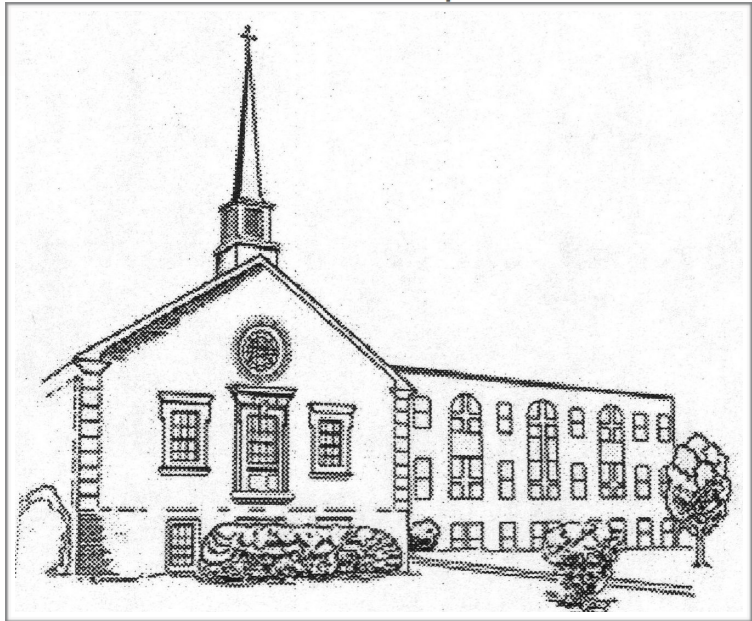


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### Sunday School

Hi, and HAPPY NEW YEAR! I wish everyone a very joyful and prosperous Year 2017. May God richly bless each of you in this coming year and always.

The inside cover of our current adult Sunday School Quarterly has a very meaningful illustration how sin in our world and our lives leads to brokenness in its many forms. This brokenness with its suffering and pain should lead us to repent and believe The Gospel so that we may recover and pursue God's Design for our lives. As the accompanying article tells us, “we don't have the power to escape this brokenness on our own.” We don't have the power to overcome sin on our own. My challenge to all of us for year 2017 in addition to being taught God's Word and His design for our lives in Sunday School and receiving an inspired message from our pastor during worship is:

1. Commit to completely reading the Bible through during 2017. Both of our available daily devotion books, “Open Windows” and “The Word for you Today” have excellent plans for reading through the Bible in a year.
2. Also read the daily devotions in “Open Windows” and “The Word for you Today.
3. Most importantly PRAY. The most important aspect of a relationship is communication. No one is more willing to hear and respond to what you say than God Himself.

Take the challenge, I promise you will be richly blessed.

God Bless You,  
**Gary Moore**  
Sunday School Director

### Stewardship Report

At the November 30, 2016 Business Meeting, the 2017 Proposed Church Budget was reviewed and approved. If you need a copy, please stop by the church office or see Amy El-Naggar. In addition, the Stewardship Committee has reported that the Church has met its Lottie Moon goal of \$14,500.00 and exceeded its 2016 Church Budget of \$308,864.00. We look forward to having a physically, mentally, spiritually, and financially healthy new year!

# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

### Pastor’s Corder Note

New Year, New Vision

II Peter 3:2 “in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”

It is very difficult to break out of a some O- same O mentality, but to have vision for a better future, that is exactly what one must do. Many of us get stuck thinking nothing will ever change, even concerning our church. While there are certainly things we love about BBC and hope will never change, there are also things (we must realize) that you can’t go with God and Stay where you are.

I want to take a moment to brag on God and you; this year we closed out meeting our budget. We also met Annie Armstrong (which was higher than years past), and Lottie Moon (also higher than previous years). We completed many projects around the church, such as much new and brighter lights around the church, yet they will save us \$ in their operation. We also completed the new playground, debt free.

And I just want to say I have heard of so many answered prayers, that I have to stop and say how awesome is our God. I want to challenge you this year to even believe God for More, more of himself in and through us, doing even more in our community, and beyond!

I will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the New Year with some who I pray will help many at BBC to do mission this year. Pray as to how you can assist to make this happen. Whether it will be going or helping to send someone, and/or committing to pray for the team.

I also want to challenge you this year; whether it is for the first time or your 10<sup>th</sup> plus time through, to read the whole counsel of God, the Bible in a year! It is the Word of God that is the Power of God, that brings salvation to man. As we read through the Word of God again, let’s pray that The God of his Word will bless us with ever blessing in Christ Jesus. Let’s pray for fruitfulness.

Lastly, let me just tease you with the thought that in 2017 we should enter into the project of beautifying our sanctuary and kitchen here at BBC. We can do it with God’s help and all of us pulling together!

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**





## January 2017

<b>Every Week:</b>	
<b>Sundays</b>	
9:30a.m.	Fellowship
9:45a.m.	Sunday School
10:45a.m.	Prayer
11:00a.m.	Worship Service
<b>Mondays</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Young Adults Small Group
<b>Wednesdays</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
7:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Fridays</b>	
6 p.m.	First Friday Fellowship
6:30 p.m.	OPEG (First Friday)
<b>Saturdays</b>	
9 a.m.	Exercise
10 a.m.	ESL Classes
12p.m.	GED Class
<b>Mother's Day Out</b>	
Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	

<b>Birthdays</b>	
1	Chang (Peter) Ahn
6	Evan Song
8	James His, Jr.
10	Barrie Dunn
12	Stanley Dunning
17	James Lewis
21	Joyce Taylor
25	Volana Adriama Sinoro
30	Hillary Lewis
31	Madeline Waters

<b>Anniversaries</b>	
6	Tim & Terry Stockdale
7	So Hyun & Jason Williams



With 2016 slowly fading in the rearview mirror, a brand new opportunity has been given to us. We, as the church, have been given another 365 days to get to know Jesus, tell others about Him, and practice worship and holiness. I personally can't think of a greater gift than second chances! Let us thank the Lord together for another new year and for endless opportunities to worship Him in our daily lives!

2016 of course was filled with chaos, to say the least. From horrific world events to presidential election drama, the world was filled with enough happenings to fill a year to overflowing. But, as in all circumstances, every difficulty only made a brighter contrast of the gospel as the darkness of the world continued to be revealed by the Light of Christ! The church remains a stronghold for our beautiful faith and a hospital for broken sinners.

In 2017, it is my goal to look more like Jesus by the time December comes whirling in once again. It's going to be 2018 before we know it, Braddock family, so let's open our Bibles, learn our Lord, and use our second chance.

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

### miHi youth

With the new year, we always try to start fresh, start new. Sure, we've all heard that you can start new at anytime, but there's something about starting a new year, a new semester, a new month, new week, even a new day. And this year, the first of 2017 was also the first day of the week. A day where we collectively choose to get together and fellowship with our family of believers. The Bible says that His compassions *"are new every morning"* (Lamentations 3:22-23). And thank the Lord too! Despite my every attempt to be like Christ, I find myself constantly needing more mercy. So here we are again, beginning a new year. Your youth have expressed some God seeking new year's resolutions, and we are so proud of them! I pray that those of you who are elders and examples to them, will encourage them to continually put God first. Not just at the start of the year, but throughout all of 2017.



BBC, lets make 2017 a year that we seek God first. As we always should.

With Love, **Cristina Riojas**



### Where Did Our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Go?

**An Email From Samaritan's Purse:** Thanks you for partnering with Operation Christmas Child and for donating online to discover the destination of your shoebox gift. The gift-filled shoebox you packed will share God's love in a tangible way and can impact not only the child who receives it, but also their family friends, and community.

Most importantly, please remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift. Your shoebox gift(s) shipped to:**The Dominican Republic** Shipped on: Fri Dec 09 2016

"From the well known cliff overlooking the 360 Bridge, this black and white image was captured around sunrise on a cold, January morning. The crescent moon was rising in the east just ahead of the sun, the clouds filled the chilly sky. The Austin skyline can be seen between the branches of the tree." Photo © copyright by Rob Greebon. via <http://www.imagesfromtexas.com/photo/360-bridge-in-black-and-white---january-morning/>

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