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BRADDOCK Baptist Church

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May 2016

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
 - 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 - 4 p.m. Exercise
 - 6-7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kidz Rock
 - 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

The culmination of months of rehearsals, many individual and group sacrifices, resulted in a gospel presentation by, not one preacher, but many lay-members of BBC. This performance of "Big Shot" showed us again in a fresh new way that our God is bigger than our "giants": our enormous problems! 70+ received this message on the Friday evening showing, and then over one hundred and sixty attended on the Sunday morning, with some duplication.

Comic books, cartoons, satires and plays of all sorts have often been used to convey an important dispatch for how we should live. In "Big Shot", the overwhelming theme was God helps those who call upon his name, and the principle of working together to get through our problems.

The stage was excellent, the singing and acting superb, but the message was clear. It's not by might, it's not by strength, but its by the Spirit of the Lord that we gain the victory in our battles and conquer our enemy. Well done!!!

As we emerge into May, we will once again see the young people "bring it"; they will conduct the service on Mother's Day. Our kids will be involved from start to finish, singing and giving personal testimonies and taking up the offering, so bring your \$ and give it to them.

This will be followed up by a Ladies Dinner and Cake auction with proceeds going to local missions. We have been very blessed to answer many a call for assistance in our community this past year and will remain ready to respond with wisdom and generosity when called upon.

Debbie, our wonderful music director will be taking some well-deserved time off in May too, so keep her and family in your prayers. We have many who are graduating this year; keep them in your prayer as they seek the Lord for answers as to the next steps they are to walk while following our Lord.

Finally, also pray for the leadership: of the world, our national and local government and for the leadership of the church. All of these carry huge loads and are often criticized more than credited.

Words Of Blessings from your **Pastor, Timothy**



Deacon Ministry

Wow what a difference a month makes...visible changes to God's creation that show God's artistic hand. And we as children of God are fearfully and wonderfully made in His image. Yet as his creation, we have areas where we need to overcome spiritually that can affect our lives.

That is the challenge of the Christian life....to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. To become spiritually (Christ) minded versus our naturally (Self) minded. Seeking to not justify our reasons and way of doing things.....but accepting His perfect will and His perfect ways for our lives and trust Him that He knows what He is doing. Now that takes real faith not in your own ability but in His ways which many times seem so impossible. That is why we are commanded to walk by faith and not by sight and believe in the one who is able to raise the dead. This is not blind faith; this is faith in the One who was/is able to raise the dead and give new life to an "old believer".

We on the deacon team are here to assist you in your walk of faith. We are so thankful for God's local expression of His church and desire for His Kingdom to be established at BBC.

May you find His blessings as you continue to walk with Him.

Sincerely, **Mitch B and the Deacon Team**

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MIHI YOUTH MADE IN HIS IMAGE

Hello BBC!

Just some quick updates on how/what the youth are doing: (Please note that

we postponed the beginning of The Alpha Series in order to better prepare our testimonies for Children & Youth Sunday).

May 7 is a servanthood day and we will be working in the yard of a church member to mulch the yard.

May 8 is the BBC Children & Youth Sunday: join us as your kids and youth will have prepared every part to serve you in the church Sunday morning worship service.

May 15 we will begin The Alpha Series which questions the basics of life. This is a movie series, in which we then discuss these basic questions together or in small groups. This is a great opportunity to invite friends from school (or from anywhere)!

As always, we ask that you please continue praying for your youth. God is good!

Blessings, **Hector and Cristina Riojas**



Birthdays

- 02 Emily Corder
- 04 Steven Lewis
- 06 Zachary Robinson
- 08 Christopher Waters
Carol Finley
- 11 Pastor Timothy Corder
Ed Davis
- 14 Sybil Laird
- 15 Shawn Robinson
- 16 Sarah Sherlock
- 17 Cecilia Owens
- 19 Ronen Chava Riojas
- 20 Sharon Favazza
Dr. Samuel Song
- 31 Gerald Koehnlein
Margie Hasley

Anniversaries

- 06 Jody & Stanley Dunning
- 29 Beulah & Cesar
Quitoriano

BBC Men

Hello Braddockians, family, and friends!

I know I have not written an article in several months but that does not mean I and fellow Braddockians have not been busy doing God's work at Braddock Baptist Church (BBC). But before I talk about what's been going on at BBC I would like to share a few words of thanks.

Most of you probably know I lost my best friend Linda, my wife of over 47 years last November as a result of a tragic car accident. She is the mother of our three children, and grandmother of eleven grandchildren. I and the entire Waters family would like to thank you Pastor Timothy, Debbie D., Deacons, Dr. Song, Hospitality committee members, and all of our Braddockian family and friends for your continuous prayers and support. I will never forget all the wonderful acts of ministry you all did for us. My prayer is that God's blessings continue to fall upon all of you as abundantly as you have blessed us and continue to bless us.

March and April were busy months full of many outreach activities with Braddockians reaching out to the surrounding community. In March we had a Movie Night, Holy Wednesday service, and the Easter Egg Hunt community outreach. Within BBC we had the Easter Sunrise service and afterwards the breakfast prepared by the BBC Men followed by the 11:00 am Easter Sunday worship. In April we had an International Sunday where our International Students shared testimonies, sang songs in their native language, and then was followed by an International luncheon. Towards the end of April we enjoyed a special presentation of the Spring Musical "Big Shot" performed by the BBC Sunbeams. Praise the Lord and Hallelujah that we do serve a Risen God!

Events that took place in March and April:

All Church Movie Night

BBC sponsored an All-Church Movie Night on March 4th where we invited Braddockians and people from the community. We enjoyed a wonderful meal and had a praise service performed by the Sunbeams kids before watching the movie "War Room".

About eighty people attended the outreach event! I'd like to express my many thanks to Debbie D. for planning this outreach event; thanks also to Jody Dunning and other members of the Hospitality Committee for preparing and serving the meal. We need to do this again.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 26th on the BBC grounds. It was once again a "BIG SUCCESS". We had about 75 children/youth and 50 adults including the BBC workers participating. Every child went home with a prize and a bag of treats. Activities included a praise service, presentation of the Easter story, coloring Easter pictures that were judged for prizes, dyeing of boiled eggs, and the actual Easter Egg Hunt followed by lunch. I want to say thanks to all Braddockians for donating money, time, boiled eggs, candy, and plastic eggs and yes, even filling the plastic eggs with candy prior to the event. During the event we had many Braddockians assisting. Whether it was setting up and taking down tables and chairs, covering tables, assisting with prizes and gift bags, helping with activities (dyeing boiled eggs, making balloon animals, etc.), securing the BBC grounds, hiding plastic eggs and overseeing a safe Easter Egg hunt or boiling and wrapping hot dogs, their help was much appreciated. Lastly, I want to thank Patricia Lewis for coordinating this church-wide sponsored event and for showing and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the children of BBC and with those who came from all over the community.

International Sunday

On Sunday April 10th the worship was titled "International Sunday" where a student from Africa was baptized, two others gave testimonies, and several others sang *Jesus Loves Me* in their native language. It was a spirit-filled service. Immediately after the worship service there was an international luncheon.

Musical Presentation of "Big Shot"

On Friday April 22nd and Sunday the 24th, the Sunbeams presented a musical titled "Big Shot". It was a story about garden bugs who were about to be destroyed by an exterminator. They prayed to God to help them develop a plan to overcome their situation. The Lord answered their prayer and gave them a great plan to overcome the exterminator and were very quick to give "God the Glory" for their victory. Many weeks of planning, rehearsals, costume-making, and prop-building were directed by Minister of Music Debbie D. and was helped by many other Braddockians. This musical was a major undertaking and Debbie D. had to rely on God for guidance and strength to keep on keeping on during those times when she had doubts. The cast of 18 members looked to Debbie D. for direction but she relied upon God. To the Glory of God, the musical was a BIG SUCCESS. Friday night had about 100 people in attendance and on Sunday about 162. Many thanks to Debbie D., Pierre D. (Assistance Director), BBC Men and Women, and all Braddockians for your help building props, making the costumes, and prayers of support in making this musical presentation one of the best I have ever witnessed in my 36 years at BBC. Again I say "To God Be the Glory". Hallelujah and Amen!

BBC Men Continued

Upcoming events in May:

The BBC Men's monthly meeting will be on Monday May 2nd at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Men, please plan to be there as we will discuss the detail for the Ladies Day Dinner and activities and dates for the next few months.

Ladies and Men don't forget the "Ladies Day Dinner and Cake Auction" on May 14th and other important dates below:

May:

Sun 8 th	Children and Youth Service
Mon 9 th	Leadership Committee @ 7PM
Wed 11 th	Church Business Meeting @ 7PM
Sat 14 th	Ladies Day Dinner and Cake Auction @ 6:00 (Sat. after Mother's Day)

Men will prepare and host a dinner for all the ladies. Also Men and Women please bake cakes pies, etc. to auction for the fundraiser

June:

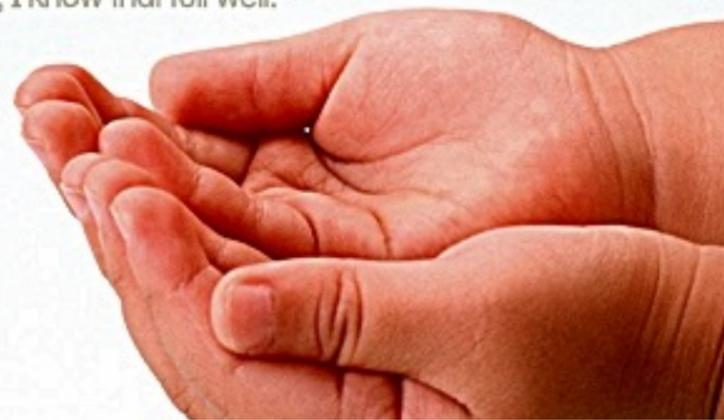
Sun 12 th	Men Annual Graduates Recognition
Sat 26 th	Church-wide Picnic @Burke Lake Park

God Loves You and So Do I!
Keep the Faith!

Dave Waters, President BBC Men

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Nursery Ministry



Let me emphatically express my THANKS to all our nursery volunteers!! We are so blessed to have so many at BBC who are willing to serve our babies and children, just like Jesus showed us. I can't even begin to tell you how much work is involved in working with babies and expressing the joy of the Lord in the nursery. Your nursery workers not only arrive early to care for the children, but they sing, read, play, work on potty training, and clean after them, wait around for parents, and do it patiently and with a smile on their faces. This is a completely volunteer force, which is another blessing. If you know someone who is giving their time and energy to work with these sweet babies and children, please thank them! BBC has so many serving in different areas (Sunday School, Children's Church, the Morning Fellowship, etc). This is simply a small recognition of your nursery workers. Thank you! **Cristina Riojas**

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PEEG Prayer & Evangelism Group

Every 1st & 3rd Friday 6:30 p.m.

Midweek
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
Every Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP
Every First Friday of the Month at 6 p.m.

DISCOVERING WHAT WE BELIEVE by Pastor Timothy Corder

A New Song



All graduates from MDO to college are noteworthy individuals who need to be recognized with much laud for their numerous accomplishments. Even better yet, coming to know the LORD and having a personal relationship with Him is the most awesome thing on planet Earth!

Proverbs 16:9 "We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps." (NLT) So...what do you think God is trying to tell us here? Man was created with the intent to be a reasonable creature. In essence, his faculties being intact, is capable of self-existence---fending in his own behalf or so he believes. Man needs to be a dependent creature upon his Maker, submitting to the instructions and dominion by the hand of God Almighty (El Shaddai). When your end goal is for the glory of God and His rule over you is within your heart, you have powerful agreement. Then, one may expect by His Spirit and grace, you shall not overlook His way nor have a short fall in the end.

You shall not give up! Do you remember the dreams God has placed in the very special recesses of your heart? God has already equipped you with talents, skills, and many more resources beyond your comprehension. God wants you to fulfill your destiny. This was why you were fore-ordained prior to your timely birth. (Psalms 139:16; {Jeremiah 29:11})

Some of your so-called hidden resources do not surface until you are under pressure. You hit rough times. You are compelled to go beyond your limits of knowledge, education, experience, and so forth. Sometimes you may not understand the gentle nudging of the Holy Spirit to move forward in your faith walk with Him. I am not talking about being foolish and irresponsible. I am referring to moving forward with constructive foresight which causes you to experience His peace. To receive His peace requires prayer, studying the Word, wise counsel, patience, and varying degrees of submitting to others. It is relevant to know when, how, and to whom to submit. Let Godly humility precede your every step.

You were designed by God to ultimately serve others. Christ was sent by the Father to establish precedence for you to follow in serving. (Matthew 12:18) So how do you propose to find your place to serve? Ask anyone around you if they are in need of help. They will present to you their bucket list which is overflowing. In fact, your bucket list may look trite in comparison to what this person needs to address. Serving is as simple as saying, "yes." Serving others requires humility. This means you cannot be mandatorily correct 100% of the time.

Do not live in the past. In order to accomplish your dreams, you cannot look back and simultaneously be moving forward with Christ. Do not permit your emotions of the past to drag you down with negativity, bitterness, incapable of forgiving, etc. You want to avoid a melancholy attitude toward life. You need to remember you are made in the image of God. (Genesis 1:27) So how do you know what is the nature of God? To begin with, I John 4:16 "For God is LOVE." For a very quick summation, read what the Fruit of the Spirit entails. (Galatians 5:22, 23) What is your "Fruit" thermometer reading right now? For example, do you have genuine love for others or is it contrived to manipulate to gain "your" desires? It never hurts to take time with the LORD to review where you stand with Him...on a daily basis. You will know when you are off track. The Holy Spirit has a marvelous way of getting your attention to draw you back to the full truth found in the Word, and how you may proceed with rectifying your weakened nature to become stronger in His character.

So what do you do when you hit a major obstacle to your dream? Persevere! God did not create people to have a fatalistic attitude but created conquerors! (Romans 8:37) You need to ask yourself what is your passion. Where is the fuel which used to "drive" you further and further toward reaching your goals, i.e., destiny in Christ Jesus? Go to the Word. What does the Word of God have to say about you specifically? The Word has your strategy, solution...keep reading further. If you are in a bind with time constraints, go to a sage, a wise person for counsel--some feedback and prayer help! Never forget prayer! God is not necessarily as concerned about your physical posturing during prayer as He is concerned with the posturing of your heart attitude.

Ponder Godly faith versus foolishness based on frustration--anger turned inside out. Ephesians 4:26 "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath." (KJV) Anger detracts from your Godly personality, not to mention a hindrance to God-like faith. Reach out to Him to have clarity of thinking based on scriptural wisdom. Seeds were planted within you by those who love you dearly. Think of your parents--family, pastor, church family, etc. Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes from the preaching of Christ." (Revised Standard)

PRAISE God daily! Remember to count your blessings daily.

When there is praise in your mouth, there is no room for

grumbling. Praise puts a smile upon your face. Smiles have been known to be contagious. This kind of "contagious" is God-beneficial! Remember praise costs you something. You need to be a real person and kick to the side some of your pride and control issues.

As you successfully walk on the path established for you by God, keep this in context how God "sees" you----as an overcomer! You are never a failure for trying. When you do not try, there may be a need for spiritual CPR. Always "hug" your Bible close to your heart. You shall not go wrong!

For the exciting journey set before you, remember..."In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." - By Albert Einstein "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." - By Author Unknown Jeremiah 18:4--Stay on the potter's wheel. Do not rebel against God.

Fan the flames, **Elizabeth Philblad**

