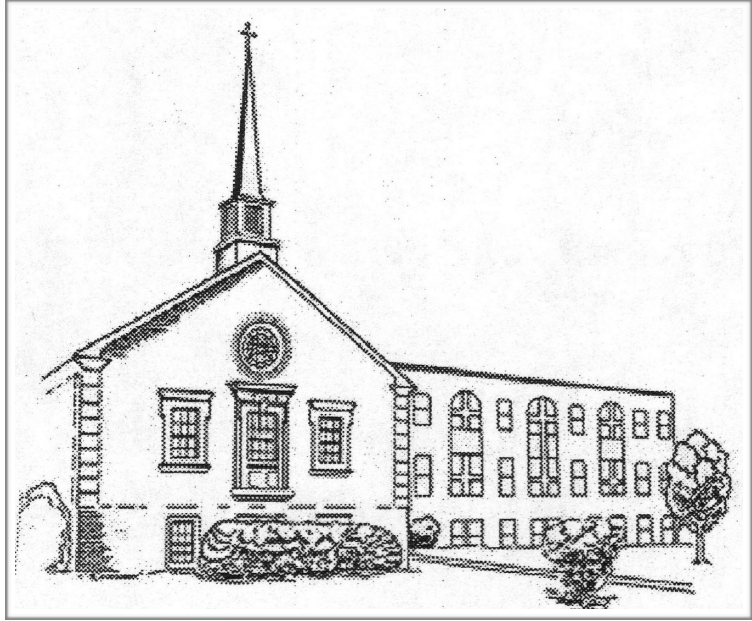


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Sunday School

Wow! Here we are again...almost Christmas and the end and beginning of another year. Time “really” does go by so very quickly.

I sincerely hope all of you enjoyed and more importantly learned to recognize another one of the ways satan operates to distract and cause us to stumble in our walk with The Lord and each other. The series has meant a lot to me and I hope for you too. I pray it will bless and strengthen each of us. Many thanks to John Bevere and his teaching on offense, “The Bait of Satan.”

For the adult and young adult Sunday School classes we are now back to using our standard Lifeway Explore the Bible Series. We are using the Fall quarter literature to study the books of 1, 2 Peter and Jude during the Winter Quarter. Our youth, children and preschoolers will also be reading, studying, and learning how to apply the teaching of God's Word in new and exciting ways. There is a Sunday School class for all ages.

In closing I would like to encourage you to pray and read the Bible daily. The devotion books “Open Windows” and “The Word For You Today” for the Winter quarter are also available for you to use. They are located in the second floor hallway. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me in person or by phone at (703) 256-6270.

God Bless You,
Gary Moore
Sunday School Director

Stewardship Report

To ensure you have the required IRS documentation for your church contributions, you should wait to file your 2016 income tax return until you have received your end of year statements of your contributions from the church. Please review your end of year statements (which you will receive in January 2017) to make certain no changes are needed.

Also, to ensure that you receive your correct contributions, please use the envelopes that you are provided. These envelopes have your contribution number preprinted on them and will ensure your year-end statement is correct.

If you believe the church records are in error, or if you would like new envelopes, please contact Jody Dunning or Gary Moore.

The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

Pastor’s Corder Note

What’s In Your Christmas

We are in the season of Advent; highlighting the 4 themes, Hope, Peace, Joy and Love all before Christmas morning which is on Sunday this year PTL, he is the reason for the season. As an individual embraces each of the four virtues of Christ we can relate more to him and obtain the confidence of our salvation by grace, through faith.

As we walk in Faith, trusting in what Christ has accomplished for us on the cross, we should walk with ever increasing desire to be sanctified. Sanctified is the dedicating of our lives to a holiness that is from beginning to end by faith: **2 Timothy 1: 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.**

Our Hope, our confidence in his work and favor is how we hold on to good deeds and change of heart, which results in a peace that passes understanding. When one is Born Again they receive The Holy Spirit of God who is ever giving them the desires of their heart! For in new birth one of the first things to take place is to have a heart transplant: from a stone dead heart, to a heart of flesh one that is once again seeking the pleasure of the creator, rather than their slave master who had rule over their lives, before by faith receiving the Lord Jesus. Upon completing His work on the cross Jesus sent us the Spirit!

The Holy Spirit convicts man of sin, wow things I used to do, I know longer wish to do because I now know it is displeasing to my loving Father! The Holy Spirit convinces man of righteousness: that is, there is a better way to live our lives and in coexistence with the rest of humanity! With such ideals as: it is more blessed to give than receive, do for others what you would that they would do for you, rather than what many times they are doing to you! Do not render evil for evil, in hope they will see your good works and glorify God. That which glorifies God is to accept his Son and attempt with all that is in you to live the way Jesus has taught us too! Love the Lord with all that is in you, and love one another!

Finally the Holy Spirit will teach us to accept that there is coming a day of judgement, one in which we will all stand before his thrown and answer for our decision as to the sufficiency of God's only provision as to how man must be saved: through faith alone, in Christ alone, by grace alone. If you feel a need to attempt to cover you bases by adding anything else to God’s Plan of Salvation you spurn his plan! If you reject all together the need for salvation you refuse reality!

Well that’s the reason for the original Christmas; the coming of a promised boy child who sent from the father would lay down his own life for the forgiveness of the sin of humanity. What’s in your Christmas?

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

December 2016

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 Group
Tuesdays	
6 p.m.	Seminary Classes
Wednesdays	
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
Thursdays	
6 p.m.	Seminary Classes
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	
Tuesday-Friday	9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Birthdays

2	Louie Herrera
3	Beulah Quitoriano Elizabeth Philblad
6	Irma Dunn Nancy Bennett
9	Robert Gregerson
10	Mary Barham Charisse Quitoriano
12	Michael Perry Abigail Bennett
13	Pierre Dimaculangan
16	Monica Robinson
17	Dave Waters Marcia Daniels
23	Jessica Pryor Stephanie Short
28	Kim Carr Robert Daniels
29	Grace Bennett



Happy Holidays!

As Christmas begins to gain momentum on the tailwind of Thanksgiving, another month of serving the Lord and growing in grace is upon us! Golden yellows and burnt oranges paraded through the streets as food seemingly cascaded into our stomachs. The weather finally began to settle into a wintry cool and November passed.

With December upon us now, the leaves have fallen and the Christmas season has begun it’s rumblings. This month we will all enjoy Christmas songs as we meditate on the coming of the Messiah as a child and look forward to the second coming of the Messiah as King! Food, of course, will be involved on many occasions this holiday season. But far more than earthly food, my prayer for this body is that as we would feast on the spiritual food that is the Word of God and His presence through worship and fellowship.

December brings the year of 2016 to a close. But the year was not wasted, the Lord was not forgotten, and His Kingdom has much more building ahead and we at Braddock are ready to gird up our loins and join in!

~In His Service,
JJ Engelbrecht; The Intern
@Braddock Baptist Church

miHi youth

For those of you who keep up with The BRIDGE, you will know from previous years that this is my favorite time of year. My family always emphasized this special time when we purposely remember the gift of God. The nostalgia and memories is something I hope I can give my daughters as well. Most importantly though, I hope to instill a Love for Christ. My girls may not be able to comprehend their need for Him just yet, but Christ told us to come to him like children do: with complete acceptance. Ronen has never asked me “Is God real?”. No, instead, she wakes up and the first thing she tells me is “Jesus healed my boo boo”. She believes completely.

We have many times gone over apologetics with the youth. We’ve gone over evidence of God and the obvious reasons and rationalizations for believing in Him. However, none of that matters without Faith. *“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight”*. 1 Corinthians 3:19

In a time and place where information is a god, it is very hard for us to just have faith. We search and research and run figures and view statistics. And yet, with all our advancements, faith in God has been without excuse from the beginning of time *“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities –his eternal power and divine nature–have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse”*. Romans 1:20

And Christ said to come like little children.

In youth Sunday School, we have just begun *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan where his first chapter challenges us to stop and just gaze on God. Lets do that. Lets stop being politically correct about our season and be the LIGHT we are supposed to be. Lets point to Christ, as we always should.

With Love, **Cristina Riojas**



BBC Men

We have just finished a very busy summer doing numerous in-house missions’ activities of painting, replacing ceiling light with new LED energy efficient lights, plumbing, and maintaining the grounds of Braddock Baptist Church (BBC). There were also many tasks of outreach to the community and BBC members like the Yard Sale, moving furniture, and yard work at some homes to mention just a few.

Now we are ready to begin the Holiday season and we need the help of all of the BBC Men, Women, and Youth to help decorate the church for Christmas. If you come you will be blessed not only by God but with food and good fellowship.

This coming Saturday December 3th at 7:30am we will decorate BBC for Christmas but before we start decorating we will have a delicious breakfast prepared by our own in-house Chef Rick Rodriguez. Plan on coming out to partake in a wonderful meal and great fellowship before decorating BBC.

The BBC Board of Directors (BOD) has approved starting a new committee named Security. Members of the Security committee will be responsible for monitoring the security cameras, checking doors on Sundays, and developing policy and procedures. The BOD request all who are available to assist with church security attend a brief startup meeting following worship Sunday December 4th. Male and female adults and youth are welcome to attend.

See the dates for the next couple of months below.

December:	
Sat 3 rd	Breakfast Meeting @ 7:30am (Decorate Church for Christmas)
Sun 4 th	Christmas Tree Lighting
Sun 4 th	Church Security Committee Initial meeting after Worship
Sat 10 th	Church Wide Dinner @ 6:00 pm
Fri 23 rd	Living Nativity 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Sat 24 th	Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 pm
January:	
Sat 7 th	Breakfast Meeting @ 7:30am (Take down Christmas decorations)
Sun 22 th	Baptist Men’s Day
	Men’s Soup Dinner after service (Admission blanket or coat)

God Loves You and So Do I!
Keep the Faith!
Dave Waters, President BBC Men

Thank You

I pray all had a thankful and blessed Thanksgiving. I want to express my sincere thanks for the Dedication Service on November 6th to Pastor Timothy, members of Property Committee (Barrie Dunn, Chairman; Stanley and Jody Dunning; Harry Finley; and Gary Moore), members of the Hospitality Committee (Jody Dunning , Chairperson; Diane Carr; Elaine Comer; and Harry and Carol Finley; Rick and Beverly Rodriguez), Evelyn Poppell, Dr. Song, our Braddockians church family, friends of Braddock Baptist Church (BBC) and friends and family of the Waters family. To all of you who provided your professional skills, labors of love, and funding to purchase and develop the new playground equipment and benches dedicated in loving memory of Arlinda Waters and Rick Poppell. Also for providing the picture and the signage to recognize and name the first floor hallway of the educational wing “Arlinda Waters Hall”. Like good Baptist we finished the afternoon with a wonderful meal provided by the Hospitality committee in the beautifully decorated fellowship hall.

Yes I do have much to be thankful for because Linda’s spirit will roam the hallways of BBC and in our hearts forever.

Thank all you for your continuing prayers for our family!

Dave (H2Os) Waters



Capilano Suspension Bridge with Christmas Lights. North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Via <http://marinews.net/christmas-at-capilano-suspension-bridge/>

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