

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

Live Nativity Scene...Cancelled due  
to Covid Restrictions

MDO Preschool (First Day: Sept. 9)  
Monday-Friday Opens 8:00a.m.

LIFE AT BRADDOCK

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# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

## Pastor 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, this year it will be Dec. 6th.)

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 bride.

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: 25,** "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. Let is also keep our eyes stayed on the prize and live in God's **peace** in the midst of the storms of the fallen creation. **Joyfully** longing for His coming and all the while keeping ourselves in the **Love** of Christ and one another Amen!

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**  
Hope, peace, Joy and Love!

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Sunday School Update

As I said last year, “Well here we are in the Winter quarter of Sunday school—already! Winter always seems come around more quickly and last longer than the other seasons and it always seems to test my patience—I'm ready for Spring, I know be patient it will be here.” Besides this is the month of Christmas. This is the month when we celebrate one of the Greatest Gifts we have ever received—The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. God Himself came down to live with us and be the “perfect” example of how we too should live our lives. Of course, the other Greatest Gift we have ever received comes in the Spring when we celebrate our salvation through the Death and Resurrection of Jesus opening the direct path we now have with God Himself. There are no Greater Gifts than these!

In this Winter quarter of Sunday school we will be studying the Gospel of Luke. As we are told in the introduction of Luke in our new material; “Few Bible books are more loved than the Gospel accounts of the life of Jesus. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John open up the world of our Savior. Through their eyes we watch as angels deliver the divine announcements of Jesus' incarnation and birth. Through their ears we listen as Jesus taught the multitudes. Through their hands we feel the roughhewn cross Jesus bore. Through their hearts we experience the horror of crucifixion and the joy of resurrection.” Key themes are: Son of God and Son of Man; Proof of the Messiah; Preparation for the future; The kingdom of God; The availability of the kingdom for believers from all peoples; The future judgment and the urgency of commitment and I'm sure some others.

I hope you are all looking forward to attending this new study either in person or online at YouTube. Reminder, Sunday school starts at 9:45AM and Worship at 11:00AM. Plan to attend both and be sure to share the Gospel by INVITING someone to join you.

Also as a reminder, the winter quarter of our devotion books are also now available on the table next to the church office. Get your copy

and one to share with someone—Spread the Gospel with others.

In closing I want to wish you all a very Blessed and Joyous Christmas.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Remember the Password to God is Thanks (for what he does) and Praise (for Who He Is)...don't forget them!

God Bless You

Gary Moore, Sunday School Director  
Chairman of the Board

Note from the Deacons

Christmas Blessings dear BBC family!

I am honored to greet you as the new Deaconate Chairperson. The new Deacon teams and assignments for 2020-2021 are on the next page!

By now, you have probably already been contacted by your new Deacons. Last week, these Deacons prepared, assembled & delivered Thanksgiving meals to BBC families. While 2020 has been a challenging year for us, God is still on His throne and Jesus Christ reigns as our Lord & Savior. “The virgin will be with child & will bring forth a son, and they will call Him, Immanuel which means God with us.” (Matthew 1:23).

December Birthdays

- 02 Louie Rodriguez
- 06 Bob Berry
- 06 Nancy Bennett
- 06 Irma Dunn
- 09 Bob Gregerson
- 12 Brittany Gesin
- 12 Abbie Bennett
- 17 Dave Waters
- 18 Dave Salas
- 23 Stephanie Short
- 28 Jaime Aguilar
- 29 Grace Bennett



As we journey to Bethlehem to worship the Christ child, we prepare our hearts for the nativity of Jesus Christ during the Advent season. It is also a time to reflect on the triumphant return of Jesus at the second coming. Advent is Latin meaning something new is coming as God incarnate breaks through time & space to enter our world. The Advent wreath signifies continuous life, a circle with no beginning or end symbolizing the eternity of God, immortality of the soul, and everlasting life in Jesus Christ. The 4 candles on the Advent wreath are lighted one each Sunday. The Hope Candle is the Prophecy Candle in remembrance of the prophets (Isaiah 53) who foretold the birth of Christ, and represents anticipation for the coming Messiah. The Faith Candle is the Bethlehem Candle as a reminder of Mary & Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem and their faith in following God’s will (Luke 2:4-7). The Joy Candle is the Shepherds’ Candle symbolizing their joy at the news of the birth of Jesus & our joy for God’s matchless gift to humanity (Luke 2:8-12). The Peace Candle is the Angels’ Candle and reminds us of the angels’ message “Peace on earth, good will towards men.” (Luke 2:13-14).

O come let us adore Him. May we always keep Christ in Christmas.

Merry Christmas!  
Lord bless you.

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

**Elaine Comer & the new Deacon Team**



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:

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**

Beloved BBC Family,

Praises and thanksgiving be to our God for his loving kindness and mercies which endures forever. We are grateful to God for undertaking for all of us from January to this time. Last month on November 3, which was our election day we prayed God who knows everyone’s heart, knows what is best for our beloved country to lead and superintend the electoral process and give to this great land the President of His choice.

As Bible believing Christians we are admonished “Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God... For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good...” (Romans 13:1&4 NIV). The Bible also exhorts us to pray "For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."(1Timothy 2:2 KJV).So let us fulfill our civil and Christian duty by praying for the government.

December is the month we celebrate the birth of our Savior and LORD Jesus Christ. The one whom prophet Isaiah said, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end...(Isaiah 9:6-7NIV). What a glorious description of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.

Take a moment and look at the earthly life of the one described as Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.! In His whole earthly life Jesus chose the way of humility from womb to tomb! Right from the place of His birth to his burial place in a borrowed tomb! The one who was born King would have chosen to be born in a fancy hospital in Jerusalem city but He chose to be born in Bethlehem in a smelly animal feeding ground! He could have chosen to enter the womb of a royal Princess to be His mother but instead He chose a peasant virgin girl! Why? He knew he came to reach the lowest and so he began at the bottom/at the lowest! Thus, no human being would be so low or so high that Jesus grace and love cannot reach. What a display of God’s amazing love and grace for all humanity!





Bethlehem in Israel - The Grotto of the Nativity. Today we have a silver star which marks the precise spot where Jesus is said to have been born. At c 4BC it was a smelly animal feeding ground!  
<https://www.shutterstock.com/search/jesus%E2%80%99birthplace>

During this Advent season we celebrate Jesus Christ birth which was God’s ultimate demonstration of His Love to humanity. The birth of Jesus Christ responded to the deepest longings of the human heart. These longings include the need for humans to have their eternal broken relationship with God restored; need to enjoy the forgiveness of sin which resulted in our broken relationship; the need to have on earth the Human- God who is like us; the need to have God’s eternal presence with us and finally the need to experience and live in Love with God and with one another.

As we celebrate Christmas the giving of God’s greatest gift of His beloved son, may we allow Him His rightful place in our hearts. Jesus is more than willing to meet our deepest human longings when we allow Him. There is no need He cannot meet.

Thank you for all those who are continuing with the three discipleship classes. I am humbled of the devotion and commitment I have witnessed in all of you. Let us stay focused and determined to the very end. I call upon all those who have not taken discipleship 101 to go ahead and communicate your interest with the church office.

May all of us be richly blessed of the LORD the God of Israel in whose wings we have taken refuge. ( Ruth 2:12).

Be richly blessed.

**Pastor Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor.**

**Kingdom Work Youth Ministry**

Happy December Beloved Braddock, and Merry CHRISTmas!

Another month has gone by and it seems the world just gets a bit crazier. With the election, Covid, financial hardship, and losses of loved ones still at play, where do we find rest? I believe God will use this for our good like he promises in **Romans 8:28**. I believe through all this, God will never leave us or forsake us because of his promise in **Deuteronomy 31:6**. I believe he is in control of all things at every moment. This is the God we serve. This is the God we worship! This is the God we can seek and He will answer. I want to offer some advice that I have started to do in my own life. In **2 Chronicles 20:12** we see King Jehoshaphat surrounded by a horde (3 different armies) to kill him and his people. What we read him praying is the advice I want to give you for your prayer life. I believe it is total surrender in humility to the One true God that can make a way through anything and everything. This is the kings closing words to his prayer, **“We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”** Next time we pray to our Holy God, I want us to lay it all down before God. I want us to come before his Throne with humility and acknowledgement that we cannot win this battle on our own. I want us to exclaim to God that our eyes are on Him and Him alone!

Here few updates on our youth ministry! We are starting to meet in person for Sunday School at 9:45am in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor classroom behind the temporary 3<sup>rd</sup> floor sanctuary. We are trying to do events, but there are so many Covid restrictions, and we want to be wise, so we are planning accordingly. Continue to pray that God draws our youth near to Him during this time. I thank you sincerely for those that are praying diligently for our youth group!

God bless you and keep you! **Jonathan Gesin, Youth Director**

Health & Wellness Tidbit

Did you know...

Fish is a great source of high-quality protein and healthy fat. This is particularly true of fatty fish, such as salmon, which is loaded with omega-3 fatty acids and various other nutrients. Studies show that people who eat the most fish have a lower risk of several conditions, including heart disease, dementia, and depression.

Stewardship

As of November 15, we have received about \$1.8 million towards our capital campaign (mostly from contributions and \$150k worth of bonds). The estimated \$175k to complete the project will be mostly funded by issuing bonds. We are continuing to take donations and issue bonds to pay for this renovation project.

Each December we collect funds for our church staff to express our good will and appreciation to them. Should you wish to donate any funds towards this gift, please mark the funds as "Staff Love" on your envelope.



New Agape Books & Café

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We want to share with you a new Christian business that just opened up local, here is a little about the owners and their God-honoring bookstore and café. You can read this information and more at [agapebooksandcafe.com](http://agapebooksandcafe.com).



Local Springfield residents, Jenn & Michael have raised their family here for the past 15 years. Jenn was born in the area and met her husband Michael while working in Pittsburgh. Over the course of their marriage, God has brought them to different locations for Michael's job and each time have broadened their skill set to lead them here today. Schooling their boys at home, God has provided the strong family foundation needed to begin this business. In 2017, God led Jenn to Lifeway Christian Store in Springfield where she soon became Manager. With the recent closing of Lifeway's brick and mortar locations, Jenn and Michael decided to open this oasis in Springfield Town Center where the community can still have a place to meet and fellowship. Stop in and say hi! We look forward to getting to know you!

Why Chose Them?

- We are honored to feature local VA authors and artisans! Come check out our seasonal favorites. Stop in for a cup of coffee, a freshly baked treat, and browse our growing selection.
- We are a Christian bookstore offering communion elements for your local services. We will gladly place special orders for individuals and churches.
- We are proud to offer Spanish books, gifts and cards for our community.
- We are excited to host book readings for preschool aged kids. We will be holding monthly craft and fun events. Check our website for more details.
- We are passionate in our partnership with Restoration 1:99 and Care Net Pregnancy, providing tools to individuals seeking help or a safe place.