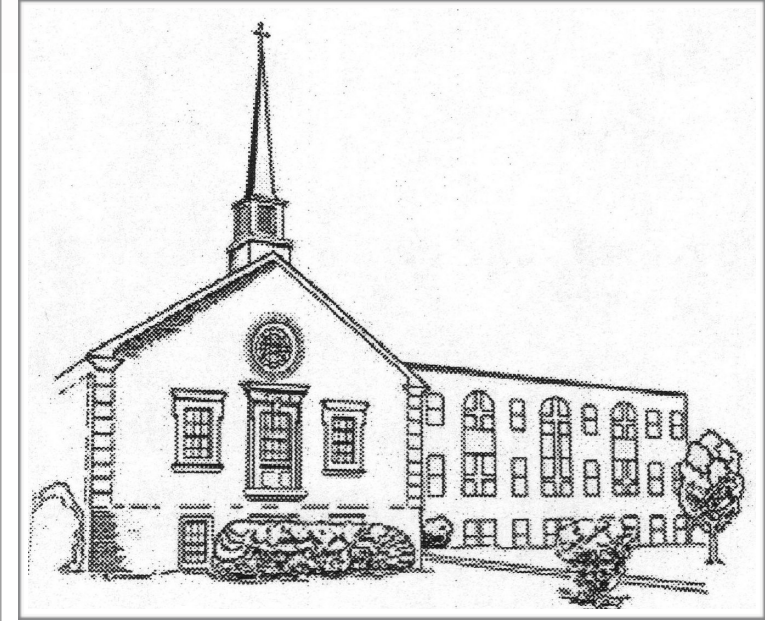


Seeking God ● Serving Others

BRADDOCK Baptist Church



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Every Week:

Sundays

9:30a.m. Fellowship

9:45a.m. Sunday School

10:45a.m. Prayer

11:00a.m. Worship Service

Mondays

6:30 p.m. Young Adults

Small

Tuesdays

12 p.m. Women’s Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Children’s Class

7:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

Fridays

6 p.m. First Friday Fellowship

6:30 p.m. OPEG (First Friday)

Saturdays

9 a.m. Exercise

10 a.m. ESL Classes

12p.m. GED Class

Mother’s Day Out

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

Continue In Our Yearly Bible Reading

Calendar for Daily Reading of Scriptures					
JANUARY					
DATE	MORNING	EVENING	DATE	MORNING	EVENING
1	Ge 1, 2, 3	Ma 1	17	Ge 41, 42	Ma 12: 1-23
2	Ge 4, 5, 6	Ma 2	18	Ge 43, 44, 45	Ma 12:24-50
3	Ge 7, 8, 9	Ma 3	19	Ge 46, 47, 48	Ma 13: 1-30
4	Ge 10, 11, 12	Ma 4	20	Ge 49, 50	Ma 13:31-58
5	Ge 13, 14, 15	Ma 5: 1-26	21	Ex 1, 2, 3	Ma 14: 1-21
6	Ge 16, 17	Ma 5:27-48	22	Ex 4, 5, 6	Ma 14:22-36
7	Ge 18, 19	Ma 6: 1-18	23	Ex 7, 8	Ma 15: 1-20
8	Ge 20, 21, 22	Ma 6:19-34	24	Ex 9, 10, 11	Ma 15:21-39
9	Ge 23, 24	Ma 7	25	Ex 12, 13	Ma 16
10	Ge 25, 26	Ma 8: 1-17	26	Ex 14, 15	Ma 17
11	Ge 27, 28	Ma 8:18-34	27	Ex 16, 17, 18	Ma 18: 1-20
12	Ge 29, 30	Ma 9: 1-17	28	Ex 19, 20	Ma 18:21-35
13	Ge 31, 32	Ma 9:18-38	29	Ex 21, 22	Ma 19
14	Ge 33, 34, 35	Ma 10: 1-20	30	Ex 23, 24	Ma 20: 1-16
15	Ge 36, 37, 38	Ma 10:21-42	31	Ex 25, 26	Ma 20:17-34
16	Ge 39, 40	Ma 11			

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The **BRIDGE**

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

Corder Note

New, everyone likes new things, wants new things! After a recent day forging through a compacted sewer line, remembering my days in construction and laying new pipe that nothing yucky had ever traveled, I preferred the new pipes to the over used ones. New cars, new smells everything new just seem better.

This year people have come up to let me know that they were reading thought the bible with myself and others, some for the first time and some for just another time around, yet seemingly with the same enthusiasm. Why would you suppose that those who were to start reading the same book, again, for what would be a repeated visit to the same pages would do so with similar excitement as those wishing to take this voyage the first time? For me it will be the tenth time since I have been your pastor at Braddock, but many more time than that have I take the same route “Through the Bible in a Year”, this year I will be looking to stopover in places where in year past I merely cursed through, taking the time to examine nuances that I have failed to see in prior trips through.

So, for me and so many others, we will be traveling through old familiar territory to catch new insights from heights and depths than we have in previous just gendered.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of

God is alive and

active...

The living word, indicates that it is breathing, actively interactively relating to us at different junctures in our routes. One time down this path we are happy go lucky so to speak, the next time at the same place on the same route we have just been snake bit only to look over and see that there is a ranger cabin we had never noticed before, with a snakebite first aid kit in it and a help line that connects you directly to the great physician.

Each and every time through the word I take a very similar path, but I’m in a very different frame of mind, and God is so good to show me NEW facets of himself, his character, loving and exacting that I need to better understand why I am where I am and more importantly with who I am on the road trip with and what is require of me at this time around.

Some last year started the marathon of “through the bible” with us and found the road to difficult to make it last year much beyond the starting line, others have in resent day shared they are a little behind the pack but will push to catch up and finish with the rest.

I have just one small word of advice to those who wish to run with us this year 2018: for the first time “through the bible” or maybe your multiply start but what you hope to be your first time over the finish line, or for those who have felt the victory of the finish line many time yet push to quickly return to the starting line again to run a new race. What helps me is to understand how many things one can do FIRST- just ONE! That which is a first import, is usually done first, then if one does not get everything done in a day they had hoped, they got that of first importance done first and that which was put off until the next day is of lesser importance!!!

Matthew 6:33-34 But seek first his kingdom and his

righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry

about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Fellow runners, let’s begin our journey together NEW YEARS Eve service at 11:30 pm-12:15 am and keep pace with one another spurring one another on to win the price together!

Love You,
Pastor Timothy
Senior Pastor

Happy New Year!

And continued welcome to Sunday School's Winter quarter of Bible Study, Acts chapters 13 thru 28. How appropriate that the winter quarter of study began with “The Gospel Message.” The Light has come into the world. Have you ever *pondered* how winter is ushered in with days becoming increasingly darker. Then the celebration of Christmas and the Light of the World making His entrance as the incarnate Son of God entering as baby fully God Himself and fully man like us. A Bright Star then shining down to locate the child Jesus. Have you ever *pondered*

that even today since the time of our celebration of Christmas we ever increasingly see our days become gradually lighter...Hmmm do you think it could be part of God's plan of creation...just a thought. Our New Year with ever increasing light!

What better way to celebrate the New Year than Bible study and Worship. Come to Sunday school and learn more about Jesus and the light He brings to us all, and then Worship God in Spirit and Truth for the “free” Gift God has given us in His only Son Jesus who brings us Salvation and Life Eternal, it doesn't get and Brighter than that!!!

What a Glorious New Year!
Enjoy! Celebrate!

God Bless You,
Gary Moore
Sunday School Director



miHi Youth

Happy New Year Braddock!

With the new year always come new beginnings. For our family, this also means some endings. This will be our last article in The BRIDGE. At the end of this month we will be packing and moving to our new station.

It’s not easy leaving a family. I don’t mean just our immediate family of Uncle Tim, Aunt Becky, and Emily, although that will be incredibly hard. I mean leaving a church family. I am so thankful that God cares enough about us to give us community. In the Women’s Bible Study, we learned how God cared enough for Mary that He gave her Elizabeth. Both were miraculously pregnant and going through similar circumstances. Since Hector is in the Navy and we move every four years, we are acutely aware of the importance of church community: God’s family. We are trusting in Him for our next church family.

Braddock has been our family. We have so many things to be thankful for in our time here. We started our family here, and are overwhelmed with the love you’ve shown our girls. We have been blessed with the parsonage, a wonderful and safe home where our girls could run around and grow. We were given wonderful challenges that caused us to grow in our prayer life.

There has been heartache as well, but God is always good. We have been encouraged by people like Gary Moore and Harry Finley. Our Pastor Timothy has had to walk a fine line with the politics of this age and (political) demographic, in the hiring of family. I hope that we have been above reproach. Our only desire has been to sow into the lives of our youth and this church. We never watered down the Bible, despite the social suicide. Our characters did suffer attack, along with Pastor and others. (Although I would venture to say the Pastor suffered the most). I would hope that many of you may not know what we are talking about, but I’m warily aware that probably isn’t true. We believe in the Word of God as infallible and the only source of Truth. From it, we derive what should be our behavior: in the church, in our family life, our work life, and in everything our hands find to do.

And so I challenge you Braddock to let go of religion which will leave you “stuck,” and to stick to the Word of God which never changes. The music, the building, the staff, the programs may change, but God’s Word will not. In fact, the scriptures show that His Word is what revives us.

With Love,
Cristina Riojas
email me at rio@BraddockBaptistChurch.org



January Birthdays

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| 8 | Jim Hix |
| 12 | Stanley Dunning |
| 21 | Joyce Taylor |
| 22 | Jeremy David Berry |
| 25 | Volana Raharinaivo |
| 29 | Savanna Schmoe |

January Anniversaries

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| 6 | Tim and Terry Stockdale |
| 17 | Jason and So Hyun Williams |

**“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?”
Psalm 85:6 (NIV)**

“I lie in the dust; revive my by your word” Psalm 119:25 (NLT)

I can’t believe another year is beginning! 2018 is just around the corner; so much for all those people who thought the world was going to end a couple times by now, huh? I laugh at the lame attempts of man to understand God’s timing and Sovereign plan; but I digress.

God has through His grace provided another year for us to grow in our faith; individually and corporately. I think of Jonah today as I write this. Think about where you fit into the story of Jonah. See, Jonah ran away from what God was calling him to do. Do you fit in yet? Then God had to go to extreme measures to get Jonah’s attention and solicit His obedience. Do you fit in now? What about after that when God relented from His disaster on Nineveh because Jonah obeyed and Nineveh repented? Jonah worshiped God and then afterward began to complain. Honestly, we all fit right into the story of Jonah.

We are phenomenally inconsistent and sinful. But the Lord, in all His grace; just like with Jonah, will continue to pursue us and give us grace to fulfill what He has called us to do. This year as you look forward to new challenges, goals, or obstacles, may the grace of God encourage you to keep on keeping on!

In His service,
JJ Engelbrecht, Associate Pastor
@ Braddock Baptist Church

Deacons

Dear Braddockians,

I had just gotten use to writing 2017 in my checkbook and now a new year, 2018.

Time in the form of a new year creates new opportunities physically and spiritually.

Physically, we may look at the scale, measure our weight and say.....to create change I need to eat healthier or exercise more or both. It takes action in many forms.

Spiritually, the bible says, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature (creation); the old things passed away, behold, all things have become new.” (2nd Cor 5:17) What is Paul saying to the Corinthian church? “If any of you are in Christ”.....meaning if you are in Christ, trusting Him, abiding (dwelling under) in Him, and/or keeping short accounts with Him then you are a new creation. Do you notice that all of those “actions” are passively completed? The transaction occurs in our heart and mind as we walk by faith in His finished work. Contrast that to what we need to “do” physically. We need to eat soooo much less and exercise soooo much more to create change. Boy do I fall short physically but spiritually in 2018 and beyond, let us allow God to change us and work through us as we trust in His finished work.

Lastly, You now should have been contacted by your assigned deacon at least once. If you do not know who your deacon is there are a number of ways to find out: 1) look at the bulletin board in the main hall 2) Look at last months Bridge article 3) check your email in-box 4) check the church directory that is available on your smart phone or ask your deacon for a paper copy of what is online and we will happily supply it. We are here to serve you and pray for any needs you may have.

Mitch B and the Deacon Team

Stewardship

At the November 15, 2017 Business Meeting, the 2018 Church Budget was reviewed and approved. If you need a copy, please stop by the church office or see Amy El-Nagggar. We look forward to having a physically, mentally, spiritually, and financially healthy new year!

BBC Board of Directors

In November, the following items were discussed:

- We have had a good start to the Capital Campaign. We have received \$414,000 in pledges in the first 2 weeks
- We’ll be providing Capital Campaign updates to the Church via the Sunday bulletin and Bridge. We will start noting actuals collected as of Oct 15, 2017.
- Continued to discuss ways to improve coordination and communication.

Please feel free to review the minutes in the Church office for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy El-Nagggar, Church Clerk

Winkler Botanical Preserve, Alexandria Gary Moore has worked at the preserve since 1999. He says he has had countless jobs, working for the summer camp, grounds and many other programs within the park. This hidden gem in Alexandria has many walking paths. Paths that lead over rivers, toward the lake, near apple trees and past their old high ropes course. The high rises and traffic noise quickly disappear as you entire this peaceful escape. Mr. Moore says he has seen many deer and other wildlife while running these trails. This is just one of the bridges along the trail.

This picture was taken by Pastor JJ on 12-05-17. If you have a picture and story of a Bridge please send them to eecorder@braddockbaptistchurch.org

