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BRADDOCK Baptist Church



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Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

Note from the Senior Pastor

This January, we hope the greatest number of you, since I have been here, will sign on to read through the entire Word with us. Let me know if you are beginning, or beginning again, to read through the Word of God. I also encourage those on their way through the Chronological Bible this time around. Becky and I are really enjoying another year to peruse through the daily reading of the Old and New Testament.

This all brings me great joy, but I was thinking the other day, what would be better is making sure the Word is getting into me, us! The scriptures tell us the Word is to be hidden in us to give us the ability to not sin against God. **Psalm 119:11 "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."** Yet Jesus said of the Pharisee's in **John 5:39-40 "You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."** Jesus draws a distinction between being in the word and it being in us. That dissimilarity is one of eternal life consequences.

Allow me to further challenge us in this still New Year: to make sure we are doing more than getting into the word, but rather, as in the saying of our Lord Jesus, making sure the word dwells in us by believing in the one it tells of, and coming to follow his teachings and example. In other words, be doers of the word and not mere hearer, or "readers" of it!

The Bible is so much more than the greatest self-help book, with little adages of how to live better and happier in our conscious. The scriptures reveal; God saying to Abraham "Now I know you love me, because you did not withhold your son, your only son whom you love, from me." It is from internalizing a passage like this that gives us the confidence to say to any skeptic: "Now we know God loves us because we do not withhold from Him." Let's continue to do the Word in 2019 and let's continue to do it together here in the Church at Braddock!

Well, let's all stay in the Word this year, and seek earnestly to be obedient to its illuminations.

Happy New Year!
 Love you, Pastor Timothy

Every Week:

Sundays
 9:00 a.m.....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 a.m.....Prayer Meeting
 6:30 a.m.....Youth Group
 7:30 p.m.....Praise Team
 Rehearsal

Thursdays
 2:00 p.m.....Woman's Bible Study

Fridays
 6:00 p.m.....First Friday Dinner

Mother's Day Out
 Monday-Friday 9:30a.m.-1:30 p.m.
 Closed: Dec. 24th-Jan. 4th

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Sunday School Update

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to our continued Winter quarter of Sunday school as we continue our study of the last half of the book of Genesis (chapters 25-50). How appropriate that we took a break December 23rd to study the time leading up to the birth of Jesus/Christmas. On December 30th we went back to Genesis chapter 31 where Jacob faced a difficult decision. Listening and obeying God, he returns to his native land. This message from God shows us that God is with us and gives us directions for our daily living. We now resume our Winter quarter studying the remaining exciting chapters of Genesis (chapters 31-50).

Have you ever pondered how Winter is ushered in with days becoming increasingly darker? How about the celebration of Christmas and the Light of the World making His entrance as the incarnate Son of God entering as a baby fully God Himself and fully man like us? What about a Bright Star then shining down to locate the child Jesus? Have you ever pondered that even today since the time of Christmas we see our days becoming gradually lighter...Hmm do you think it could all be part of God's plan of creation...Just a thought...Our New Year with ever increasing light!!!

Come to Sunday school and continue the celebration of Christmas and another New Year as we learn to let our light shine increasingly brighter. Share the gift of light in your life and Invite someone to come to Sunday school and Worship with you.

What a Glorious New Year. Celebrate! Enjoy!
God Bless You, **Gary Moore**

January Birthdays

- 08 Jim Hix
- 12 Stanley Dunning
- 21 Joyce Taylor
- 22 Jeremy Berry
- 25 Volana Raharinaivo



Deacons

Dear Saints,

2018 we can look back upon, evaluate, measure and move forward into 2019. I hope each of us can take a few minutes to do that exercise and decide what does God want in my life.

For me, how can I simplify my life, streamline my life where Christ is at the center of all the activities that I engage. The church is God's "called out people" and should be a living dynamic organism inspired by the words of God to live eternal life now...to get a glimpse of heaven now...to learn more about our Lord and our Savior now and to tell others about Him. God does not want us to procrastinate with Him.

Here are a few questions we should ask ourselves:

- 1) Am I growing closer to God and His people in fellowship with Christ?
- 2) Am I hearing God's voice daily?
- 3) Is God hearing my voice daily.... Am I coming to Him for ALL my needs?
- 4) Am I telling others about Christ?
- 5) Am I forsaking the ways of the world and drawing closer to Him?

I pray we would see the urgency our calling and make it relevant to our lives now. Simplify your Life for His Glory! The Lord bless you as we pursue Christ and His Purpose for our lives. As a reminder, your Deacon Team stands ready to assist you when called upon.

Serving Families:

A - Dunning	→	Becky Corder & Manjaka Andriamsinoro
El-Naggar - Moore	→	Jim Hix & Bobbie Rivenbark
Moss - Raharinaivo	→	Ken & Ana Maria Pierce
Reeder - Wimberly	→	Elaine Comer & Nancy Bennett

Happy New Year &
Lord bless you, **Mitch & the Deacon team**

Associate Pastor

Braddock,

I cannot believe it's a new year! Time has gone so fast in this last year. From having a son to introducing new members to our church and many more things, this year has been a blast!

However; t's also been difficult. As we step into a new year let's do some reflection church. What did you do in 2018 for the Kingdom of God?

The answer to that question will set the tone for the 2019 year. And I hope to encourage us along as a church body in January when I get the privilege to preach the Word of God!

Braddock, there is no new revelation you need from God outside of the Word of God: read and believed! I pray for you all daily and I hope that this year we see God use our renovation as a time to renovate what matters, our hearts.

God bless, Pastor JJ



Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Happy New Year Braddock Family!

I am so thankful to our Lord and Savior for giving us another month of ministry and doing Kingdom Work. I want to thank you all for your support and prayers for our youth group. God is doing big things in the hearts of your young ones.

In the month of December, our youth have been going through the advent season of hope, peace, joy, love, and Christ, as we dive deeper into what the real meaning of Christmas is all about. We hosted the first (in a long time) Christmas Lock-in where we were able to pull an all-nighter at the church. We had food, games, music, movies, and of course, Karaoke. It was a night to remember.



As we enter the new year, my focus is to continue to glorify Christ by connecting our youth to the church, growing our youth to be disciples of Christ, equipping our youth to be leaders, and enabling our youth to serve our community. When I stand before Christ someday, I would be honored if He was to say, "Welcome my good and faithful servant." That is what I want this Kingdom Work Youth Ministry to be all about.

To start off the new year, I want us to remember 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." Paul later writes in verse 20, "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us."

I want to personally invite YOU (middle school-high school) to our youth group in the month of January and following. However, for this coming month, our theme is Minute to Win It! Where our youth will compete in 3 challenges using household items each week. 60 seconds on the clock. \$25 Amazon gift card on the line. Think you can do it? Come out every Wednesday, 6:30-7:30PM on the third floor of Braddock Baptist Church. Hope I see you there!

Lastly, let us start this new year with the mindset of being ambassadors for Christ. Let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

For His Service, Jonathan Gesin

Stewardship

Lottie Moon Goal: \$14,000

We are happy to report that BBC has made the 2018 budget as well as our Lottie Moon goal. God is great! We look forward to a wonderful 2019. Happy New Year!

Board of Directors-Church Budget

In December, the following items were discussed:

- o Talked about when to hold the next Leadership and Business meetings. The next meetings will be in February. One agenda item for the Leadership meeting is to work on the yearly church calendar
- o The annual Coat and Blanket Drive with Soup Supper will be Jan 27
- o Renovation update: Plan to submit permits to Fairfax County in December and hope to select a contractor in February.



Please stop by the church office for a copy of the 2019 Budget if you did not attend the Business Meeting and would like a copy.

Directory Update

Have you moved or changed your information? Please fill out the information below and email it to:

jon@braddock.church

<u>Family Last Name</u>	<u>Adult/Parent</u>		<u>Children</u>
Address	1 st Name	2 nd Name	1 st child Name
City	DOB	DOB	DOB
State	Email	Email	Email
Zip	Phone	Phone	Phone
Anniversary Date			<i>*Repeat with remaining children</i>

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