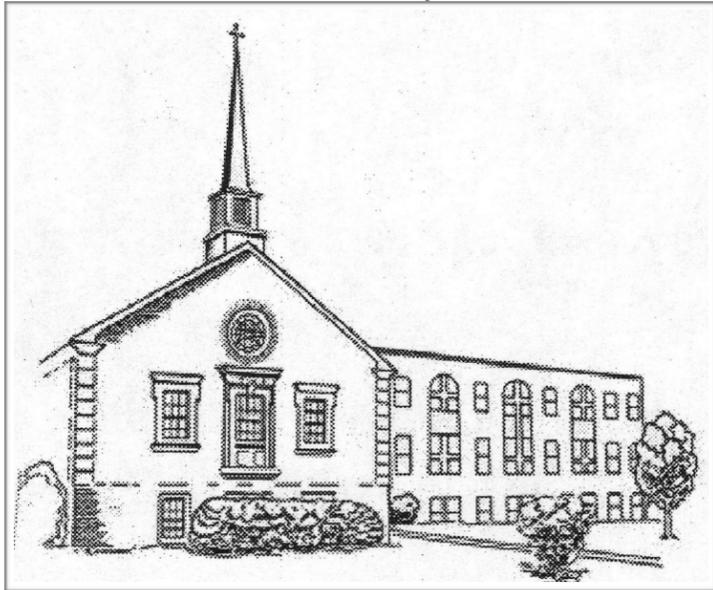


Seeking God ● Serving Others  
**BRADDOCK** Baptist Church



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**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

**Tuesdays**  
 12 p.m. Women's Bible Study

**Wednesdays**  
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
 6:30 p.m. Children's Class  
 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**  
 Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Continue In Our Yearly Bible Reading**

**DECEMBER**

DATE	MORNING	EVENING	DATE	MORNING	EVENING
1	Eze 40, 41	2 Pe 3	17	Am 7, 8, 9	Re 8
2	Eze 42, 43, 44	1 Jo 1	18	Ob	Re 9
3	Eze 45, 46	1 Jo 2	19	Jon 1, 2, 3, 4	Re 10
4	Eze 47, 48	1 Jo 3	20	Mi 1, 2, 3	Re 11
5	Da 1, 2	1 Jo 4	21	Mi 4, 5	Re 12
6	Da 3, 4	1 Jo 5	22	Mi 6, 7	Re 13
7	Da 5, 6, 7	2 Jo	23	Na 1, 2, 3	Re 14
8	Da 8, 9, 10	3 Jo	24	Hab 1, 2, 3	Re 15
9	Da 11, 12	Jude	25	Zep 1, 2, 3	Re 16
10	Ho 1, 2, 3, 4	Re 1	26	Hag 1, 2	Re 17
11	Ho 5, 6, 7, 8	Re 2	27	Ze 1, 2, 3, 4	Re 18
12	Ho 9, 10, 11	Re 3	28	Ze 5, 6, 7, 8	Re 19
13	Ho 12, 13, 14	Re 4	29	Ze 9, 10, 11, 12	Re 20
14	Joel 1, 2, 3	Re 5	30	Ze 13, 14	Re 21
15	Am 1, 2, 3	Re 6	31	Mal 1, 2, 3, 4	Re 22
16	Am 4, 5, 6	Re 7			

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# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

**Corder Note**

In the 6<sup>th</sup> century, Christians had linked what is today referred to as the Season of Advent to the coming of Christ. But not his first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming which will take place in the clouds as the judge of the world. As the angels had told his disciples that he will return just as you see him leaving.

**Acts 1:11** "Men of Galilee," they said, "**why** do you **stand** here looking into the **sky**? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year.)

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days", as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to perfect his eternal kingdom. Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people

I have asked many times lately what you are expecting: are you as the people in Noah's day expecting for things to just continue as they seemingly always have to short sited individual, or are you more like Simeon in Luke 2: <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation ( relief from grief) of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah (defender, liberator, savior champion or guardian).

We are meant to be longing for relief from the ever increasing grief that even has the earth itself moaning and heaving for the coming of our Lord. I have witnessed expectant graduates groan with anticipation of the upcoming celebration as well, brides, declaring nothing better get in the way of their impending nuptials.

The only legitimate desire for postponement for the imminent return of Christ should be the Hope of another eternal soul coming to saving faith in his creator! So while moaning and groaning for our Lords return let's keep bringing in those who will be saved. Amen!

Love You,  
**Pastor Timothy**



## Sunday School

Welcome to the Winter quarter of Sunday School!

With the new quarter a new and exciting thirteen week Bible study.

While exploring the Bible we will be looking at the Book of Acts. Specifically Chapters 13 through 28. Words from Danny Akin, the General Editor of our material breaks down the Book of Acts like this:

“Acts is the history book of the New Testament. It provides vital and important information of the early church. There are so many valuable lessons we learn as we travel through its twenty-eight chapters.”

“In Acts 1:8 Jesus told His disciples that when the Holy Spirit came upon them, which He did in Acts 2, they would be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Acts 13-28 is the record of the gospel's advance to the ends of the earth. What began in Jerusalem (chap. 1) will make its way to Rome (chap. 28). What started with Jews will make its way to the Gentiles. What started with the focus on Peter (chaps. 1-12) will conclude with the focus on Paul(chaps. 13-28). The Holy Spirit will direct every step. The Lord Jesus will be exalted at every turn. The gospel will go forth in unstoppable power.”

I strongly encourage you to come learn and be inspired as we begin this wonderful time of study together. *Invite Invite Invite* someone to attend with you. Lesson 1 “The Gospel Message...SHARE the Good News.” Come and take advantage of this opportunity to study, learn and Worship The Lord Almighty together.

May you all enjoy the Wonderful and Awesome festival of the birth of our Lord Jesus. I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and an awesome New Year as you continue to walk each day with our Loving Heavenly Father. May He Bless You Richly with His Holy Presence.

God Bless You,  
**Gary Moore**

## December Birthdays

- 2 Louie Herrera Rodriguez
- 3 Elizabeth Philblad
- 6 Bob Berry
- Irma Dunn
- Nancy Bennett
- 9 Robert Gregerson
- 10 Mary Barham
- 12 Abigail Bennett
- Michael Perry
- 16 Monica Robinson
- 17 Dave Waters
- 23 Stephanie Short
- 29 Grace Bennett

## Deacons

Dear Braddockians,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

It is my privilege to share with you your deacon assignments for the next 11 months:

Jim Hix & William Bennett = Last names lettered A through C

Rebecca Corder & Sunny Masih = Last names lettered D through K

Bobbie Riverbark and Jim Jondrow = Last names lettered L through Partlow

Ken and Ana-Maria Pierce = Last names lettered Pearson through Robinson

Harry Finley & Nancy Bennett = Last names lettered Rodriguez through Z

You should be hearing from your deacons soon (if you have not already) to introduce themselves to you. I can tell you first hand that each deacon's desire is to serve their assigned families/individuals whether it be by praying and seeking God with you, or assisting you physically with things beyond your capability.

Lastly we serve as a team. If there is anything I can do to help you, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

**Mitch B and the Deacon Team**

## miHi Youth

Merry Christmas Braddock!

Many of you know that I love this season! What a wonderful way to refocus our sights on Christ and His amazing gift.

As always, remember your youth, the future as they are being challenged more than usual in Sunday School to DO HARD THINGS. Not for you, not for themselves, but for the Lord.

Pray for them!

With Love,

**Cristina Riojas**

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## Associate Pastor

Dear Braddock,

It's December! Another year is just about diminished in our rearview; but it's not over yet. We have one more month to glorify the Father through the worship and adoration of His Son, who came to this earth in the form of a baby and lived to the full age of 30 years old, and then died after 3 following years of ministry; never once sinning. Let me ask you a question this month... who are you?

See, we spend a lot of time in the month of December lighting candles, singing hymns, and learning all about who Jesus is. But who are you? Let me re-phrase... who are you in relation to who Jesus was on your behalf? God said through Ezekiel to the Israelites that "their mouths go on passionately, but their hearts pursue dishonest profit. Yes, to them you [Ezekiel the prophet] are like a singer of passionate songs who has a beautiful voice and plays skillfully on an instrument. They hear your words, but they don't obey them." (Ezekiel 33:31b-32)

Don't be like the Israelites were during their exile. This is your exile my brothers and sisters. This is not our home! So don't just talk about Jesus this month. Don't just get new bumper stickers about Jesus this month. Don't just lift your nose to those who "just don't get it" this Christmas. This Christmas, live out the reason for the season in your own life!

In His service,

**JJ Engelbrecht, Associate Pastor**

## Stewardship

We are continuing to run a Capital Campaign thru 12/31/2018 for renovation the Church. Like your giving, if you submit a Pledge via the offering plate, your pledge will be held in the strictest confidence. Starting in December, we will include the total amount of pledges received as well as how much we've received towards the renovation in the Sunday Bulletin. We will also include updates in the Bridge. (See the Board of Director's article for this month's initial update.)

And this is what we discussed to put in the Bridge at the last BOD meeting:

## BBC Board of Directors

In November, the following items were discussed:

- We have had a good start to the Capital Campaign. We have received \$408,000 in pledges in the first 2 weeks
- We'll be providing Capital Campaign updates to the Church via the Sunday bulletin and Bridge. We will start noting actuals collected as of Oct 15, 2017.
- Continued to discuss ways to improve coordination and communication.

Please feel free to review the minutes in the Church office for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Amy El-Naggar, Church Clerk**

**Hernando DeSoto Bridge , Memphis** This is one of the four main Memphis Bridges in Tennessee. Of course with the iconic "M" shape this is the bridge often pictured on post card, skyline photos, and is the locals favorite city trade mark. The bridge first opened in the late summer 1973. It has been nick named the "new bridge" because it is the youngest of the four bridges. Although it is considered new, the bridge has been under more construction since the year 2000 in order to make the bridge stand against stronger earthquakes.

This picture was taken by Sarah Sherlock on 11-30-17. For all inquiries regarding sources, please e-mail Emily Corder

