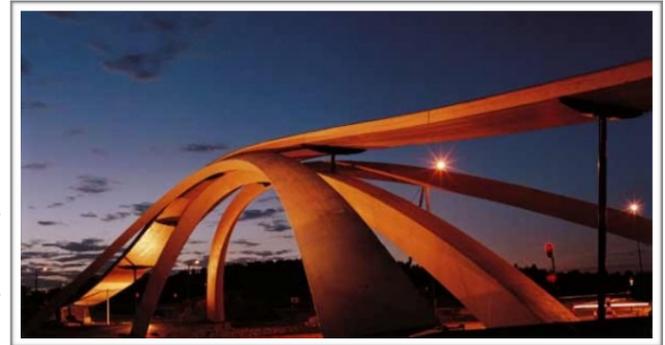


The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone



BRADDOCK Baptist Church
Alexandria, VA

August 2015

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
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Tuesdays

6 p.m.	Seminary Classes
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Wednesdays

4 p.m.	Exercise
4:30-6:30 p.m.	miHi Youth Summer Days
6-7:30 p.m.	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Kidz Rock
6:30-8 p.m.	Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursdays

6 p.m.	Seminary Classes
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Fridays (First of the Month)

6 p.m.	First Friday Fellowship
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Saturdays

9 a.m.	Exercise
10 a.m.	ESL Classes
12p.m.	GED Class

Mother's Day Out

Tuesday-Friday 9:30-1:30

Pastor's Corder Note

What a great summer, so far. We have seen extraordinary things around here. The yard sale began with a big rain, one person shopping exclusively for the first couple of hours, then the Lord sent his sun and dried up all the rain and we experienced a good sale that will help fund many God works in our local mission here at B.B.C.

VBS followed right on the heels of the sale, and I have already bragged on the VBS - they say confession is good for the soul. (And I am one of those "they" that say that)! We had 40+ volunteers to assure the smooth work that seemed to take place effortlessly. I shared that 61 children attended and 19 children made it known that they wanted to follow Jesus. So you might be thinking "where does the confession come in"? I announced that the director was Emily Corder, and helping as a sub director for the preschool area, was Arlinda Waters. Where the confession needs to be made is that a very important, very intricate part of the success was due to one, (who while standing right beside you; is so quite understated, working so diligently, yet while one may pause to say hello, then barely remember to mention this humble servant): CO-Director of VBS- **Sarah Weaver!!!!** Thank you, thank you, thank you, for all your hard work. You two actually took this on together and did a great job this year, you tried a couple of new things and pulled together many old things and made them work well!!!! I would go visit the girls while they were working, and have to hand Sarah scissors or get her an x-acto knife, or I would listen to the girls tell me their plans and get excited about what they just shopped for, then I went and forgot to mention this very important partner in this year's VBS. When you see Sarah in the halls probably going to serve in another area of the Church- remember to tell her how proud you are of her hard work on VBS.

I have a lot more to confess too, but only the infinite patient God is willing to sit long enough for me to get through all that. A big thank you goes out to **Tim and Terry Stockdale** and all the others who were obedient to the command to go tell, during July. Tim and Terry lead **PEG** prayer -evangelism -group, which meets every 1 & 3 Friday here at BBC. On the first Friday they enjoy dinner with all of us who turn out for First Friday Fellowship (FFF)- then while some come to "Class 101" on Discovering Who We Are and What We Believe At BBC., others watch movies, and kids play games, all the while; PEG prays. They pray and even make calls and visits. If this sound likes something you would like to get involved in, I could twist Tim's arm to let you in.

Well this will conclude my Corder Note this month and I hope you will forgive me my many shortfalls and find something that you can get on board with that God is doing here at BBC.

Blessings, **Pastor Timothy**

Deacon Ministry

Dear Braddockians,

Last month I wrote in the bridge a very short article on The Lord Jesus's command to Go, Share and Teach.

I want to encourage each of you as God challenges you in areas in your life that He wants to change to obey Him. There is blessing in obedience.

Last week I experienced the joy of going door to door in our neighborhoods witnessing to others about the love and judgement of God and the gift of eternal life. In every way I was blessed whether it be praying together at the

church before we left, pulling together tracts with the 3 people who were laboring as a team, knocking on doors, sharing the Gospel with others, hearing the reports of the multiple teams that went out and finally ending in prayer. Why list every activity as I just did when from an English language it is a "run on sentence" ?

Every day I was encouraged because I KNEW I was in the center of God's will in each of those activities. What joy and what a blessing! So often listening to Christian radio or a Christian personality, you hear many being blessed by God. Usually, what they are sharing is "Look what God did for me"!

As Christians at Braddock, let us go further than that. Let us see the blessing of obeying God in everything that we do, even if no one (except the Lord) sees. Here are examples:

- 1) Praying together
- 2) Hearing ministry on Sunday, Wednesday and in your personal times with the Lord
- 3) Sharing the Gospel intentionally
- 4) Worshipping the Lord in Spirit and in truth
- 5) Obeying what God tells you to do

Now that is being Blessed!

The deacon team is here to assist you. **Mitch B**



Reaching Our Community 4 The Kingdom

July was a very exciting month for KidzROCK! Vacation Bible School went very well, I would like to give a special thanks to everyone who helped out and especially Sarah Weaver, who did a lot of behind the scenes work! The kids also had the opportunity to go to GlowGolf where they were able to play miniature putt-putt in the dark and complete a laser maze. In August we have game days, ice cream parties, songs and much more fun to look forward to! It has been a blast hanging out with the kids this summer.

Thanks for all the wonderful experiences and memories Braddock!

Emily Corder

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Birthdays

- 01 Brian Dunn
Mary Ann Smith
- 02 Arlinda Waters
- 03 Beverly Sampson
- 08 Amy El-Naggar
- 11 Michael Suggs
- 12 Kathy Marshall
- 14 Julia Thompson
- 15 William Bennett
- 16 Chelsea Quitoriano
Beverly Lee
- 23 Angeral P. Campbell
- 28 Bobbie Rivenbark
Akash Yousaf
- 31 Katie Gregerson

Anniversaries

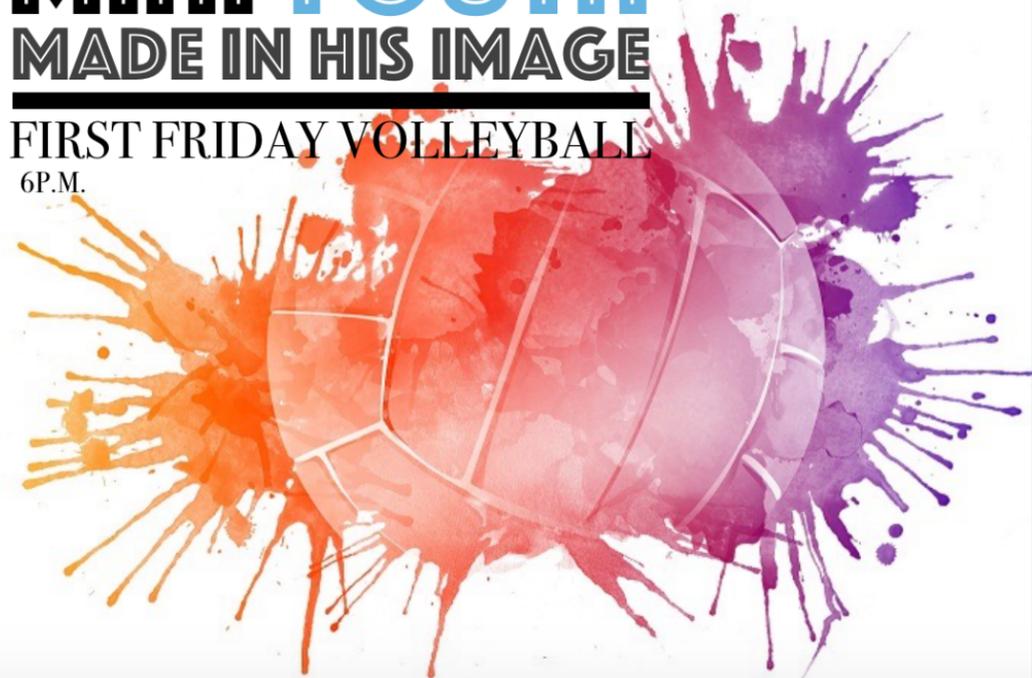
- 05 Mike & Wendy Perry
- 07 Monica & Shawn
Robinson
- 08 Kathleen & Paul
Chevalier
- 18 Enio & Myrthala
Aguero
- 26 Joseph & Anjana
Prewitt

miHi Youth Summer Days Every Wednesday from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. the youth are meeting for our Summer Days. These meetings will be a time for our youth to come together and play the summer away. Youth consists of those going into the 7th grade through 12th grade. Stay up to date with youth events on our youth calendar online at BraddockBaptistChurch.org.



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FIRST FRIDAY VOLLEYBALL
6P.M.



BBC Men

In July 2015, the Braddock Baptist Church (BBC) Men continued to serve and make additional plans to serve God and his people within BBC and the community. The BBC men sponsored and/or supported several events in July. The BBC Men and a member of the Building and Grounds committee continued to be part of many ongoing in-house mission activities to include continued maintenance of the grounds of the church and Parsonage 2, and support by participating and giving financially to missions outside of the BBC walls.

Yard Sale

The BBC Men annual YARD SALE was held on Saturday July 11th. We had a tremendous amount of help from BBC Women and Men. Throughout the week prior to the yard sale, there was sorting, pricing, etc. that had to be completed and was coordinated by Linda Waters. Many trips to pickup and deliver yard sale items were done by Barry Dunn, Harry Finley and others prior to and the day of the yard sale. I sent out a plea to all Braddockians requesting volunteers to help price and sort items in preparation for the yard sale. That request was answered by the youth, several women and men. One lady in particular, Luz Jondrow helped every day Monday through Friday and Saturday, the day of the yard sale.

The monthly BBC Men's meeting was held on Friday July 10th at 5:30 pm for the final staging of items for the Yard Sale. Pizza, salad, drinks, and dessert was provided to all of the workers (Men, Women, and Youth). On Saturday morning June 11th at 5:30 am, many Braddockians showed up to setup tables and move Yard Sale items from inside the church to the parking lot, but there was one problem: it was heavily raining. We weren't sure at that point if the yard sale was going to be held inside the church, which would have cut down on the number of people who would come to purchase items. However, at 9:00 am the Lord smiled upon us. The rain stopped, the sky cleared, and the sun shined brightly, drying the tables and the ground. The Yard Sale was a success, and we received donations of over \$2,800.00 for future mission activities. The grill was once again manned by Chef Rodriguez and he provided lunch for the workers and people from the yard sale of hot dogs, hamburgers, and bratwursts.

Thank you to all of the Braddockians for making this mission fundraiser a success and special thanks to Linda Waters, Luz Jondrow, Harry Finley, Barry Dunn, and Rick Rodriguez for your exceptional support and effort. To God Be the Glory!

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Men, your participation and support for the week of VBS did not go unnoticed. Your efforts contributed enormously toward a successful VBS. Your help with setup, assisting during the VBS week, taking down of decorations, and yes of course the last day of VBS cookout. The men cooked around 200 hotdogs, and provided drinks, and dessert for all who came to the closing programs. I want to thank all the Braddockian men and women for your support and special thanks to Mitch Bennett, Barry Dunn, Harry Finley, Harry Finley's brother, Ronnie and his son-in-law, Mike from Pennsylvania for their willingness to help with the grilling of the hotdogs. As you can see, and as previously described, the BBC Men's group is a service organization and the first Monday night of most months we have great fellowship. This coming Monday, August 3rd at 7:00 pm is our monthly meeting which will be in the fellowship hall. Men please plan to come to the meeting to join us for food, fun, fellowship, and yes some business discussions and planning. See the date below for other upcoming events:

- August: Monthly Meeting August 3rd @ 7:00 pm
- Fri 6th First Friday Fellowship

God Loves You and So Do I!
Keep the Faith!

Dave Waters, President BBC Men

Christian Education

The lessons from the Letters of John

Our story begins with John, who is living in exile in the Island of Parthos. This man has a unique qualification; he is the last witness to Jesus Christ who remains alive. So he provides us with eyewitness account of Jesus, his ministry, and his message to you and me.

From John, we learned five lessons from Jesus ministry that we can put in practice today: (1) we are valuable, (2) we are loved, (3) we are victorious, (4) we are loved in His truth, and (5) we are in a journey.

1. **We are valuable (1 John 4:13-16).** Jesus lives in us and we live in Him, He has given us the Spirit. It is a great revelation that God lives in us. And here is the other truth—"I am valuable" - God has accepted me as His child. He lives in my heart just as I get to live in His heart. Jesus said: "remain in me, as I also remain in you." (John 15:4).
2. **We are loved (1 John 4:17-21).** We are reminded that we are not to fear. Jesus sought us out, and now He loves us so much that we should have no fear for judgement, because there will not be a negative judgement. Jesus will fix our loving relationship, by loving us without reservation.
3. **We are victorious (1 John: 1-5).** We should spend less time worrying that we may lose the battle, and more time thinking how victorious we are in Jesus. We are being guided to overcome the world. We don't have to worry about wars, or poverty, or crimes or even death. Our affirmation should be—"I saw myself as a victim in the world of darkness. Now, in Jesus, I am victorious, I see the light, I rely on the light, in Him I am the light." I am victorious regarding the issues that may rise in my physical being, my spiritual being, or my intellectual being. When I was a child, my love for Jesus was an exploratory friendship, now that I have given all of myself without holding back, without fear: My love for my loving Jesus has taken away my fears.
4. **We are loved in His truth (2 John 1-3).** Truth in John refers to the reality of the genuine relationship between Jesus and us. John tells us that truth is the path to freedom. "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32). The truth lives within us, and within our relationship with Jesus. We have access to Jesus as "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), when we follow His instruction to remain in Him, and He will remain in us" (John 15:4).
5. **We are in a journey (3 John 12).** John prays that every day we have a good journey. He means that we are prosperous and doing well. John uses a story about someone that pretends to be in the journey, he preaches one way and acts another. Once again he shows us love. When a stranger knocks on the door, ensure that you are for that brethren, that they have a good portion of food in their packs and that the truth and love of Jesus is known to the stranger, and then they continue the journey. Early Christians were called "the people of the way". We are in a spiritual journey. We have to imitate what is good—it is the only way.

We have come to Jesus as strangers. We become guests in His house of worship, and when we continue on our journey, He is our friend and we become friends of the congregation who has so graciously nurtured us.

In His Service,

Joseph O. Prewitt Diaz, PhD

A New Song

Well, we have all heard about GPS. What else do you think the acronym, GPS, represents? "God's Protective Services"- That's right!

God has already established His ways to protect us. You need to remember Proverbs 3:5-6 "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all thy ways SUBMIT to Him, and He will make your path straight*". Consider Isaiah 55:8 "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways*", declares the LORD.

Now, to have this premium free protective service, all you need to do is become a "B.A.B." - translation...a Born Again Believer! Then His spirit comes to dwell within you. Ponder His wonderful spirit living inside of you like a tracking device! We know tracking devices are sensitive to a specific signal. How often have you cried out and His spirit guided you to a blessed outcome?

You may ask, what do I do next? Develop a deep, committed relationship with God the Father, His Son - now, your LORD and Savior, and most precious Holy Spirit - the Spirit of Truth.

Daily engage, early in the morning with God. Psalms 63:1 "*O GOD, thou art my God, early will I seek thee...*" Read your Bible, pray, praise and worship - Psalms 103:2 *Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits* - "Count your blessings beginning with your eternal life, as a B.A.B., provided by the power of the name and blood of Jesus Christ.

Permit the love of God, His WORD, the gentle and gracious Holy Spirit to lead you daily. Psalms 119:105 "*Your WORD is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path*".

Choose to be dependent upon God...die to self. Revere God. Allow Him to lead you. Romans 8:14 "*For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God*".

Fan the Flames,

Elizabeth Philblad *My heart is for the Body of Christ to be refreshed daily with A New Song in their hearts - testimonies ever increasing with magnifying the LORD!*

Prayer and Evangelism Group

Dear faithful praying friends,

Last year Mitch got his feet wet in evangelism. This year he made plans to come out as many times as his schedule allowed. On Monday night, Mitch watched George lead Marisella & Eduardo to Jesus. He came with Mark to the Dunkin Donuts on Tuesday afternoon, and participated in leading Ronnie to Christ. Ronnie is a 17-year-old young lady who had no prior knowledge of the gospel message. But when Mark was finished explaining it to her, she affirmed that it did make sense to her, and she wanted to put her trust in Christ. She prayed right there in the Dunkin Donuts!



The next time Mitch went on a team he shared everything from the questionnaire, to leading Tyler in prayer to express new faith in Jesus!

On Monday night, Lisa was excited that we were out in the neighborhood - she does her best to share the good news of Jesus herself, and was looking for effective materials to use. Mark shared the gospel outline with her, to help her use them best. The next day, Mark went back to that same Dunkin Donuts, and Lisa came in the door specifically to find him to get more materials - she had given everything away! Mark showed her the address where she could order more for her own future use.

Enrique said they go to a Spanish speaking church but they're looking for a good English church where the children will understand the message better; similar story with Sosi at an Ethiopian church; several said they were glad to hear of a local church offering ESL classes, as well as being out in the neighborhood sharing the good news. Several Christians they encountered expressed they were convicted that they needed to get out into their neighborhoods, also.

- Joyce, Sunny, and Tim grew in their ability to share the gospel, and lead teams.
- Pat & Kebede are now almost fully trained in just one week.
- Carol agreed to be a "silent partner" on Monday. By Friday, she had done the full presentation and led Diego in a prayer of faith in Jesus!
- Ellen came out for the first time on Thursday, and used a booklet to share a brief gospel presentation with a couple, and an illustration that especially spoke to them. She had help from their friend who translated for her, but she was also able to translate the "boat illustration" herself in Spanish: Rimor & Maclobia both made professions of faith!
- Harry did everything from the questionnaire, the gospel presentation, and then leading Molly and Joseph to make professions of faith on Friday. By Saturday Harry was leading his own team.
- Practice times throughout the week were especially significant in training church members to be more confident by the end of the week.

Professions of faith: Tina, Marisella, Eduardo, Veronica, James, John, Ronnie, Tyler, Rimor, Maclobia, Diego, Molly, and Joseph

For assurance of faith: Sesi, Tigist, Brittney

Rededication: Nicodemus

Close: Norato, Yahonia, Brielle, "G", Nebu, Christian

Overall Stats:

250 invitations & tracts given out

75 gospel presentations

13 professions of faith

3 gained assurance of salvation

1 rededication

Languages encountered, and literature given: Arabic, Amharic, Bengali, Ghana, Spanish, Somalia, Sudan, Swahili, Thai, and Vietnamese.

Thank you for continuing to send us out into the Lord's Harvest Fields!

Mark, Karen, Lizz, & Ben Grasso

"I was sought by those who did not ask for Me;

I was found by those who did not seek Me.

I said, 'Here I am, here I am,'

To a nation that was not called by My name.

I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people,

Who walk in a way that is not good,

According to their own thoughts;

A people who provoke Me to anger continually to My face;..." Isaiah 65:1-3a



Da Vinci Bridge, Norway A bridge designed by Leonardo da Vinci to span the Golden Horn in Istanbul has been built some 500 years later! Wild, right? The bridge now spans a motorway in the less exotic setting of Aas, a small town 20 miles north of Oslo, Norway. However, it is the first major civil engineering project to be built from da Vinci's drawings. Da Vinci first sketched the bridge for Sultan Bajazet II, but none of the Sultan's engineers thought it could be done!