

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 (First Day: Sept. 9)
Monday-Friday 9:30a.m.-1:30 p.m.

LIFE AT BRADDOCK

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The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

Pastor Corder Note

This late October morn, I set to write the article for the November Bridge and I am excited to think that when I write my December Bridge article, I could likely be inviting you back to the future. The new and very much improved Worship Center, at Braddock! Wow!

We are very much thinking we will be able to Walk through the (4) weeks of Advent leading up to the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus in the new Sanctuary. Hopefully followed a month later into the New Fellowship Hall, with a new Kitchen, and more room to spread out and enjoy food and fun. I know we are all praying and looking forward to this day coming. Continue to pray for the Architect, Contractor and your Board as many decisions are being made daily to bring this about.

Now let me talk to you about another building project:

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: 2 Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance. 3 Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God’s holy people...



Jude, Jesus’s half Brother writes many things to the saints among which is to build up themselves in FAITH!

17 But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. 18 They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.” 19 These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. 20 But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. 22 Be merciful to those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. 24 To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— 25 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Jude with a lengthy warning of evil doers among us and those who wish to divide us, admonishes, that in all this, we should be shoring up our foundations of faith in Christ atoning work on the cross. And that we should keep ourselves in the ever-current presence of God’s Love, which he holds out to all who are in Christ Jesus. And we should be living in expectation of coming into the fulness, of the realization of eternal life, that we are waiting for.

Love you, Pastor Timothy

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Sunday School Update

November 2020! By now I hope you've enjoyed the extra hour of sleep we got as we close out another Daylight Savings Time and fall back to Eastern Standard Time. The days will be getting shorter and the nights longer. What are your plans to get through the longer hours of darkness? Why not focus on The Light of the world our Lord and savior Jesus. Take time out to search out the vast number of references to Light in the Bible and how many refer to Christ.

I hope you are enjoying our Old Testament Sunday school lessons on the book of Isaiah being taught our awesome teachers. What a wonderful opportunity we have each Sunday to be taught and preached God's Holy Word! What a wonderful time to worship and praise Our God in songs, prayers and messages from the Lord through our Pastor to remind and encourage us to live each day

“In Christ Our Lord.”

Please remember to share the Gospel and INVITE someone to join you in Sunday school and Worship here at Braddock or online via YouTube.

NOVEMBER

A time when we celebrate Thanksgiving! What a great time to celebrate the Harvest of Plenty we receive from the bounty that God shares with us each and every day of our lives----I hope we all remember to praise and thank Him, every day of our lives!

Sneak Peek: 5 December we start the Winter quarter of Sunday school by studying the first nine chapters of the Gospel of Luke.

Finally, remember to thank a Veteran on Veteran's Day and as always keep our First Responders and Essential Workers in your prayers.

God Bless You

Gary Moore, Sunday School Director
Chairman of the Board

Note from the Deacons

Oh, the Lord is Soooo faithful! He is building His house but more importantly building His people. His church is His people and it is growing.
How you ask?

- 1) Discipling classes - Saints at Braddock are not only taking discipleship classes but also teaching them. Pastors are not only teaching classes they are taking classes with other members of the church. What a spirit of humility and spirit of discipleship! Praise the Lord.
- 2) Deacons are being raised up within the Body of Christ. Deacons do not just fill positions. They are being recognized as already serving the saints at Braddock. I can attest 2 our 2 new deacons, Wesley and Tsiky; and attest to our returning deacon, Sunny for their service at Braddock. I want to personally congratulate and challenge each of these deacons as they “officially” serve the saints at Braddock. The world is looking for community and stability in the world and deacons are a key facet to the local church. Deacons testify of God’s faithfulness in their lives, to the church and to the world. The challenge to the deacons is to keep the faith. If we believe God, He counts that faith as righteousness. And the world is looking to see if God is real; and our faith is seen as we make decisions to serve Him. Hallelujah!

The new deacon team will be in place in the next couple of weeks so look for that announcement.

Sometime in the next 6 weeks we will be worshipping in the new finished sanctuary. Don’t be fooled....the work goes on in our living temple as we trust Him and serve God and His people. May you and I see the significance of our life and the work He has for us to do. Christianity is not a spectator sport; it is a battle for His will over our own.

The Lord is at work; jump in with both feet. Don’t have one foot in this world and one foot on your faith in Christ. There is much work to do at Braddock. You and I, as members of the body of Christ, have a responsibility to serve in the fellowship He has placed us. Ask not what your church can do for you but what you can do for the church!

Mitch B and the Deacon Team!
703.451.7784

November Birthdays

03 Robin Taylor

08 Severina Hood

09 Rusty Carpenter

11 Mitch Bennett

12 Becky Corder

17 Ellen Pearson

23 Alex El-Naggar

23 Brooke Perry

25 Jody Dunning



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:

Harry & Carol Finley	—————>	Letters A through G
Becky Corder & Jim Hix	—————>	Letters H through P
Elaine Comer & Manjaka	—————>	Letters Q through Z

Note from the Associate Pastor

Beloved BBC Family,

Praises and thanksgiving be to our God for his loving kindness and mercies which endures forever. As His Word tells us that because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV) Though undeserving as we are yet His mercies and grace are sufficient for each one us every day.

I am sure all of us have heard the phrase “Decisions have consequences!” What is the hardest decision you had to make in your life? How has it affected your life? Are you what you are today because of that decision? As we reflect on the earthly life of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, what would you say was Jesus hardest decision? As humans no one knows! But we can guess. For me I would say it was at Gethsemane when our LORD sweat blood as he interceded with the Father for the cup of the cross to pass. (Luke 22:39-44).

What was the deal during such an agonizing and anguishing moment of prayer by our Lord? What was at stake? The whole humanity was at stake! Had the father answered that prayer and exempted Jesus Christ from going through the cross then all humanity would be banished from God’s presence for all eternity.

In a few days we as a country we will hold elections. What is the civil role of the church in this election? We pray that we the church in USA will be like the sons of Issachar who the Bible tells us were “men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do” (1 Chronicles 12:32). We are also instructed by Prophet Samuel’s example when he led the Israelites at a time of choosing a king. God’s word says, “When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.” (1 Samuel 16:6 NIV). Why? Prophet Samuel looked at Eliab’s amazing external qualities.

However, as we know the story God spoke to Samuel, “But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7).

As we have been studying from the book of Acts, remember Peter after the apostles had nominated two disciples who had been with them i.e. Justus and Mathias they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen...Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles (Acts 1:23-26).

In regard to the forthcoming election in November 3, may God who knows everyone’s heart, knows what is best for this country, lead us at this critical hour and superintend the electoral process and give to this great land the President of His choice.

Bearing in mind that ‘decisions have consequences’ we pray God who looks at the heart and whose choice is the best to give to our beloved country the President after His own heart. Amen!

Pastor Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor.

Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Happy November Beloved Braddock!

We are in a time of expectation! Election day is the 3rd, coming so quickly. I pray that we all vote, and that we all do it according to the Bible. What does the Bible say about right and wrong? We should vote according to which party upholds, to as much degree as possible, the commands of God. We are in one of the most important elections yet, and the church needs to speak out against evil. We cannot hide or stand down. We must make a stand to defend God’s Word.

So, if you are deciding not to vote, or to vote based on your own feelings or preferences, I plead with you to take a moment, read what the Bible says about different issues that each presidential candidate stands on, and vote according to the truth of Scripture. I also pray that God’s name is glorified through this election. No matter what, God is in control! It is God who establishes people in authority. Romans 12:1 says, **“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”** When you are tempted to be fearful or anxious about this election and afterwards, be reminded that God is in full control. The promises of Scripture are unchanging. He will still work all things for our good. He will still take care of all our needs. He will still always be with us. He will still direct our steps. He still loves us. He still sent His only son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. There are so much more promises of Scripture that we can hold fast too, even through this election.

I am praying for the body of Christ at Braddock and look forward to how God will use us. Please pray for our beautiful youth group. How precious are these young soles trying to navigate in today’s world? Pray diligently for them. I am doing my best to shepherd them as Christ shepherds me.

God bless you and keep you!

Jonathan Gesin, Youth Director

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Health & Wellness Tidbit

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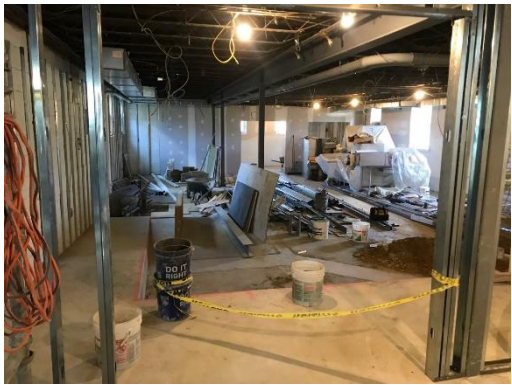
Did you know that colder temperatures can benefit your health? Colder temperatures may help reduce allergies and inflammation and research has shown that it can help you think more clearly and perform daily tasks better.

Stewardship

So far, the renovation of our Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, adding a new sound system, chairs, elevator, and putting in a commercial kitchen is going well! Please review some pictures below of the renovation. To date, we have received about \$1.4 million for our capital campaign (mostly from contributions). The estimated \$550k to complete the project will be mostly funded by issuing bonds. (We have issued \$150k to date and plan to issue another \$300k on January 1.) We are continuing to take donations and issue bonds to pay for this renovation project. We have been blessed to receive the amount to date and have seen a wonderful response to the bond drive. We look forward to watching Him as He continues to provide through His people. The contractor believes that we can move into our Sanctuary in December and the other renovated space in early 2021!

If you are interested in purchasing a bond, the bond denominations will be \$10,000, paying 3.25% annual simple interest on December 31 of each year until redeemed December 31, 2039. The bonds will be a general obligation of the Church and will be callable (redeemable) in whole or in part at the discretion of the BBC Board on or after December 31, 2023.

Anyone who has an interest in purchasing one or more bonds, or desires additional information, should contact our Church Treasurer (Amy El-Naggar) or our Stewardship Chairman (Harry Finley). Please see the bond letter on the next page.



Join us for our quarterly business meeting!

The BBC Board of Directors is scheduling a church wide meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2020, after worship to:

- (1) Provide an update on the renovation progress
- (2) Present the 2021 budget for approval
- (3) Present Subject Matter Expert (SME) names and other church positions for approval for those church members who have agreed to serve the church in 2021, and
- (4) Invite other updates from SMEs, church clerk, and our treasurer.



Church Bond Letter

Dear Braddockian,

We are happy to report that over \$1.3 million has been made available for our renovation project and donations continue to come in. In planning the project last year, the BBC Board of Directors believed we would need to borrow funds to complete the project, and the Church authorized the Board to do so.

Therefore, the Board is planning to issue Church Bonds on or after October 1, 2020, as needed, to finance the balance of the Church renovation. The Bond denomination will be \$10,000 paying 3.25% annual simple interest on December 31 of each year until redeemed on December 31, 2039. The Bonds will be general obligations of the Church and will be callable (redeemable) in whole or in part at the discretion of the Board on or after December 31, 2023.

It shall be the Church’s policy that, notwithstanding the absolute legal requirement that the Bonds do not have to be redeemed until December 31, 2039, the Board may consider on a case by case basis requests for redemption of bonds for hardship reasons. In this case, the Bonds may be redeemed from current or borrowed funds including issuing additional bonds with the same or different terms.

Anybody who has an interest in purchasing one or more bonds, or desires additional information, should contact our Church Treasurer or our Stewardship Chairman. These positions are currently held by Amy El-Naggar (571-748-8741) and Harry Finley (703-256-3480).

Blessings, Senior Pastor

Timothy Corder, Pastor

Braddock Baptist Church

Church Location Update

For Sunday Service, we are now partially reopening on the third floor for worship. The church renovation is in full swing and we are waiting expectantly to see our new sanctuary, fellowship hall, and lobby. Please be flexible in this time of transition and let us know if you have any questions. For those unable to do three flights of stairs, or unable to come due to being at high risk for Covid-19, you can also find our livestream on YouTube @ “Braddock Baptist Church.” Sunday School starts at 9:45am, and Service starts at 11:00am! We would love to see you every Sunday!



Our 2/3rd Braddock Baptist Church Temporary Sanctuary

