

Seeking God • Serving Others

BRADDOCK Baptist Church



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- Every Week:
- Sundays
- 9:00 a.m.....Church Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m.....Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m.....Worship Service
- Mondays
- 6:30 p.m.....Young Adults
- Small Group
- Wednesdays
- 6:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.....Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m.....Praise Team
- Rehearsal
- Tuesday's
- TBD.....Woman's Bible Study
- First Fridays
- 6:00 p.m.....First Friday Dinner
- Mother's Day Out
- 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

Note from the Senior Pastor

Well this July like last year finds us in transition; last year July 1, Jonathan joined our staff and hit the ground running taking our youth on a retreat. This year JJ our beloved associate is leaving BBC to continue his education at seminary and report to his new kingdom assignment. The first Sunday of July, JJ will preach, and it will be his last time before reporting to his new mission.

And not to steal any of his thunder: he has some really good “God only” stories to share about this all coming together while God remained busy with all his other duties; like holding all things together. Don’t miss his message and going away reception and don’t forget to pray for his family and BBC.

My first message in July, on the 14th will be on how important corporate prayer is the health and growth of the Church. I will challenge you to attend prayer meetings, to get a prayer partner and prepare to see some of your own and BBC’s “God only” moments that can change everything in your life forever! Prayer changes things, most often unified prayer changes we who gather to pray.

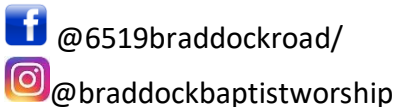
My hope is that you will pray; often and earnestly for ministry here at BBC. And my prayer is for BBC as Paul’s was for the Ephesians: that we will continue to grow in the depth of our understanding of HIS holiness!

Eph. 3:14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Love you always Church, Pastor Timothy

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Sunday School Update

JULY Happy Birthday America!

Can you believe it half of 2019 has already passed by? Welcome to July and August and the continuation of studying 1st & 2nd Timothy and Titus in Sunday school. I hope you have enjoyed the first 5 sessions and are looking forward to the remaining 8 sessions. As this is vacation time for a lot of us, please remember, in addition to your weekly Sunday school lesson---don't forget your daily Bible Reading, Prayer and Devotions. Our Lord wants to commune, share and receive our worship every day!

Don't Forget, “Do Not Be Afraid” INVITE Neighbors, Friends, and Others even though you may have only just met them. Plant the seed and watch God water grow and bring the fruit.

Reaching out: We are in need of at least two persons to teach Bible Stories to preschool children in our Sunday school. We are also always interested in persons who would like to be mentored and to grow in discipleship by learning to teach an adult Sunday school class. If interested, please contact Pastor Timothy and me.

Enjoy Summer and Live each Moment in the Joy of The Lord

God Bless America!

Gary Moore

Note from the Deacons

What a privilege we have in America to be a free people who are able to think as we wish, speak as we wish, move as we wish and in the place we choose to call home, we can live as we wish. This freedom was won through the blood and sacrifice of others that were willing to give up so that we may gain. As we celebrate the freedom of our country, may we ponder what purpose God has for us in using our liberties in a worthwhile manner.

So, it is with our Lord Jesus Christ. He was willing to give up His glory, humble Himself, become a man, to bare the penalty we rightly deserve. Why would Jesus Christ do that for us? So that we could do whatever we want? I think not. In our freedom as Christians, there should be a willingness and a desire to serve others and not just feed our own desires (flesh). May we not live life blindly by saying that I am free so I can say what I want and do what I want. God forbid!

As a parent, one of the most frustrating things to go through is to sacrifice for your children for the purpose of increasing the opportunities for them in life. And the sacrifice can either be used and taken advantage of or be wasted. What heartache for the parent (and later the child) when they look back at their life and say, “There was such an opportunity to fully engage this opportunity and I wasted it.” Many people live their lives in the past and with many regrets. Oh how the enemy can use regrets in our lives now to paralyze us for the work ahead of us.

May it no so be with us at Braddock! As Christians, God has given us the opportunity to be changed first on the inside through the word of God and in prayer. Are you taking advantage by digging for treasure in your own time with God and by placing yourself under the ministry of the word and in corporate prayer? I hope so; God wants to work in our relationships at home, in our church, and in our communities. There might be sacrifice along the way but will it not be worth it? The Lord allows us to each answer that question for ourselves. Make no mistake, we will have to give an account of our decision.

May the Lord’s sacrifice given for us work mightily in our hearts this year and ahead to facilitate a change in our thinking and in our priorities.

John 8:36 says, “If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.” Galatians 6:10 says, “As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially them who are the household of faith.”

As a reminder, your Deacon Team stands ready to assist you when called upon.

Serving families:

A - Dunning	→	Becky Corder & Manjaka Andriamsinoro
El-Naggar -Raharinaivo	→	Jim Hix & Bobbie Rivenbark
Reeder – Wimberly		Elaine Comer & Nancy Bennett

June Birthdays

02 Kate Partlow

08 Janett Smith

15 Jean Massie

20 Faly Raharinaivo

22 Gary Carr

23 Mary Berry

23 David Waters

29 Daveda Raharinaivo

31 Audrey Pearson



The Farewell Address, by Pastor JJ

4:09PM becomes 4:10PM on the laptop screen. I look around and suddenly the darkness of the room becomes evident. As I close the bright laptop screen, I scoot back my chair and stand up. My standing turns into a stretch as if my body had been waiting all day to stretch. Regaining control of my outstretched body I close up shop in the office and the door closes behind me with that old familiar ‘click’ sound that confirms the door is definitely closed.

I reach out and turn off the hallway lights and as I gaze down the recently waxed floors, I suddenly remember all the walks I took down this hall to pastor Timothy’s office. Sometimes I ran to tell him I finally got something to work. Sometimes I trudged in to pray about... let’s say... a sheep who needed some prayer. Lights off now, I turn toward the exit and my eye catches the sanctuary doors; one door held open by the door stopper that has created a home for itself in the groove of the carpet and the other door shut. The half open door almost beckons me in for more memories.

I am reminded as I stare at that half open sanctuary door of all the conversations God and I had the last three years. If I’m being honest with myself what I really remember are all the things God told me in that sanctuary. There was something powerfully uniting in my relationship with God when I would walk into the sanctuary before work hours, the sunlight would shine through the pale windows and cast a ray of light on the piano; revealing dust particles I never noticed before. And somehow the stillness of the sanctuary and the sudden beauty of a silent sanctuary; where the red carpet suddenly feels like it's royal maroon and the white walls become golden eggshell, alone with God would fill me with hope for another day of ministry. But then I look down a couple inches and see the pews.

Pews mean people. Now my brain is on hyper-speed trying to sort all the lessons I’ve learned the last three years. Some lessons were learned by watching members of Braddock live their lives. Some were learned by listening. Others were learned by simply smiling, nodding and saying, “Yup.” Human beings have this unique inability to congregate together in a building; rubbing against one another’s lives, without having a profound impact on one another. As I turn my eyes away from the half open sanctuary doors and head down the stairs to the exit, I put my hand on the half-painted rail and think, “I think God must have intended us to impact one another. Why else did he make more people than just Adam?”

As I head home I cross the infamous crosswalk of doom toward Weyanoke elementary school. One car stops politely as another swerves around it and skims by me. I grin at the stopped driver and take one final sprint over the last 3 white lines of the crosswalk. As I reach safety I peer back over my shoulder and see the red LED banner proclaim, “JESUS IS LORD” and I thank God for His Son and for all the unique experiences he gives us as Christians who live in community together. Turning my eyes away from the community that God placed me in and putting my hand on the front door of the house, I take one final deep breath and open the door.

As a rush of cold air greets me (guess that’s why our electricity bill is so high) I’m confronted by the most beautiful sight I’ve ever seen, my wife and my son. “How was your day, honey?”

“God is good.” I say. I kiss my wife, I put down my Bible, and I pick up my son.
I take a moment to take in all the innocence Xander still has in his eyes, I take a look through the windows at Braddock as she fades into the rearview mirror; thanking God for all she taught us, and I put my arm around Alyssa and say, “You ready?”

Thank you Braddock,
The Intern

Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Go America! Land of the free, home of the brave, wanted by our God!

I chuckled to JJ this past week as we changed the sign from “You’re Invited!” to, “1776 AD America set free, 33 AD Humanity set free.” It was funny because both of us forgot the correct date. We soon remembered, don’t worry. It is so true that our land we live in, was always a land built upon foundations of Scripture. I wonder how we have come this far, and drastically turned away from the Bible. Pastor Timothy recently gave me a book to read, which I know he gave others. In my reading, I was reminding of the cost of following Jesus. The book is titled “Not a Fan.” The author continues to make a point between being a fan of Christ and being a follower. Without giving too much away, because everyone should read this book, it made me think of our world today, and how many of us in the churches are merely just fans of Christ. We do not like change, we only do what will benefit us, and we don’t care how it affects people around us. (I catch myself doing this as well). Because of the fandom we find even Christians having, no wonder why America is how it is. For our founding fathers, their faith costed everything.

I want to encourage you to ask yourselves this one question: What do I turn to when I feel alone. We all will feel lonely at some point, whether that is losing a championship game, or losing a loved one, and anywhere in between. Some people may turn to money, careers, men, women, alcohol, drugs, community, and even church. Our only answer should be Jesus Christ! He gave His life for ours in return for nothing but followers. We need to RUN to Jesus, we need to SEEK Jesus, we need to OBEY Jesus, we need to LOVE Jesus, and we need to FOLLOW Jesus. The next time you feel alone, stressed, hurt, fearful, turn to JESUS! The next time you are happy, joyful, on cloud nine, turn to JESUS!

For Kingdom Work, Jonathan Gesin

- Renovation update: We will be getting an estimate from the contractor to remediate the areas that have asbestos that we'll be renovating.
- Due to the renovation, we are not going to hold a VBS this summer.
- As of July 1, the phone and internet will be switched from Cox to Verizon FIOS to save money. Part of this will be ensuring that we have internet throughout the building.
- The interest surveys that were submitted last month are being reviewed and put into a matrix. The Subject Matter Expert roles are being defined as well.
- The back fence will be expanded to the side of the house on the Fairland St. parsonage.

Received thru 6/15 * \$857,443.45
* Includes \$200,000 on hand at beginning of our capital campaign

