

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/FWTc2OLpIqC4>

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m Skype.....Prayer Meeting
<https://join.skype.com/r07C9euD5UWY>
6:30 p.m.....Youth Group

MDO Preschool

Monday-Friday Opens 8:00a.m.

LIFE AT BRADDOCK

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@BRADDOCKBaptistChruch.org



The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

Pastor Corder Note

Well, Resurrection Sunday came and went. As we gather to celebrated our new life in Christ and the joy in the Resurrection, we were at least temporarily able to gather in the almost finished Sanctuary. Actually, we had our sunrise service first outside @7a.m. in our new courtyard! Then we moved into the Sanctuary for Sunday School and Worship. All of this brings tremendous joy and still a lot of pressure to see it through and stay the course, for myself and the entire team and for each of you. While it is beautiful in part it is not completed and therefore not all will be able to enjoy it yet. Your Board prays often for patience for all of us as we know, until the elevator is in and working, that many of you are unable to see the improvements.

The weather was so nice for our sunrise service, and if you are able to walk or use a walker or wheelchair you would have been able to attend this service and enjoy outdoor worship with the family of God @ Braddock. If you were unable to join us, you can continue to follow us on our YouTube: Braddock Baptist Church.

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

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Sunday School Update

Hello and welcome to Sunday school April 2021!

What an encouraging time! April showers to bring May flowers!

The Awesome season of Spring has arrived (right on time as usual)!

Vaccine shots for the COVID-19 are becoming more available! There are signs this pandemic is slowing and becoming under control! The renovation of our church is very close to being completed!

But Most Encouraging

THE LORD IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED!

And by Our FAITH In Him We Will Be Risen Also On “That Day”

I also Invite and encourage you to remain faithful in attending Sunday school and Worship online or in person. As always, INVITE someone to attend or watch with you! Take every opportunity to share the Gospel—The Good News—Jesus is Alive!

Be Faithful also in your daily Bible reading and devotions as you continue to grow in your relationship with The Lord. Pray...talk and listen to God He will encourage you. Oh, and don't be surprised if he asks you to encourage and share Him with others!!!

HAPPY EASTER

May God Bless You Always—In All Seasons!

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

09 Sajid (Sunny) Masih

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21 Wesley Brown

26 Tsiky Raharinaivo

27 Susan Palagyi



Deacons Corner

It is said that for Christians, Christmas is the promise; and that Easter is the proof or fulfillment of the promise of salvation, victory over the grave and eternal life.

In Luke 18:34, we learn that the Disciples were unable to comprehend what Jesus was telling them when He predicted His own death. How blessed we are that after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, He sent the Holy Spirit to not only reveal sin but to help us interpret the revelation of God's holy Word.

The prophet Daniel declared that the people of God will be raised from the dead. The wicked will be punished, but those who have obeyed God will awaken to everlasting life (Daniel 12:2-3). Resurrection as described in the New Testament is a person's whole being (not just spirit), including the body, being raised to life. Now, all God's people can be sure of life beyond the grave since Christ continued to obey God even when it led to His own death (Philippians 2:8). So, Christ was raised from death (Philippians 2:10) and became the first of a whole new family of God (1 Corinthians 15: 20-24) who would be raised from death.

Praise God, He is risen indeed! May you find hope in His promise, faith in His love and peace in His presence this Easter.

In late March, the Deacons delivered Easter blooming plants to the elderly and shut-ins in our church

Let us know if your deacons can assist in any way.

Elaine Comer & the Deacon Team

Here to Serve

PS If your contact information, has not been updated...i.e. 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:

Sunny Masih & Wesley Brown	→	Letters A through G
Manjaka A. & Tsiky R.	→	Letters H through P
Harry & Carol Finley	→	Letters Q through Z
Elaine Comer	→	Pastors & Deacons

Note from the Associate Pastor

As we enter the fourth month of the year we continue thanking God for His continued love, grace and mercy upon us as individuals, as families, as a church and also as a nation. We praise God who in His grace continues to protect us from the ongoing pandemic. We continue praying for God's protection and healing for any of us who has tested positive or contacted COVID-19. We are grateful for millions in our country who have been vaccinated against the virus. Please let us continue taking heed to the CDC precautions as we seek vaccination for those who have not yet gotten it.

In our bridge article last month, we talked about the supremacy of Jesus Christ as the Greatest Man Who Lives! We referred to His words where He said, "... This is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3). As we stated we continue to pray that in all our different church ministries ...Sunday school children, MDO, the youth, young adults, worship team, Sunday School Bible Studies, Discipleship classes, deacons, the church board, the pastoral team... all should make it our primary objective to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Savior and our LORD.

This month is the Easter month when we remind ourselves what Jesus Christ did for us at the cross. Here is a brief chronology of events of what Christianity has traditionally called "The Holy Week." It has been referred by some New Testament scholars as The Most Important Week of the Most Important Person Who Ever Lived. <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/holy-week>.

A few days prior to his death Jesus left Galilee for Jerusalem. Matt. 16:21... "I must go to Jerusalem and be killed..."

He stops at Bethany (some two miles away from Jerusalem city center) to have dinner with friends. John 12: 1-3. It was at the home of Mary, Martha and now living Lazarus!

Day 1: Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday

On the Sunday before he died, Jesus began his trip to Jerusalem, knowing that soon he would lay down his life for our sins. Nearing the village of Bethphage, he sent two of his followers ahead, telling them to look for a donkey and its unbroken colt. The disciples were instructed to untie the animals and bring them to him. Then Jesus sat on the young donkey and slowly, humbly, made his entry into Jerusalem, fulfilling the ancient prophecy in Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (Matthew 21:1-11). Some New Testament scholars say that day one events took place on Sunday March 29th 33 AD

Day 2: On Monday, Jesus Clears the Temple

On Palm Sunday, Jesus and his disciples spent the night in Bethany, a town about two miles east of Jerusalem. This is where Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha, lived. They were close friends of Jesus, and probably hosted Him and His disciples during their final days in Jerusalem. The following morning, Jesus returned with his disciples to Jerusalem. When Jesus arrived at the Temple, he found the courts full of

corrupt money changers. He began overturning their tables and clearing the Temple, saying, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves" (Luke 19:46). On Monday evening Jesus stayed in Bethany again, probably in the home of his friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (Matthew 21:12-22), Some New Testament scholars say that day two events took place on Monday March 30th 33 AD

Day 3: On Tuesday, Jesus Goes to the Mount of Olives

On Tuesday morning, Jesus and his disciples returned to Jerusalem. They passed the withered fig tree on their way, and Jesus spoke to his companions about the importance of faith. Back at the Temple, religious leaders were upset at Jesus for establishing himself as a spiritual authority. They organized an ambush with the intent to place him under arrest. But Jesus evaded their traps and pronounced harsh judgment on them. God's word indicates that this Tuesday was also the day Judas Iscariot negotiated with the rabbinical court of ancient Israel, to betray Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16). After a tiring day of confrontation and warnings about the future, once again, Jesus and the disciples returned to Bethany for overnight. (Matthew 21:23-24:51). Some New Testament scholars say that day three events took place on Tuesday March 31st 33 AD Day 4: Holy Wednesday

God's word doesn't say what the Lord did on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Scholars speculate that after two exhausting days in Jerusalem, Jesus and his disciples spent this day resting in Bethany in anticipation of the Passover. Just a short time previously, Jesus had revealed to the disciples, and the world, that he had power over death by raising Lazarus from the grave. After seeing this incredible miracle, many people in Bethany believed that Jesus was the Son of God and put their faith in him. Also, in Bethany just a few nights earlier, Lazarus' sister Mary had lovingly anointed the feet of Jesus with expensive perfume. Jesus said that he would be crucified in two days, Matt. 26: 1-5. Some New Testament scholars say that this was said on Wednesday April 1st 33 AD.

Day 5: Passover and Last Supper on Thursday

Holy Week takes a somber turn on Thursday. From Bethany, Jesus sent Peter and John ahead to the Upper Room in Jerusalem to make the preparations for the Passover Feast. That evening after sunset, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as they prepared to share in the Passover. By performing this humble act of service, Jesus demonstrated by example how believers should love one another. Then, Jesus shared the feast of Passover with his disciples, saying:

"I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." (Luke 22:15-16, NLT) Later, Jesus and the disciples left the Upper Room and went to his usual place for prayer ---the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed in agony to God the Father. Luke's Gospel says that "his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44, ESV). Note that Jesus did not change the prayer venue in order to confuse Judas! Luke 22: 39, Jesus went as usual to pray on Mount of Olives...Thursday night of the Holy Week Jesus prayed Luke 22:44 "And being in anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. Sweat falling down like drops of blood is a medically documented phenomenon called hematomidrosis. It is a very rare condition in which a human being sweats blood. It may occur when a person is suffering extreme levels of stress/anxiety e.g. facing his or her own death. <https://www.healthline.com/health/hematidrosis>

Later that evening in Gethsemane, Jesus was betrayed with a kiss by Judas Iscariot and arrested by the Sanhedrin. He was taken to the home of Caiphas the High Priest, where the whole council had gathered to begin making their case against Jesus. Meanwhile, in the early morning hours, as Jesus' trial was getting underway, Peter denied knowing his Master three times before the rooster crowed. (Matthew 26:20-46; Luke 22:7-62).Some New Testament scholars say that these events took place on Thursday April 2nd 33 AD.

Day 6 Holy Friday/Good Friday /Day of Crucifixion

The events of Good Friday begin in the middle of the night and go until sunset, as Jesus of Nazareth is betrayed, condemned, crucified, and buried. Some New Testament scholars say that day six events took place on Friday April 3rd 33 AD.

At 9:00 am Jesus is crucified. Mark 15:25. "It was nine in the morning when they crucified him." At 3:00 pm Jesus died. Matt. 27:46 &50. "About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit." In Jesus death what looked to the world like a thirty-year-old carpenter who had become a wandering Jewish teacher dying a humiliating death was actually the Son of God, the lamb of God dying to restore humanity's broken relationship. (Matthew 27:1-62). By 6 p.m. Friday evening, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea [both secret followers of Jesus Christ] took Jesus' body down from the cross and lay it in a tomb. Friday's events are recorded in Matthew 27:1-62.

Day 6 Saturday -The Holy Sabbath Day the sixth day of the Holy Week was the Sabbath and Jesus' body lay in its tomb, where it was guarded by Roman soldiers. When the Sabbath ended at 6 p.m. Christ's body was ceremonially treated for burial with spices purchased by Nicodemus: "He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Following Jewish burial customs, he and Joseph of Arimathea, wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth." (John 19: 39-40, NLT)

While his physical body lay in the tomb, Jesus Christ paid the penalty for sin by offering the perfect, spotless sacrifice. He conquered death, both spiritually and physically, securing our eternal salvation: "For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." (1 Peter 1:18-19, NLT). (Matthew 27:62-66). Some New Testament scholars say that these events took place on Saturday April 4th 33 AD. <https://www.learnreligions.com/holy-week-timeline-700618>

Day 7 Sunday The Resurrection Day

Sunday the Resurrection day is the day, we reach the culmination of Holy Week. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event of the Christian faith. The very foundation of all Christian teaching hinges on the truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Early Sunday morning, several women (Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, and Mary the mother of James) went to the tomb and discovered that the large stone covering the entrance had been rolled away. The word from the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen." (Matthew 28:5-6, NLT)

On the day of his resurrection, Jesus Christ made at least five appearances. The gospel of Mark says the first person to see him was Mary Magdalene. Jesus also appeared to Peter, to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and later that day to all of the disciples except Thomas while they were gathered in a house for prayer. The eyewitness accounts in the Gospels provide what Christians believe to be undeniable evidence that the resurrection of Jesus Christ did indeed happen. Jesus rose from the dead to kill death thus securing an eternal inheritance for all who believe in His finished work of restoring humanity's broken relationship with Creator God. Two millennia after his death, followers of Christ still flock to Jerusalem to see the empty tomb. What took place on the resurrection is given in Matthew 28:1-13, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-49, and John 20:1-23.

Some New Testament scholars say that these events took place on Sunday April 5th 33

Yes, Jesus Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed. And as Bill and Gloria Gathers sing "Because He lives we can face tomorrow! Yes, not only tomorrow but we can face the whole eternity with our gracious Heavenly Father who loved and gave His only begotten Son for our salvation.

May God's gracious presence abide with all of us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor

Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Happy April Beloved,

As I look back on March, what a crazy month it was. Covid hit our family. It was Gabriel's 1st Birthday. We were able to be in the new sanctuary for the first time. It has already been a year with Covid lingering around. With all of that, God was truly working in and around my family in so many ways. I remember a sermon I preach a while ago, and one point that always comes back again is to remember God's past actions. So, I want us all to take a moment and remember the blessings, miracles, and working God has done for us this past year. Now pray and thank him for that.

As I look ahead to April, I am excited first and foremost to see what new things God is going to do in my family and I's lives. I also am excited to see our church growth and maturity as we can now use our updated sanctuary. I am excited for the volunteers in our church who will step up to meet the needs we have. I am SO excited to see where God takes our youth group and how he matures each one of our beautiful children here at Braddock. I am looking forward to watching Gabriel grow up strong and after God's own heart. I encourage you to take a moment to think about the possibilities God could have for you this coming month. God has done the greatest thing ever by sending His son to die on the cross for our sins, and raise again on the third day! He is now interceding for us every second. What an amazing hope we have in Christ Jesus. Please send me any requests you may have as well as how you would like to get plugged in here at Braddock this month!

With love from the Gesin family, **Jonathan Gesin-Youth Director**

Health & Wellness Tidbit

Did you know...

If your suffering from a mid-afternoon slump or can't seem to concentrate in the morning, then try chewing some gum to make you feel awake. Coventry University researchers found that chewing mint flavored gum dramatically reduced feelings of tiredness.

Stewardship

Capital Campaign Summary	
Received thru 3/15	\$1,842,042.25
Approximate amt of contributions or borrowing needed to complete the project	\$338,168.46



Giving

You can continue to give by sending your checks, payable to Braddock Baptist Church, to our address, 6519 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312. You can also give online through our website! Scroll down and hit the "donate now" button on the bottom right in the home page. We also have an offering plate in the back of the "Upper Room" Sanctuary for those joining us in person! Thank you for your continued giving and Obedience to Christ!

Renovation Updates

November 2020

April 2021

