The BRIDGE June 2019

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BRADDOCK Baptist Church



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### Every Week:

9:00 a.m	.Church Breakfast
9:45 a.m	.Sunday School
11:00 a.m	.Worship Service

## **Mondays**

6:30	p.m	Young	Adult	S
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## Wednesdays

6:30 p.m	Prayer Meeting
6:30 p.m	Youth Group
7:30 p.m	Praise Team
	Rehearsal

### Tuesday's

TBD......Woman's Bible Study

## First Fridays

6:00 p.m....First Friday Dinner

### Mother's Day Out

Monday-Friday 9:30a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

### **Note from the Senior Pastor**

Well happy June all, with the announcement of JJ leaving us mid-July to attend seminary and to take a staff position at another Church, which provides for him the payment for seminar and a salary that should continue to provide for his family too, we should rejoice for them and Thank God!

Many of you may question; what about us! That is perfectly normal; I want to assure you that while God has been orchestrating the entirety of all he has created and holding it all together, and bringing this fabulous opportunity for advancing JJ, he has not left Braddock out of his thoughts. To be in the thoughts of God, is an awesome thing, and I can tell you that God is mindful of us! When God reveals that he is mindful of you, when he tells you he has a plan that includes you, the only response is that of complete awe! The real God, who has really created everything and purchased our salvation, is personally breaking through time and space to show us that he knows exactly what is going on and that he was not surprised and that he has planned for our next step, is nothing short of a WOW moment!

I want to encourage each of you to join the Board and me in Prayer; we have been gathering each week for the past couple of months and praying over Braddock. For the advancement of her mission, for the culture of discipleship, for the leadership and that while we bless the Lord for the opportunity to labor in His kingdom, we also pray for God to send co-labors.

With this the Board has continued to grow in their love for THE CHURCH —for Braddock and its mission and to believe unwaveringly that God is not finished with us yet. God has already identified some among us rising up to new service in His kingdom work here and I believe he has already prepared others from a far to come and co-labor with us.

The Board and staff and I have been praying each day now for a while; LUKE 10:2 "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." The way many of us have chosen to keep this before us is to set an alarm on our phones at 10:02 am —and —pm; each time this alarm goes off, I choose to praise him for allowing us to be a part of his kingdom work, if it is AM, I pray that I will be faithful this day to take every opportunity to share the gospel, and if it is PM to also thank God for his grace and Braddock's place in THE CHURCH, and I add at both times of prayer, God convict us to be faithful in our witness and send those who will continue to build us up in our faith and assist in this mission for the growth to your kingdom.

I can tell you that God has already been confirming that this prayer is His word for us even now, more of us have been actively sharing the gospel, it was reported at last business meeting 4 people gave their lives to Christ and we had 2 young men join the church! And 1 of these young men can hardly wait to be baptized, and that is scheduled to take place Pentecost Sunday June 9th, don't mess it.

Let's pray and be amazed together! Love you, Pastor Timothy

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## **Sunday School Update**

June/Summertime! June, July and August. I hope you enjoyed Spring and our study of the Gospel of Mark which ended with the Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. In our Summer quarter I hope you will be encouraged, challenged, and also blessed as we begin studying 1,2 Timothy and Titus. The apostle Paul speaks just about every possible area of a Christain's life. As he inspired Timothy and Titus, I hope through these lessons he will inspire you as well. In addition, the young adults will be led in their Bible study by Manjaka, and our youth by Jonathan. Our children will continue to study the Bible led by Harry and Carol Finley, Brenda Rodriguez and Charlene Bowser. At Braddock we have a Sunday school class for every age. As you enjoy and learn the great teachings from the Bible to help you in your daily walk with Our Lord please remember The Lord's command to share the gospel with everyone. One way you can do that is to "INVITE" someone to join you in Sunday school and Worship here at Braddock.

Enjoy the Summer Month of June and Happy Father's Day!

Matthew 28:19-20 The Great Commission:

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." So... "Do Not Be Afraid" INVITE!

God Bless You, Gary Moore

#### **Note from the Deacon**

**June Birthdays** 

01 John Short

**02 Harry Finley** 

15 Richard Hood

19 Rosemarie Dunn

21 Juliana Tubi

23 Caroline Short

24 Jo Ann Hatfield



I was asked recently what the function of the church deacon is, so I wanted to do a brief overview:

The purpose of the deacon was to help with the spiritual needs of a growing church. To quickly summarize (Acts 6:1-7), as the church grew some widows felt neglected and overlooked. As these feelings increased, so did divisions. Yes, man has not changed; there were divisions in the church even back then.

Apostles neglected their time in the word and in prayer. The apostles then directed the brethren to choose 7 men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and full of wisdom to alleviate this problem. The qualifications of a deacon are elaborated on in 1st Timothy 3: 8-13.

In 1st Timothy 5, the Apostle Paul teaches Timothy to honor widows "who are widows indeed". However, the family unit is the first level of response to the widow. Paul tells Timothy to place the widows "on the list" if they meet requirements spelled out in 1st Timothy 5.

Isn't it wonderful that the word of God addresses such difficult subjects like this? (and so many more)

At Braddock, you have seen an increase in the function of the deacon. I have seen deacons among other things:

- 1) Communicate by phone email and text with their assigned families on birthdays, anniversaries and other milestones
- 2) Make food for needy families
- 3) Help move families from one home to another
- 4) Helping coordinate with families, receptions at the church for those Saints who go to be with the Lord
- 5) Visit the sick in the hospital or at home
- 6) Most importantly, letting those in the body of Christ know that God is for them, by praying for and with them during those difficult times that inevitably come to us all.

Are all of above functions mandated by the word? I would say not. But the Lord is very gracious to us at Braddock. Are deacons perfect and accomplish all these functions perfectly.....NO. But when the chips are down, will your church come along side you when you have a need and you reach out to your deacon with a need? Absolutely YES! I thank God for the rich tradition of deacon service here at Braddock and all of the deacons who have served the body of Christ so well. Thank you Deacons!

As a reminder, your Deacon Team stands ready to assist you when called upon.

Serving families:



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### **Associate Pastor**

Dear Braddock,

It's June already and that's hard to believe. It feels every year like time is getting faster even though somehow the days are feeling longer. What's going on this month?

Well summer is afoot and with pools opening up and families going on vacation we could see a slow down in activities. But we also have car washes, yard sales, and worship nights going on this month! It's safe to say there's never really an off month at church, huh?

With youth Sunday this month and with my final justWorship I think this month will be a blessing to experience and I'm exited to see what God teaches us about Himself through His Word this month.

See you guys Sunday!

God bless, Pastor JJ

**Kingdom Work Youth Ministry** 

Well, happy June!

I am so excited for this month because the first Sunday is Youth Sunday! This is where the youth of the church put on the service from singing, to offering, greeting, and welcoming. I will be delivering my first ever sermon and I couldn't be more nervous. God is good, all the time. And all the time, God is good. Please be in prayer for our youth group. A few things are happening and there are connections being made. I am networking like crazy with local churches, evangelism ministries and other youth pastors to see how I can run along side them as they run the race that is marked out for them (Hebrews 12:1). I encourage you to come out on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and every following Sunday as we start the month hearing the word and what it tells us about living faith. Is there evidence of your living faith in your life? Do people know there is something different about you by the way you live? I encourage you to spend some time in the book of James as it is considered the "Proverbs of the New Testament." I am in prayer for our unity and growth at Braddock Baptist Church. Jesus will lead us. We have to be obedient to Him.

Youth, look out for what is going on this summer and see how God is working in your life and the lives around you. I am so excited for our upcoming beach retreat as well as many activities and fellowship opportunities that are coming up. Like always, read your bible daily, even if its just one verse. I am so excited to see these youth grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

In His Service, Jonathan Gesin

## **Board of Directors**

In May, we had the following renovation update:

We will hire a contractor to identify where our church has asbestos. In any area that has construction planned, we plan to do asbestos remediation this summer prior to the construction starting.



## **June Events**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Sunday
June 6<sup>th</sup> MDO Graduation @ 11AM
June 8<sup>th</sup> Church Yard Sale @ 7AM
June 9<sup>th</sup> "Happy Birthday to the Church"
June 13<sup>th</sup> Last Day of FCPS/MDO School
June 15<sup>th</sup> Fathers Day Church Picnic
June 21<sup>st</sup> JustWorship

