers are deepening as they show greater concern for others than for one’s self, and finally expressing a greater concern for Gods will then your happiness.

Praise the Lord, not for, but in and through this pandemic! *God works all things out to the good of those who love him and are called according to HIS purpose.*

Love you all in Christ Jesus our Lord,

**Pastor Timothy**

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On Social Media

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 @braddockbaptistworship

**Sunday School Update**

Hello, and welcome to Sunday school for May 2020. Wow! A lot has happened in just a month's time. Sunday school is a little different now. Due to the plague of a virus our lives have also become different at this time. Instead of focusing on "the virus" Lets take a moment or maybe much longer and ponder as we look back and look forward—focusing on Our Lord Jesus and his suffering and death on the cross, and then on His Glorious Resurrection and return to be with His Heavenly Father. He is Risen Indeed! And He has left us with a look to our future when we will also rise to join Him in our Heavenly home forever.

As of course you know that Sunday school continues on the internet in "youtube" as well as Worship. Also our prayer time continues on line by way of "Skype." Our grateful thanks to all who are working to make this possible. In Worship we continue with Pastor Timothy in the book of Acts and in Sunday school with Mitch as our teacher in the book of Romans. Wonderful times studying God's Word. Oh yes...as a "reminder" it is still, as always a great time to INVITE someone to join us in Sunday school and Worship! In closing, "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I Will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10. PRAISE GOD!

Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day and wonderful safe Memorial Day Holiday.

PS June Sunday school preview, whether on line or maybe in person, Books of Proverbs and Song of Solomon

**Sunday School Director, Gary Moore**

**May Birthdays**

**06 Victor Salomon**

**08 Carol Finley**

**10 Jonathan Gesin**

**11 Timothy Corder**

**20 Billy Pham**

**31 Gerald Koehnlein**



**Note from the Deacons**

Dear Saints,

To this point during this health concern, I have been focusing on resetting priorities with my faith in God, my family time, and attempting to get rid of things that take away from my faith in the Lord and family time.

One thing however we cannot toss out when resetting priorities is the Gospel of peace. I am attaching, on the next page, a gospel tract that can be used to address the uncertainty of this time with the certainty of the Gospel for eternity. Think about it, why do we worry and become anxious with the times if we are trusting in God's finished work that God completed 2,000 years ago?

God has hope for you, your family and the world in these uncertain times. Let's be ready to give an answer of the hope that lies within.

Lord bless you,

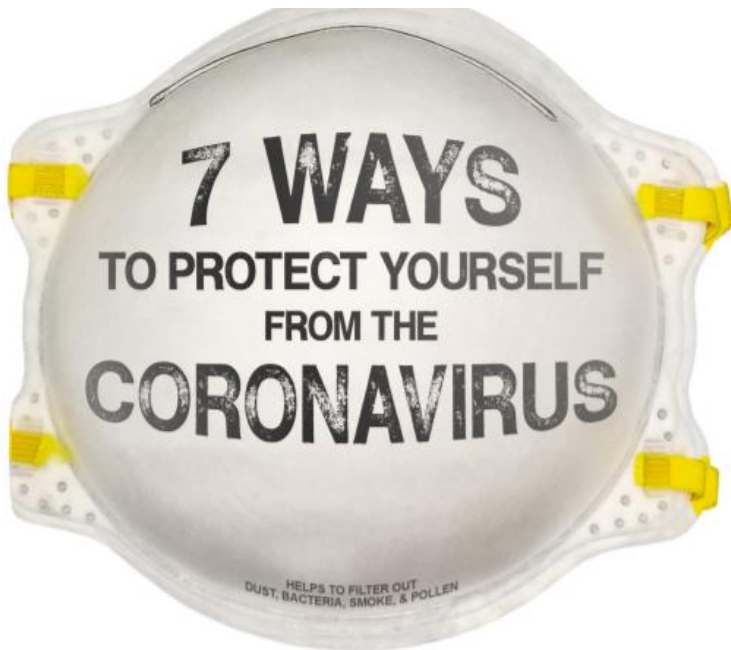
**Mitch B and the Deacon Team!**

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



**HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE CORONAVIRUS**

- 1 Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- 2 Stay six feet away from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- 3 Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- 4 Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your bent elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- 5 Stay home if you feel unwell.
- 6 Avoid shaking hands.
- 7 Keep up with the latest information about COVID-19 on [health.gov.au](http://health.gov.au) or [health.govt.nz](http://health.govt.nz)



**HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM DEATH**

Sadly, we can't always protect ourselves from sickness, and eventually we will all die, but we can be better prepared. Where will you go when you die? Have you lied, stolen, used God's name in vain, or lusted (which Jesus said was adultery, Mt. 5:28)? If so, God sees you as a liar, thief, blasphemer, and adulterer at heart. If you die in your sins, you will go to a terrible place called Hell. But there's good news. Though we broke God's Law, Jesus paid the fine by dying on the cross: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16). Then Jesus rose from the dead and was seen by hundreds. He fulfilled all the prophecies of the promised Saviour. Today, repent and trust Jesus, and God will forgive you and grant you the gift of eternal life (Eph. 2:8,9). Then, to show your gratitude, read the Bible daily and obey it, join a Christian church, and be baptised. Visit [WhatsTheGospel.com](http://WhatsTheGospel.com)

**Note from the Associate Pastor**

Dear BBC Family,

It was Apostle Paul in ministering to the saints of Philippi whom he longed to see their faces and meet them in person said, " 3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy... because I have you in my heart...you are all partakers with me of grace".( Philippian 1:3-7). These verses express the thoughts we all should have when we have been socially distanced from one another by Covid-19.

During this season of being unable to hold our physical weekly meetings we thank God that through technology we can still hold our virtual meetings together through the many available online platforms e.g. Streaming, skype, Zoom etc., This is a time the BBC family can pray, make phone-calls, send text messages, emails, do video calls and facetime one another more than ever before!

No wonder in times of being distanced from one another Paul would say "27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, [e] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel Philippian 1:27. (NIV). Therefore, as we practice social distancing as a way to prevent the spread of the virus may there be no virtual distance amongst BBC members!

Above all let us continue fixing our eyes upon the LORD Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith who for the joy set before him endured the cross and now sits at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2). We should remember that not even the Corona Virus can separate us from the love of God in Christ. Yes, we truly mourn with our brethren and fellow human beings who have lost loved ones as we continue to pray for healing for those infected by this pandemic.

I am grateful to our Senior Pastor Dr. Corder for his leadership and his dedication to the Word and his sacrificial love to the flock of God which he has been called to shepherd. Let us all continue to support him and his dear wife Becky and their children so that the anointing of the LORD will always be upon them as they continue ministering as channels of God's love.

I thank those of the BBC family who have joined the discipleship classes. The second class for those who completed class 1 is entitled "Deepening Your Roots in God's Family: A Course in Personal Discipleship to Strengthen Your Walk with God" has already started is being taught by Stephen and I.

Continued...

The door is still open for those who want to do Discipleship Class 1 “Growing Strong in God's Family: A Course in Personal Discipleship to Strengthen Your Walk with God” which is being led by our youth Pastor Jon and his wife Brittany.

Please let us continue reaching out in encouragement to one another during this extra ordinary time. Covid-19 will be history and then we will look back and thank

God not only for His sufficient grace during the pandemic but also for glorifying Himself in the advancement of His Eternal Kingdom.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Pastor Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor.**

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### Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Happy May Braddock!

I am so excited to this month is finally here. This month holds two ‘firsts’ for my family: 1. the first birthday I will have with a son, and 2. my wife’s first Mother’s Day. Happy Mothers Day to my beautiful wife who is so sacrificial and so giving to Gabriel and I, and Happy Mothers day to my Mom in North Carolina, who helped shape me to be who I am today, and Happy Mothers Day to my Mother-in-law, who helped shape the wonderful wife I am so honored to call my own. God has blessed me with the ‘mommas’ in my life, and I am so grateful.

God has been so gracious to us, and we give Him all the glory. I want to take a moment to encourage our body of believers with one verse from Jerimiah 29. Yes, you thought it right, we will be reading from vs. 11. Before I write the text verse, I wanted to share some context. The prophet Jerimiah was mediating for the Israelite people at this time. He would tell the Israelite people what God was saying to them. Often, throughout Jerimiah, we see him being rejected, called a false prophet, even thrown in a cistern, and put in prison. Even so, he prospered because He was doing the will of God. But at this certain time in Jerimiah 29, the people of Israel were in captivity to Babylon. God, through Jerimiah, told the people they will be captives to Babylonia for 70 years. They would be taken from their land, some older generations never returning home. At this point in time, Jerimiah delivers the Word of the Lord in chapter 29. In this context, we read the famous vs. 11, **“For I know the plans I have for you,” Declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”** First of all, I encourage you to read the context as it is very encouraging. Second of all, here is the encouragement: God spoke these words to the Israelite people as they were beginning their journey into captivity. The Israelites still had 70 years to go.

So instead of taking the verse out of context like this: *“Since God has a plan for me, the suffering I am going through will end soon and then I will start to succeed! Okay God, I am waiting for the good life, I am ready!”*

We need to start thinking like this, as one writer puts it: *“Yes, of course, God knows the plans He has for us. And ultimately, He will give us a glorious future [Heaven]. But as we walk out our lives on this crazy earth, let’s remember that the best growth comes through persevering through trials, not escaping them entirely. And when we learn perseverance, we find surprising joy.”*

So, it is when we go through the hard times, the lonely times, the suffering, the trials of many kinds, the times where everything seems to be falling apart, no matter the length of time, these are the times we can hold fast to Jerimiah 29:11, because God has a plan through it all, and is doing everything for the good of those who love Him!

God bless you all, and Happy Mothers Day!

**Jonathan Gesin, Youth Director**

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### Health & Wellness Tidbit

#### Did you know...

#### DRINK A GLASS OF WATER FIRST THING IN THE MORNING

Coffee’s great too, but it’s best to start your day by re-hydrating with a full glass of water. Hydrating first thing in the morning helps to aid digestion, enhance skin health and boost energy.

**Stewardship**

<b>Capital Campaign Donations</b>	
Received thru 4/15 *	<b>\$1,321,976.29</b>
* Includes \$233,920.79 on hand at beginning of our capital campaign and Endowment funds	

**You can give online! Just go to our website ([www.braddockbaptistchurch.org](http://www.braddockbaptistchurch.org)) and click "Donate" at the bottom!**

**How to Watch our Services**

**Sunday Service:** We will be strictly live streaming services until further notice, please watch your email for updates from us! Thank you for being so flexible as we navigate this time. Go to our YouTube page for viewing Sunday School (9:45) and Service (11:00), just type in "Braddock Baptist Church" in the search bar.

**Young Adults:** Young Adults Bible Study will be held over Skype until further notice! Please click the link below to enter the meeting every Monday at 6:25pm : <https://join.skype.com/JwCncd5PPvCe>

**Wednesday Prayer Meeting:** Prayer meeting will be held over Skype until further notice! Please click the link below to enter the meeting every Wednesday at 6:30pm : <https://join.skype.com/JwCncd5PPvCe> It may require you to set up an account, but if you click the link above, just follow the prompting to create an account/download Skype. Once in the meeting, we encourage everyone to use their camera so we can see you and interact. We are limiting the meeting to an hour, but please feel free to come and go if needed. Please call the church if you have any questions or need help! (703-750-2962).

**Youth Group:** Please message Jonathan for details on our weekly Youth group, and youth Sunday School. If you know of anyone interested, please message Jonathan at [jon@braddock.church](mailto:jon@braddock.church)!

