

The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

BRADDOCK Baptist Church
Alexandria, VA



April 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

Tuesdays

6 p.m. Seminary Classes

Wednesdays

4 p.m. Exercise
6-7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
6:30-8 p.m. Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursdays

6 p.m. Seminary Classes

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

Easter, marks for us seven years together, for BBC and the Corder's. We have enjoyed the ride thus far and are looking forward to putting it in overdrive. We can expect things to happen a little faster than they did at first, because now we know each other better and trust God together for his future outcome as we continue on mission.

I am very excited about the evangelism emphasis we are experiencing and I pray that the intentional efforts of each of us will result in the harvest we have been anticipating. **Luke 14:23** "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.' There is a great party planned and it would be terrible for anyone to miss it. This celebration is to be a wedding feast and everyone knows the bride. The Bride of Christ crosses every ocean, every status; ethnic, economic, cultural. One day the Father will send the angels to gather us for the wedding celebration and individuals will come right out of Muslim family households, homes in China, and Iran. Nations open and nations closed to the gospel will have people living openly for our Lord and people living underground. But everyone will know someone who makes up the Bride of Christ. You and I have a mandate to invite people to come. But you and I have the privilege to invite anyone you want and all those God has burdened you to talk to. You can invite them to the greatest party the universe has ever heard of.

Paul says in **2 Corinthians 5:14** For Christ's love compels us,... so mandate or love date let us all be more intentional to invite: invite your friends, your neighbors and yes even strangers to come and see what the Father has planned for His Son, and those who make up the Bride.

As for me, I will say with Paul: **1 Corinthians 9:16** For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! So you can continue to be assured that each week at BBC the gospel will be served up with an invitation for "Who so ever will" to come and join us in this wonderfully planned party for eternity.

I believe that BBC should come in rejoicing, bringing in the sheaths. What does that really mean? Those are the words of a great old song; "We shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaths". "Bringing In the Sheaves" is a popular American Gospel song used almost exclusively by Protestants. The lyrics were written in 1874 by Knowles Shaw, who was inspired by K.J.V. **Psalms 126:6**, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. It is certainly referring to a harvest, while the sowing and reaping work is not discounted; the harvest is a reason to celebrate.

Beloved, I am going to ask you to determine again to put your hand to the plow, to acknowledge that while the work might get hard and certainly tiresome, to keep your eyes on the harvest and the joy of presenting to Father, the "sheaths" you have gathered. What if you invited the last one Father is waiting for, before he calls us to come in. that could be our generation, or we might just be laboring to remain faithful in our generation.

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

From The Christian Education Department

Prepare to expand the good news of the Kingdom
Joseph O. Prewitt Diaz, PhD

For the last three weeks, Braddock's Sunday school for adults and young adults has shifted its focus on studying the practical aspects of evangelism. Our instructors have been Timothy and Terry Stockdale.

We learned the 4P's of evangelism (Pray, Prepare, Practice and Present). This approach was backed with key Bible verses, and a practical experience. We gained an understanding that nothing is coincidence and that anyone that opens their door or engages with us in conversation has already been moved by the Spirit.

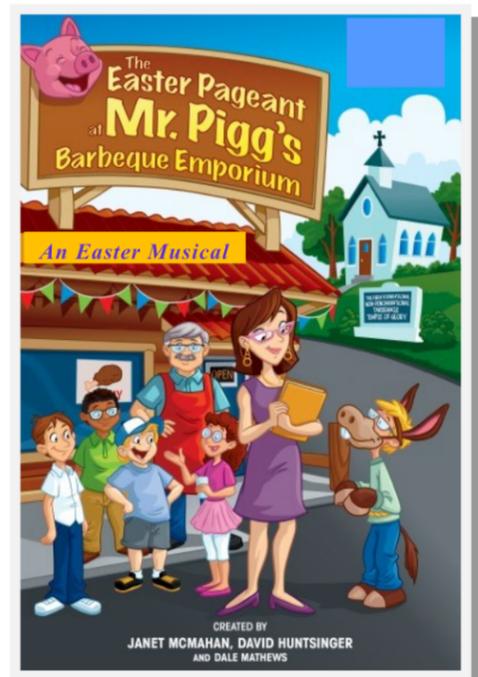
Ten years ago Tim and Terry were curious of ways to reach people. They were not satisfied with how they were growing in the faith so "they started to look at new pathways". Their pastor, at the time, engaged them in evangelism. Three years later they were taking the word to the people. Tim feels that "when people hear the gospel coming from my mouth they can be saved". He sees himself as an agent of transformation for Jesus. "He has pushed me to be out there and talk to the people, witness of His works, He just wants us to go.....to go...."; reflects Tim.

Jesus placed Tim and Terry in our midst to teach us a methodology of evangelism. Now the real work starts. We are challenged to put together a plan. Tim gave some examples, but the Church leadership, led by the Spirit, has to decide how to let our Braddock neighbors and extended families of the Church know how and when. Jesus wants us to share the good news of the Kingdom. He will reveal His will to all of us, as we grow in our relationship to Him.

Thanks to Tim and Terry we have a head start on the methodology of evangelism - reaching people for Christ. We have learned about approaching people, about what Bible verses are most appropriate, and about the skills we should be praying for, in order that we may approach others. We were also taught to submit to Him, who, through the cross achieved what is good for all of us: our salvation.

BRADDOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

presents...



April 12, 2015, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Braddock Baptist Church Sanctuary
6519 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312
(703)750-2962

Birthdays

- 09 Sunny Masih
 11 Danny Rodriguez
 12 Christina Collier
 13 Edd Dunn
 Moises Lazo
 16 Sandra Acosta
 17 Stephanie Pulas Corder
 26 Tsiky Raharinaivo
 27 Susan Elizabeth Palagyi
 28 Ariana Robinson
 29 David Salvatore

Anniversaries

- 04 Kylie & David Waters, Jr.
 09 Kathy & Mike Marshall
 17 John & Stephanie Short

MIHI YOUTH MADE IN HIS IMAGE

We would like to say with bright smiles, big eyes, excited spirits, and over filled hearts...THANK YOU! We owe very special "thank you's" to all the parents and grand parents and BBC members that assisted with our 1st Pie in the Face Fundraiser! For all the pie makers: thank you to Barb and Sarah Weaver, Stephanie Short, Patricia Lewis, Sara Perry, and Amy El-Naggar. And last but not least: those who donated their faces: Mitch Bennett, Dave Waters, Jim Hix, Harry Finley, Pastor Timothy Corder and the very lovely Becky Corder. [movie to come]

Giving to the youth fund helps support our youth in events, activities, outings, projects, missions goals, and of course food! We eat A LOT!

Speaking of missions goals, we have a local missions project coming up on May 3 in the evening. Mission Possible is a project where we are joining other Baptist youth groups for the Weekend Backpack Food Program in which we will have a night of worship as well as pack meals. This is a ministry that serves and meets the needs of children within Fairfax County. Children that are on reduced or free lunches at school will be given a bag of food to take home with them on Fridays ensuring they have a healthy and nutritious meal while at home over the weekend. This program serves over 150 kids within the area and we hope to provide their weekend meals for the remaining of the school year. More details to come as we work on collecting certain foods needed for this project. Please encourage your youth to join us in thinking of others more than ourselves.

Hector & Cristina Riojas



Braddock Baptist Church

Deacon Ministry

Dear Braddockians,

Have you ever pondered things in your life you would like to change? If you are like most people, you do and view your life in 3 categories: 1) relationships 2) employment and 3) your spiritual life. We look at our life and judge what we feel is going well and complain what is not right in our life. Usually we complain about other people in our lives that prevent us from reaching what we feel we need. I know it is true in my life. Paul says, "we are to be content in all things".

That does not mean that we cannot inventory where we are and where we think God wants to take us. It is important to be able to evaluate things in our lives to see if they match up with God's will. However, regretfully, I find in my life that if I think I can change another person first then that is when I will find spiritual bliss. That is not scriptural thinking. I must first die to my own way of looking at things and seek God's will for myself first.

Why as a deacon am I bringing this up? We all must change... but to change we must look at habits we have built up over the years and say, Lord, give me a fresh perspective that is true to the scriptures and a new way at looking at my relationships, my job, my spiritual life with my brothers and sisters at BBC. Lord give me Life. If the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed.

Spring is here, let us rise in newness of life to share the Gospel, to help the weak and the brokenhearted, and to minister the life of Christ to us first so that we might comfort others. If God gets that in your life, I can assure you you will be content with all things. Are you ready?

The Lord bless you!

Mitch Bennett and the deacon team

BBC Women

Attention all ladies of Braddock. As many of you know, our wonderful niece Sarah is marrying Dillon Sherlock in Raleigh on June 6th. To help these two recent college graduates get off to a good start in marriage, I will be hosting a wedding shower for Sarah immediately after church on April 26th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. While we are partying, the men will be enjoying a barbeque. If you would like to bring a present, you can visit the Corder-Sherlock wedding page on www.wedding.com. If you don't have internet, they are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's and Target. Please call or text me at 703-863-3510, if you have any questions. **Becky**

Women's Mission Union

There will be a WMU event on April 20 from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. We will be stuffing pillows, and hemming baby blankets for newborns in hospitals where some families don't have anything to wrap their baby with. Snacks will be served.

BBC Men

March 2015 the Braddock Baptist Church (BBC) Men and many times in conjunction with Women Mission Union (WMU) continued to serve and make additional plans to serve God and his people within BBC and the community. April will be a busy month. As we as a church begin to plan, prepare and pray for and about the 7:00 pm Good Friday service; the Easter Egg Hunt outreach to the community on Saturday at 1:00 pm; the Easter Sunrise service around 7:00 am; the Breakfast immediately afterwards; and finally the 11:00 am Easter Sunday Worship we all should shout out a big "Praise to the Lord and Halleauh cause we do serve a Risen God".

Event that happened in March:

BBC Work Day

The BBC work day was held on Saturday March 21st. Approximately 12 Braddockian showed up to assist with this in-house mission event to do a spring spruce up of BBC. Activities included , trimming shrubs, weeding the flower beds, replacing the light bulbs on steeple, cleaning rubbish and trees off the roof above the main entrance way, replacing the air conditioning filters throughout the church, painting the doors and floor boards in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall and other activities. Thanks to the Braddockians that came out and assisted with the BBC workday and a special thank you to the Building and Grounds Committee, chaired by Barrie Dunn, for coordinating the event.

Upcoming events in April:

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4th at 1:00 pm on the BBC grounds. We need help from all Braddockian in the preparation and facilitating this event. **HOWCAN YOU HELP?** Donate bags of individually wrapped candy, bowled eggs, plastic eggs, talents (face painting, balloon art, etc.), and yes your time. We hope to have 50 to 75 children attend this outreach event. To assure that every child receives eggs during the hunt, we need to fill several hundred plastic eggs with candy. Filling the eggs is a monumental task and requires help of many. If you can donate some time to fill the eggs, please contact Linda Waters at 571-236-0793 who is coordinating this event or the church office. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

Cross Pointe House near George Mason University (GMU) Work Day

Youth, Men, and Women are encouraged and welcomed to join us on April 11th for an outreach mission endeavor at the Cross House on Roberts Road to help beautify the grounds. We will be mowing grass, trimming shrubs, weeding the flower beds, and maybe power washing the deck. We will meet Saturday morning at 8:30 am in the BBC parking lot and will leave shortly afterwards to go to the Cross Pointe House to work until about noon. Donuts and coffee will be provided and lunch afterwards at Dairy Queen on Braddock road for the workers. If you have a few hours free, please come and join us in this mission outreach project.

BBC Men's April Meeting

The BBC monthly meeting will be on Monday March 30th at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Men please plan to be there as we will discuss activities and dates for the next few months.

Other important dates and events to remember include:

April:

Monthly Meeting 4/7 @ 7:00

Fri 3rd
 Sat 4th
 Sun 5th

Good Friday Service @ 7:00 pm
 Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 pm (Linda Waters)
 Easter Sunrise Continental Breakfast @7 am-
 BBC Men purchase items & host
 Easter Worship @11:00 am
 Crosspoint House Cleanup @ 8:30 am
 Easter Cantata

Sun 5th
 Sat 11th
 Sun 12th

God Loves You and So Do I!

Keep the Faith!

Dave Waters, President BBC Men

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