

Check out sermon notes and videos online at BraddockBaptistChurch.com

The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone



BRADDOCK Baptist Church

Seeking God • Serving Others

September 2016

Every Week:

Sundays
 9:30a.m. Fellowship
 9:45a.m. Sunday School
 10:45a.m. Prayer
 11:00a.m. Worship Service

Mondays
 4 p.m. Exercise
 6:30 p.m. Young Adults
 Small Group

Tuesdays
 6 p.m. Seminary Classes

Wednesdays
 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 4 p.m. Exercise
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting &
 Bible Study
 7:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursdays
 6 p.m. Seminary Classes

Fridays (First of the Month)
 4 p.m. Exercise
 6 p.m. First Friday Fellowship
 & OPEG

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.

Pastor's Corder Note

Greeting in the Powerful name of the Lord!

While the month of August is intended to be a restful month around BBC, (no scheduled picnics and such or other events) and most all the committees even suspend their meetings, it is a time to get a lot done prior to school /MDO restarts.

Many a helper has been working on getting new lights installed in Norville Hall, which has been followed up with a new paint job of the hall and kitchen as well. Even now as I sit to write this short note the floors are being stripped and will get a fresh waxing.

With our Chairman Dave Waters in the hospital again, I don't expect he will get an article in this month's "Bridge" but I would bet he can't wait to share with you the wonderment of the new Playground that is now complete. Once he is back on his feet we will have an official dedication of it. And that's just a few things that have been going on in "restful August".

September will bring a world wind of activities: MDO will open with one of its highest enrollments, and we will kick-off our "Back to School" picnic: (this year it will be here on the church grounds as Cross Point the associational house we have used in the past has been sold). With that said we will have an all church picnic on September 11 right after church with a huge moon bounce and more.

We are also launching September with a joint adult Sunday School: all of the adult classes are asked to come together in the sanctuary for a time of united study and discussion. And if you are praying for our church and you want to experience revival, don't resist or allow anything to keep you from this study. I was told just the other day that "if I had read this book 20 years ago, it would

have made a tremendous difference in my marriage, child rearing, business and church life. It's the best book I have read in a decade". That was from one of our leaders here at BBC. Please plan to come out and be a part of this combined life changing study.

As always I write to you from my heart,

Pastor Timothy



Deacon Ministry

As summer draws to a close, so does the term for this year's diaconate draw to a close. But the Lord will raise up a new deacon team. His Will will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

I was just reading in our bylaws the purpose of the Diaconate and here is what it says:

"The Diaconate is responsible to assist and be partners in ministry with the Senior Pastor. Deacons are to be servants of the church in accordance with the New Testament principles and are to be zealous to guard the unity of the Spirit within the Church in the bonds of peace. They may advise and assist the Senior Pastor in all matters relating to the spiritual growth and care of the Church family."

These are scriptural principles and how sweet and simple the message is. I thank God for the 12 deacons (and many others) that served His people this last year. I thank God that He sees all the service that these people have shown to the body of Christ because I don't. I cannot begin to tell you how many times I have had people come to me and share personally how a deacon (or individual) helped them in a difficult time. And guess what, you would never have heard it from that individual. Yet, in their work, they guard the unity of the spirit. What examples of this service at BBC!

This is true Christian love...."by their fruit you shall know them." At the risk of bragging, this church meets the needs of His body. The sacrifice of unseen time and works of the deacons (individuals) is a testimony to Christ's love to the church. The Lord Jesus himself said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know you are my disciples if you have love one for another."

As we see the day of His return, may we be thankful for all God has done at BBC through and with His people. God always meets the needs.

The Lord bless you, **Mitch B and the Deacon Team**

A BIG thank you to the youth who showed up to help Pastor and other deacons (as well as many young adults) of BBC on a servanthood day this past August 27.

September 3 is our Kayak and Beach Day! This will be a great time of outdoor fun and fellowship with the young adults and International Students. ****Invite friends youth****

September 4 we will join with the adult Sunday School for *The Bait of Satan*.

September 11 is our Sunday School Promotion, in which we will be blessing our high school graduates (though some have already gone to college)! Also, we will join the fun & food at the BBC family picnic after church.

September 18 is our Back to School Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. at our house. Sunday School will be held there as well. This is another excellent event to invite school friends.

As always, we ask that you please continue praying for your youth.

God is good!

Blessings, **Hector and Cristina Riojas**

MIHI YOUTH MADE IN HIS IMAGE back to school BREAKFAST



SEPTEMBER 18
9:30 A.M. @
CASA RIOJAS

Handwritten signature



September 4, JJ Engelbrecht will be bringing The Word of God. As always, come expecting of The Lord!

Hello Braddock Family!

September is coming up way too fast! Didn't August just start? Time goes by quick when you're having fun, I guess. As September is around the corner, LyssCarol and I are looking forward to what's next here at Braddock. As an intern, my term ends at the end of August, but I hope and pray that I will be able to stick around longer than that. We absolutely love the Braddock family and have been blessed beyond measure being here. Whether it has been my opportunities to learn about ministry or Lyss' opportunities to hang out with cute babies, we've been filled with joy and can't wait to see what God has in store next.

JJ Engelbrecht



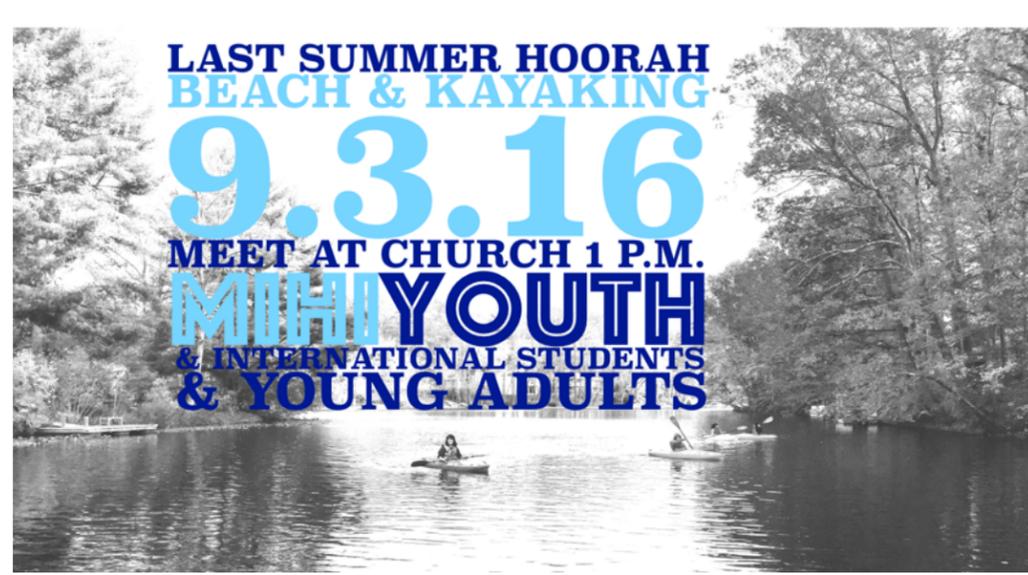
Jesus' life was one of displacement; he experienced discomfort, humility, separation, loneliness, sorrow and home sickness. These are the same feelings all of us feel when we travel overseas, move somewhere new or when we are excluded; we are outsiders. Dictionary.com defines an outsider as "a person not belonging to a particular group, (and as) ... a person unconnected or unacquainted ..." Jesus emphasized the importance of accepting the outsider, as seen in his interactions with the Samaritans. Jesus goes out of his way to help the Samaritan woman (a woman of corrupt morals) and the Samaritan leper. In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus challenged the Jewish scribe to go beyond thinking that to "love your neighbor as

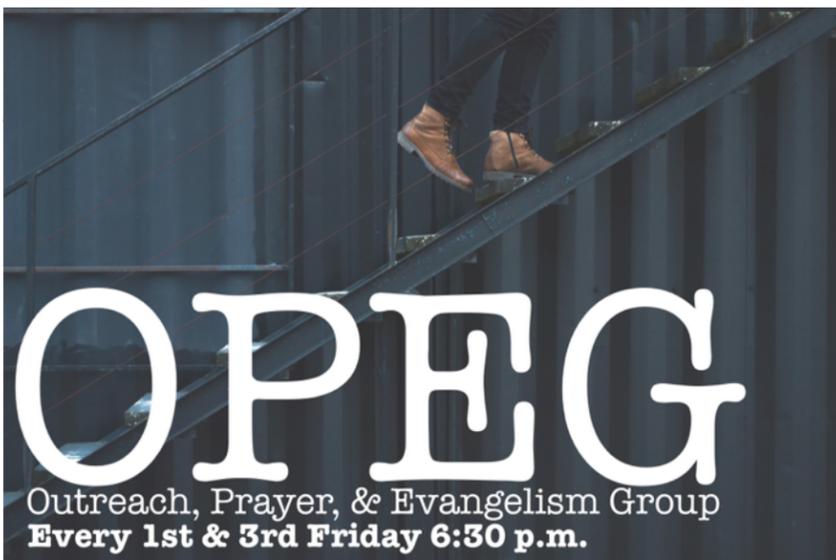
yourself (Luke 10:27b)" was only applicable to those who were like him.

Over the last seven years, God has blessed Braddock Baptist Church (BBC) by allowing us to know and serve our culturally diverse community in an ever increasing way. We started small by providing English as a Second Language (ESL) and General Educational Development (GED) on Saturdays; we now have an ESL Sunday School class. Dr. Song's seminary offered a few of us the opportunity to teach or learn alongside students of different cultures. We have also seen many international children join us in Mother's Day Out and Vacation Bible School. During the 2013/2014 academic year, God brought an international student from the Ivory Coast to the church (Kacou). It was his first Sunday in country and he joined the church. By the next week, he brought more of his fellow students; this included bringing many non-believers to the social functions. We have had the blessing of having international students join us ever since.

So, is there anything more we can do to make sure no one feels like an outsider? As Pastor Timothy says, "There's always more." Anyone who visits BBC feels like an outsider until they feel the love and acceptance that flows throughout the BBC family. When they initially walk in the door, many have the same feelings as Jesus and other sojourners. Most of our international friends come from cultures where community is emphasized and come to a country where privacy reigns. Try to remember the feelings of isolation you had the first day you moved to a new country, neighborhood or school where you initially knew no one. Be the Good Samaritan and reach out in love to all who enter the doors of BBC; members and visitors. Reach out in the Holy Spirit's gift of hospitality throughout the week; showing the openness to understand and accept our differences. Hospitality is derived from the word hospital, which comes from two Greek words meaning "loving the stranger." Only in this way will each visitor and member see the true love of Christ and know "I was a stranger and you invited me in" Matt. 25:35. Remember, we are all of one Spirit and thus of one culture - the Jesus culture!

Love you! **Becky Corder**





Following the Fisherman: 2016 Braddock Baptist Church (BBC) Impact Week

This is the third consecutive year that BBC members and attendees joined in training to better equip them with the gospel, and to provide them with the opportunity to reach out into our streets, shopping centers, and neighborhoods "having shod our feet with the preparation of the gospel." (Ephesians 6:15 NKJV)

The BBC IMPACT Week began with a special Sunday worship service based on the theme for the week, which was, "The harvest truly is plentiful but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37 NKJB) The Lord answered this prayer. What a wonderful week it was as over one dozen individuals from BBC came out during the four evening sessions of evangelism training. Each daily training session was followed with on-the-job opportunities for each individual to join a team, led by an

experienced trainer, and share the gospel in our neighborhood. We met many new people in the neighborhood surrounding BBC. Many individuals heard the gospel. Some professed that they were ready to place their faith on Jesus Christ. Many were cheerfully greeted by members of BBC, and encouraged to join the English as a second language classes, or to attend vacation bible school.

The goal of the training each IMPACT Week is to provide every BBC member or attendee with the opportunity to be fully trained and equipped to share his/her faith and the good news with friends, family, and even strangers. Jesus our Savior is truly our model for reaching this lost and dying world. He said that He came "to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10 NJKV) He told us, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19 NKJV) We go fishing in His wonderful name, asking for His wonderful power and love to reach those lost in the oceans of our world.

I believe that our role in this fishing process is very similar to that of Simon Peter as described in the fifth chapter of Luke. Jesus said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon obeyed the Lord. The Lord provided a great quantity of fish. Jesus later said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men." (Luke 5 NASB)

Every first and third Friday, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, the Outreach, Prayer & Evangelism Group (OPEG) meets in a classroom to pray, plan, prepare, and GO fishing. Please come and join us in this effort. Contact any member of the OPEG to learn more about this work.

Tim Stockdale

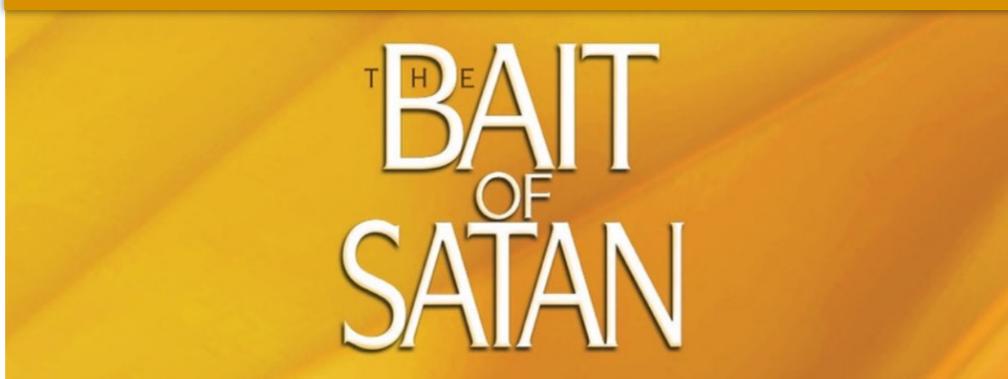
Sunday School

Are you compelled to tell your side of the story? Do you fight thoughts of suspicion or distrust? Are you constantly rehearsing past hurts? Have you lost hope because of what someone did to you?

The Bait of Satan exposes one of the most deceptive snares Satan uses to get believers out of the will of God- offense. This trap restrains countless Christians, severs relationships, and widens the gulf between us. Jesus said, "It is impossible that no offenses should come" (Luke 17:1). Although you *will* encounter offense, you can choose how you will react.

excerpt from *The Bait of Satan*

Starting September 4: A video series by John Bevere



Birthdays

- 2 Darrin Murphy
- 3 Michelle Lazo
- 4 Nina Rodriguez
- 5 Gary Moore
- 6 David El-Naggar
Patricia Purvis
- 7 Rick Rodriguez
- 8 Dianna Martinez
- 11 Felton Causey
Hector Riojas
- 12 Linda Green
- 13 Ceasar Quitoriano
- 14 Anjana Prewitt
- 21 Joshua Aguilar
Michael Favazza
Brenda Rodriguez
- 22 Julia S. Lee
- 27 David Freeman
- 30 Enio Aguero



Vacation Bible School 2016 Report

Cave Quest VBS has come and gone. This year we had approximately 60 kids sign up. Braddock Baptist Church came through as always with helping with decorating the church and volunteering for VBS. As always we are so blessed with our members and neighborhood children filling our halls for the week. I look forward to next year. Start looking for information in January 2017.

God Bless, Sara Perry

Check out the V.B.S. video online

Anniversaries

- 6 Barrie & Rosemarie Dunn
- 8 Jaime & Roselle Aguilar
- 11 Mitch & Nancy Bennett
- 13 Richard & Severina Hood
- 24 Jay & Patricia Purvis
- 28 Rob & Sara Perry



BBC Men

The month of August was supposed to be a month of vacations and relaxation but for the BBC men, it was anything but rest and relaxation. The BBC Men were involved in overseeing and performing several major in-house jobs while continuing to maintain the church owned grounds and properties. We thank you Men for your many hours of dedicated work.

Major In-House Jobs

1. The BBC Men worked with the MDO Committee to select **the new playground equipment design; selected the contractor to build and install the equipment; and negotiated the cost and payments.**
2. After the installation of the playground equipment was completed, **20 cubic yards of new mulch** was ordered and spread on the playground by: **Barrie Dunn, Harry Finley, Stanley Dunning, Sajid(Sunny) Masih, Perry's (Roy, Rob, Tommy, and Austin), Sean Ryan.**
3. In the Fellowship Hall the **old light were removed and new LED lights were installed** by: **Barrie Dunn, Stanley Dunning, Harry Finley, Gary Moore and Sajid(Sunny) Masih.**
4. The **ongoing painting** of the Fellowship Hall by: **Pastor Timothy, Stanley Dunning, Harry Finley, Gary Moore, Barrie Dunn and Sajid(Sunny) Masih.**



Next month I will provide an overview of the BBC Men mission activities over the last year. The BBC Men next meeting will be held on **Monday September 12th** at 7:00 pm in the BBC fellowship hall. At this meeting we will elect officers for 2016-2017 and will begin to look at scheduling next year's activities.



September:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Fri 2nd | First Friday |
| Sun 11th | Sunday School Promotion/Picnic/Moon Bounce |
| Mon 12th | BBC Monthly Meeting @ 7:00pm |
| Mon 19th | Leadership Committee meeting @ 7:00pm |
| Tue 20th | BBC BOD meeting @ 7:00pm |
| Wed 21st | Business meeting |

God Loves You and So Do I!

Keep the Faith!

Dave Waters, President BBC Men



Children's Church has a New Video Series!

"This collection of Lessons, will help children retain and apply biblical principles and values, including faith, love, compassion, and kindness. The relationship between Jewish Messianic prophecies and the foundation of Christianity is presented through the life, miracles and parable teachings of Jesus of Nazareth". [via Nest Learning]

Please contact **Stephanie Short** or **Becky Corder** if you have a desire to serve.

NURSERY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in serving the babies & toddlers of BBC, please see Cristina Riojas to begin the volunteer application process.

All current and new nursery volunteers will be required to complete the volunteer application for BBC. This is to ensure that our children are in the best hands.

We will also have a nursery volunteer training day coming soon! Lunch will be provided and we will have a short tutorial of the nursery facility as well as an organized schedule.

I look forward to working with each of you and I am so blessed and thankful to those of you who have given so much already.

The babies at BBC are truly blessed!

Cristina Riojas

For all inquiries regarding sources, please e-mail Cristina Riojas at Rio@braddockbaptistchurch.org

"It totally looks like something you would want to walk on, but guess what? You can't. Sadly this whimsical bridge is just an art installation and would probably crumble if you took one step onto it. This piece was designed by Olivier Grossetête and can be found in the Japanese Garden at Tatton Park, England." [<https://itsyowyow.com/2012/12/17/look-at-this-pretty-bridge/>]

