

The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone



BRADDOCK Baptist Church
Alexandria, VA

March 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

Fridays (First of the Month)
6 p.m. First Friday Fellowship

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

Well, last month when I set to write my February “Corder Note”: the word Love leaped within my mind to the page, and the rest came bounding forth. Love is the essence of Christianity; it is the expression of HIS character, and the goal of ours. Love is both an emotion and a decisive action one takes.

But enough about that, March is here. When I think of the month of March, my mother-in-law is the first thing that comes to mind. Jane Harrell was a Marine in World War II, and forms my earliest memory of Jane; Becky has equated her birthday with her character and service. Jane was born on the fourth of March. But my Becky always said she remembers her mom’s birthday because as a Marine, her mom always marched forth and, I believe, gave the order for all around to do the same. Jane will be ninety this year and we hope to be there to celebrate with her. Jane is what I have referred to as a demonstrative lady. This past week I was asked to do a memorial service for another lady who was also born on March fourth, and I was told she too was highly expressive, or not short on conviction, nor the will to defend that conviction.

Recently 21 Egyptian Coptic Christian migrant workers in Libya were taken by Isis and beheaded for their faith. Even more recently, over a hundred Christian Assyrian’s have been taken from their village and a similar fate is suspected for these Christians as well. During this month of March, I wish to challenge you to begin marching forth; and praying earnestly for our brothers and sisters in Christ Worldwide as persecution is at an all-time high for the Church.

We know ultimately that Christ will return and set matters straight, but until then pray: pray for the salvations of the captors, for the courage of the captives and final release of them, even as Peter was released from a prison as the church prayed and his captors planned his death.

Invest in “THE CHURCH” ask God to open those stocks that hold prison the saints and release those in bonds to the devil who prey on the weak and unsuspecting. It is time for us to march forth decisively in love and stand in the gap for our fellow Christians.

This is also the time for us to sound the advance; go forth and make disciples of all nations. Every day we here how some impressionable disillusioned young person has joined “the cause”, they believe they can make a difference, largely in cleaning up society. But in reality they make a real mess of things. Blowing up bombs, and killing people, but many do this because they feel the alternative is to evil. That is the alternative of allowing every man to follow his own way. Even in their darken understanding they can see “no”, standard is chaos. It is time for Christians to stand strong, stand for something stand in the gap.

This March, stand with me. Let’s stand tall on our knees for what Jesus instructed us in the model prayer for his disciples’ stand-ard prayer thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. This March let’s take new ground, in the Kingdom work, and let’s retake what has been taken from us, as victors in Christ. Pray-forth in unit of will and might.

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

From The Christian Education Department

What are the Next Steps

Joseph O. Prewitt Diaz, PhD

This quarter we just finished studying a trilogy of God's word that lead us to do three things:

1. Nehemiah taught us to seek God's will and to prayerfully put the word to action.
2. Once in Jerusalem, he conducted a situational analysis . He concluded that together all people were tasked with the construction of the wall .
3. He led the people in worship and God's blessings through prayer and evangelism. The people were guided by Levites because they were not really sure what to do. This activity led the people to establish a covenant with God.

We, at Braddock, have to learn from this Bible study. We are called upon to do His will: "care for the sojourner, the orphan, the needy, the abused, the helpless, and the ill.

So after prayerfully reflecting on the lessons of the last quarter, are there any concrete steps, through prayer and evangelism, for us to comply with the will of God in our neighborhood? I ask today: what are the next steps?

Birthdays

- 01 Paul Lee
- 02 Beverly Rodriguez
- 03 Michaela Miller
- 08 Austin Perry
- Rick Favazza
- 09 Kathleen Chevalier
- 13 Chong Cha Song
- 14 Jemima Raharinaivo
- 17 Roselle Aguilar
- 18 Colin Lewis
- Phoebe Lewis
- 20 Nathan Quitoriano
- 26 Gabby Herrera
- 27 Luz Jondrow
- 28 Melanie Bennett
- 29 Sara Perry

Anniversaries

- 13 Janine & Darrin Murphy
- 14 Christina & Joshua Collier
- 18 Arlinda & Dave Waters
- 25 Chang & Chung Ahn

MIHI YOUTH
MADE IN HIS IMAGE

Wow what a vacation we had! We are so thankful to the Lord and to you for your prayers. We had a safe and wonderful time in Texas and in Argentina.

As soon as we got back we were excited to work and serve BBC in the annual Youth Love Lunch. We hope that you enjoyed the delicious lasagna by Barbara and Sarah Weaver (another HUGE thanks)! We came from a beautiful summer in South America to several snow days here, who could ask for more? We are reminded how beautiful God is and what an artist He is with the seasons and in all of nature.

Further, it has been on my heart lately (perhaps due to traveling) that we are so blessed. I came back without the usual desire for “things”. There are so many more important issues. What is God concerned with? With my happiness? Or with the furthering of His kingdom? The more the Lord has blessed us in this nation: the more, I believe, He holds us responsible to bless others. The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:13–40) is enough to convict me of this. I pray that I will empty myself and use everything God has given me.

With Love, Cristina & Family



Deacon Ministry

Dear Braddockians,

Newsflash: The deacon team is excited to announce that Patricia Riley has been chosen to complete the term vacated by the departure of Lee Mawyer to Florida. Patricia will partner with Dave Waters and serve as an active deacon through September 2016. Most of you know Patricia from her previous term as deacon. Patricia stays involved with her families. Please welcome Patricia back!

Can you taste spring yet? I think we are all looking forward to warmer longer days ahead. It seems so far away, yet with more light comes longer days. The true farmer is not waiting for those longer days; he is preparing the soil now, planting the seeds now, sketching out where he should plant his seeds in his field. He is making himself ready now! John 4:35 says “Do you not say, There are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest.”

Here are just a few simple ways to harvest now: 1) For the stranger..... give a gospel tract 2) For your neighbor..... look for ways to be a neighbor in deed and in truth 3) For your community..... invite people to church so they would hear the gospel, getting plugged into a faith filled community.

This world around us is hurting; the world is looking for truth and love. However, as the song says, “they are looking for love in all the wrong places, looking for love in too many faces.” We are called now through the gospel to a very noble and high calling. Romans 1:16 says, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek”.

The time is now, the message is clear, the harvest is ready. Go!

The deacon team is ready to help His church when the need arises.

The Lord bless you in His endeavours.

Mitch Bennett and the deacon team

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to report that our treasurer, Amy El-Naggar, got high marks from Brenda Rodriguez’s recently completed audit of Braddock’s 2014 books. Verification of all offering receipts, tracing them through the records and reports to the bank, validating all disbursement \$500 and over, sampling others to determine they were consistent with Church guidance, and confirming year end balances directly with the bank show Amy continues to serve Braddock well.

BBC Men

The BBC Men continued in February to be busy serving and ministering to others.

We did not have many scheduled Men activities in February but there were many opportunities for random acts of kindness and ministry. February was a very snowy month and I know of numerous times the BBC Men shoveled snow of seniors, neighbors, and friends and offered to shop or give rides to the grocery store. Barry Dunn and Harry Finley continued to perform necessary tasks around BBC to keep the building functional. I thank all the BBC men for exhibiting Christ through all of your acts of kindness. God loves a cheerful giver which does include giving of your time to serve and help his people.

I do have a couple of other activities to report that occurred in February. First from the Men’s soup supper held in January we have final numbers of 24 blankets, 14 coats, and 1 pair of socks that were donated to the Women and Children Shelter in Falls Church Virginia. Thanks again Jim Hix for delivering the items to the shelter. Secondly, at the February Men’s meeting we voted to give a donation to the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship to support missionaries Shibu & Mary Oommen who participated in our Evangelism week and other BBC activities.

During the months of March and April we will have several opportunities to be a part of in reach and outreach ministries and we need your help. There will also be opportunities to be a part of good old fashion Baptist fellowship

The next BBC men meeting will be March 2nd at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. See the dates below and dates to be determined (TBD) that will be locked down in future BBC men meetings:

March:	
Mon 2 nd	Baptist Men’s Meeting @7:00 pm
Sat TBD	BBC Cleanup @ 9:00 am
Sat TBD	Crosspoint House Cleanup @ 8:30 am
Mon 30 th	Baptist Men’s Meeting @7:00 pm (April Meeting)
April:	
Fri 3 rd	Good Friday Service @ 6:30 pm
Sat 4 th	Easter Egg Hunt @ 1:00 pm
Sun 5 th	Easter Sunrise Service/Continental Breakfast @ 7:00 am
Sun 12 th	Easter Cantata @11:00 am
Sat TBD	Crosspoint House Cleanup @ 8:30 am

God Loves You and So Do I!
Keep the Faith!
Dave Waters, President BBC Men