## Seeking God • Serving Others BRADDOCK Baptist Church



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#### **Every Week:**

#### Sundays

TBD......Church Breakfast
9:45 a.m....Sunday School
11:00 a.m....Worship Service
On Youtube: "Braddock Baptist Church"

#### Mondays

6:30 p.m Skype.....Young Adults Small Group https://join.skype.com/FWTc2OLpIqC4

#### Wednesdays

6:30 p.m Skype.......Prayer Meeting https://join.skype.com/r07C9euD5UWY 6:30 p.m....Youth Group

#### **MDO Preschool**

Monday-Friday Opens 8:00a.m.

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# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

#### **Pastor Corder Note**

There's a lot going on: even during these last days of winter, hopefully the diminishing season of the isolating days of the plague of covid, God is working. The acknowledgement that God is at work should stand for all of us as an invitation to join Him. I want to share a list of things I have going on not to the exclusion of any of the marvelous things you may have going on, but if you find yourself board or wondering if there might be some things you can do, you can join me with most of these events.

March 9 there are two discipleship classes going on and if you are not part of one you should really let Jon know that you would like to join a virtual class where you listen and share insights and experiences in God's word and your walk with Him throughout your walk in this life.

March 10 at 6:30 pm we have Prayer Meeting, you are invited to log in again via Skype on any of your devices; smart phone, laptop or tablet and you can hear and see those joining us and praying in an assigned order if participating so to help move the prayer time along. This method keeps of moving along in our prayers and makes it to were we conclude approximately at the hour point. Although many often stay on and continue to chat and catch-up on the latest going on in this body of Christ! For skype address: call the office.

March 12-13 work time at the church: masks and gloves provided, the work will be various things like prepping rooms in education wing to be painted and some general sprucing up around the building that is not currently under renovation. Time for the event will be published via email soon.

March 14 Pastor Kaleli will be bring the sermon and you will be especially blessed if you attend in person or on YouTube if you plan to have your Bibles open and watch his slides as he writes most everything out and then listen to what the Lord has revealed to him from God's Holy Word!

March 15, Review / Preview, 16<sup>th</sup> discipleship you can join a group and choose which day of the week will work best for your group. The 17<sup>th</sup> Prayer Meeting again!

March 21, I am currently looking at the passage in John 11, where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, all the while heading to Jerusalem. And then  $22^{nd}$ , and 23 Review / Preview and Discipleship classes again.

March 24, Prayer Meeting

March 28 Palm Sunday Jesus arrival in Jerusalem.

March 31Worship Wednesday of Holy Week will be discussing our Savior washing the feet of his disciples and commissioning them to serve others.

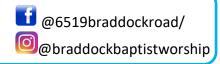
April 4, Resurrection Sunday we hope to have a sunrise service out doors in the Churches front yard. And then at 11a.m.to have the first service in the newly renovated Sanctuary, we do not expect to have the elevator in play so this will not be our official kick off but should be an exciting time for all whether you join us in person of on Line.

This is a month in my schedule, yet most everything is open for all to join in, if not in person then on line. I want to encourage you all to stay in touch with one another and with your church even during these trying times. We are not forsaking the assembling of ourselves with one another as is the habit of some even in the best of times. Did I mention we are still having prayer, even if you cannot join in don't hesitate to let us know how we can pray for you and your concerns.

This is a Corder note from your pastor sent to stir you on to good works and love one for anther.

Love you, Pastor Timothy

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#### **Sunday School Update**

Hello and welcome to Sunday School, welcome to March 2021, welcome to Daylight Saving time (14 March), happy St Patrick's day (17 March), welcome to Spring...yes Spring (20 March), welcome to Palm Sunday (28 March), and then of course, Easter---WOW!

Welcome to the Spring quarter of Sunday school! Normally our Sunday school literature would swing back to study a book of the

Old Testament, but this year our literature from Lifeway will be remaining in the New Testament and a continuing study of the book of LUKE. For March, April and May we will be studying the remainder of Luke chapters 10-24. With a special lesson on April 4th Easter Sunday and the Resurrection!

Jesus is the Resurrected Savior and Lord

What a glorious difference Jesus' resurrection makes in our lives!

Enjoy the glories of springtime and God's wonderful creation as you watch the beauties of our planet spring to life, and the ongoing blessings our Risen Lord provides us each and every day.

Please continue to attend Sunday school and Worship online or in person. Don't forget to "reach out" and INVITE someone to join you.

God Bless You and Stay Safe,

Gary Moore, Sunday School Director Chairman of the Board **March Birthdays** 

**08 Austin Perry** 

14 Jamima Raharinaivo

17 Roselle Aguilar

28 Melanie Bennett

28 Gabriel Gesin

29 Sara Perry



#### **Deacons Corner**

The month of March brings Spring when the earth awakens and is a season of growth and renewal. Just a reminder to spring-forward 1 hour for the time change on Sunday, March 14th.

Palm Sunday is March 28th, marking the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. In Matthew 21:1-11, when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey as prophesied in Isaiah 62:11, the crowd cut down palm branches and laid them down in the road where Jesus would travel. They shouted "Hosanna to the King, Hosanna to the son of David, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord (also referenced in Psalm 118:26), Hosanna in the highest." Hosanna was used to express their adoration, praise & joy.

This is quite the contrast of what they will be shouting at the crucifixion of Jesus. But we are encouraged by Paul's words in Romans 8:32, "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for all, how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things."

In February, the Deacons made home visits to shut-ins, delivered meals to the elderly, and reached out to church members.

Let us know if your deacons can assist in any way.

#### **Elaine Comer & the new Deacon Team**

PS If your contact information, has not been updated...i.e. address, email or phone number.... please be sure to let Jonathan know. If any of your contact information has changed in the last couple of years, it will be more difficult to stay in touch if your deacon has outdated information.

#### Serving families:

Sunny Masih & Wesley Brown

Manjaka A. & Tsiky R.

Harry & Carol Finley

Elaine Comer

Letters A through G

Letters H through P

Letters Q through Z

Pastors & Deacons

#### **Note from the Associate Pastor**

Beloved Jesus Church at Braddock,

As we enter the third month of the year we continue thanking God for His continued love, grace and mercy upon us as individuals, as families, as a church and also as a nation. May God in His grace continues to protect each one of us from the ongoing pandemic. We continue praying for God's protection and healing for any of us who has tested positive or contacted COVID-19. Too may we take heed to the CDC precautions as we seek vaccination for those who have not taken it.

Sometime ago at our Sunday school lesson we talked about Jesus in prayer on the mountain where he was transfigured with Moses and Elijah appearing with Him when a voice from the God of all creation spoke from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son: Hear him".( Luke 9:35). We saw that Jesus cannot be equated with or compared with any other being . He is God's unique beloved son who clothed himself with a human body and lived victoriously on earth as a human being, he suffered, was crucified, died for our sins, was buried and raised from the dead and now lives in glory for all eternity.

For the bridge article this month I am encouraging all us to explore further the wonder of Jesus Christ. Read the following to get further glimpse of the wonder of Jesus Christ.

"Jesus was born in a small village called Bethlehem...He never wrote a book, he never held an office, he never had a wife or children, he never owned a home. Jesus only taught for 3 years, but his lessons will last for eternity.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Life.

2,000 years have come and gone, and today Jesus Christ still is the greatest man who ever lived. He changed the world forever. Jesus the creator of Christianity

introduced a respect for life and freedom that was unknown before the coming of Jesus Christ.

In the ancient world, the teachings of Jesus Christ inspired the first charities and religious organizations, created hospitals established orphanages and founded schools. Christianity built libraries, invented colleges and universities promoted justice and provided the greatest inspiration for transforming society for the better across 2000 years.

No other religion, philosophy, teaching, nation or movement has changed the world for the better as Christianity has done. All because of one man called Jesus the Christ. The Bible points us to Jesus Christ within its pages. The Bible has an overall message and that is the good news that God loves mankind and gave his only begotten Son, so we could have eternal life.

The Bible is the greatest Book ever written and it is the number one bestselling book in all of history. It is estimated that well over 30 million Bibles and 100 million New Testaments are printed every year. The Bible has also been translated into more languages than any other book in history. Those words wrote in the book called the Bible is God and the Word became flesh and we know him as Jesus.

Hebrews 1:3,8,9. describes Jesus thus, "Who being the brightness of his glory [God's Glory], and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high... But unto the Son he saith, thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom. Jesus Christ, the greatest man who lives." https://www.transformedbythetruth.com/jesus-christ-is-the-greatest-man-who-has-ever-lives

Above is a further glimpse on Jesus Christ: The Greatest Man Who Lives! No wonder Jesus states, "... This is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3). In all our different church ministries ... Sunday school children, MDO, the youth, young adults, worship team, Sunday School Bible Studies, Discipleship classes, deacons, the church board, the pastoral team all should make it our

primary objective to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Savior and our LORD.

Please pray that God in His time will raise someone who will guide not only Discipleship 101 but also the Hispanic discipleship class. May God's gracious presence abide with all of us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor

#### **Kingdom Work Youth Ministry**

Happy March Beloved,

So as some of you know, I had Covid the first week of March. It felt like a cold to me that lasted a full week instead of a few days. Brittany and Gabriel are feeling fine! Thank God that He protected them. My heart goes out to all who are suffering with Covid, or have had family losses due to Covid. God is still going to use this pandemic for His honor and glory, we just have to have Faith in HIM!

Our youth have started back to school in person part time. It is a complicated process and they have to wear double masks. So please pray for our youth as they face the challenges of going back to school in the midst of a pandemic. Also pray for wisdom for the schools to decide what is best for the kids! We are continuing through our Awana's program and I want to thank Sunny who has stepped up and subbed for me while I was out with Covid. He does an amazing job; the kids love him!

On a side note, Gabriel turns 1 this month! How crazy is that? I feel like he was just born and now he is already turning 1 year old on the 28<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday you little squirt! Momma and Dada love you. Please pray for continued growth and maturity for young Gabriel, especially for his faith, that God draws Him near even now.

With love from the Gesin family,

Jonathan Gesin, Youth Director

Health & Wellness Tidbit

### Did you know...

The current recommendations for most adults is to reach at least 150 minutes of moderate activity per week. You'll get there by exercising for 30 minutes, 5 times a week. Can't find 30 minutes in your busy schedule? It's okay to break things up. Two 15-minute workouts or three 10-minute workouts can be just as effective.



#### **Stewardship**

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to report that our auditors have found that our 2020 financial reporting system presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial operations of the Church. Amy, our Treasurer, and Jody, Assistant Treasurer, were commended by the auditors for their perseverance, diligence and dedication in this time of COVID-19.

| Capital Campaign Summary                                                     |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Received thru 2/15                                                           | \$1,836,762.25 |
| Approximate amt of contributions or borrowing needed to complete the project | \$308,332.84   |

#### **Giving**

You can continue to give by sending your checks, payable to Braddock Baptist Church, to our address, 6519 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312. You can also give online through our website! Scroll down and hit the "donate now" button on the bottom right in the home page. We also have an offering plate in the back of the "Upper Room" Sanctuary for those joining us in person! Thank you for your continued giving and Obedience to Christ!