

Seeking God • Serving Others

BRADDOCK Baptist Church



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Every Week:

Sundays Via YouTube

April 12th – Sunrise Service 6:30am

9:45 a.m.....Sunday School

11:00 a.m.....Worship Service

Mondays Via Skype

6:30 p.m.....Young Adults

Small Group

<https://join.skype.com/FWTc2OLplqC4>

Wednesdays Via Skype

6:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting

<https://join.skype.com/JwCncd5PPvCe>

6:30 p.m.....Youth Group

Third Fridays Via YouTube

7:00 p.m.....JustWorship

First Fridays (Cancelled)

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

Mother's Day Out (Closed until Fall)

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

Pastor Corder Note

“It’s Not A Matter Of If, But When”

Many of you have heard the first part of this note, but keep reading I believe you will be blessed and you will have found a new thing for many of you to do to be a blessing to your loved ones.

Fourteen plus years ago I was told I had a bone cancer that was very serious, Shortly after that, I also had Tuberculosis in the tumor upon my hip. Obviously, this was a trying time for my whole family. One sleepless night, months into this ordeal, my wife reaches over in the bed and says to me, “sit up,” “what,” said I “let’s plan your funeral”. We did, she felt somewhat better, hoping that “they could carry out my wishes and glorify our Lord.” Ready to return to her difficult sleep, she turned over only to hear me say, “great! Now let’s plan yours.”

The scriptures tell us that “all” have sinned. That which we have coming for our sin is death, and it is appointed unto man once to die and then the judgement. “It’s not a matter of ‘If,’ but when.” This article is for all, whether you are well advanced in age, medically compromised, taking every precaution to prevent the coronavirus, or one of the valiant health care workers, or 1st responders, or maybe a young strong healthy person with no fear of this bug, covid-19.

We all still face the deadly bug, the virus that has infected the whole of humanity and has brought about death from the first generation of humanity to this very one and is guaranteed to continue until Christ return. The SIN virus!

So, during this time, while many of us have a little time on our hands, let’s help the pastor, family members and other loved ones, and plan how we will glorify our God when he brings us home. I will make some recommendations:

- 1) Short description of life before you received the Lord Jesus as your savior. Weather this represents the shortest or longest part of your life, it should be your shortest description. Example: before I came to Christ as a young adult, my life, as some of you may have experienced, was a mess. Most everything I did or thought about was to bring about the greatest amount of happiness to myself.
- 2) How did I come to accept Christ: this part is so different for every individual, and many times we may not have seen the orchestration that took place behind the scene?
- 3) What difference has it made: this is the part that if you have, or start today living in a manner that illuminates God’s direction in your life it could be read or heard at your funeral and glorify Christ Jesus the Lord. Example: because I acknowledged God in my decision making. He led me to marry a God-fearing woman, gave me two wonderful children who also consider the Lord’s plans in every situation of their lives. And now we are even seeing then proactively influencing their generation and the next for Jesus!

Then I would hi-light some wonderful things and ministry opportunities he has led me into and graciously allowed to be part of. Take some time to write down some of what God has done in and through you, it will bring him GLORY!

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

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Sunday School Update

Hello! And welcome to April 2020 Sunday School! Just a short note this month.

I hope all of our BBC Family are doing well and staying safe. Hope all are following our authorities' guidelines in order not to catch this awful virus or spread it to someone else.

For Sunday School and Worship I hope you all are able to watch Pastor Timothy bring us God's message during worship and Mitch Bennett to continue our Sunday school lessons on the Book of Romans. What a blessing to be able to watch them on youtube.com.

I sincerely hope all of us can take this time out of our normal, or currently not so normal everyday lives to use the time wisely by reading the Bible, having devotion time and praying often. What an awesome time to strengthen our relationship with Our Heavenly Father. Keeping all of you in prayer.

Sunday School Director, Gary Moore

April Birthdays

09 Sajid (Sunny) Masih

20 Holy Rambolajaona

21 Wesley Brown

26 Tsiky Raharinaivo

27 Susan Palagyi



Note from the Deacons

With the advent of this virus, my thoughts have taken me many places. With the government's decision to "shut down" many aspects of our way of life, it has "opened up" new opportunities in our personal lives in a number of ways by creating TIME with the advent of technology and the fast paced life that we all know too well in Northern Virginia.

My question for myself and you is what will we do with that TIME?

- 1) Will we spend more time with God in learning about who God is and who we are through the scriptures?
- 2) Will we spend more time in prayer time in prayer personally and corporately?
- 3) Will we encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ through communication with one another in the church, and in our communities in the form of cards, texts, emails and phone calls?

I believe that this evil going on in the world today can be used for good. Don't get me wrong I believe the church was made to "gather" unto the name of the Lord. There is nothing I miss more than coming together and "seeing" the family of God coming together to WORSHIP the God who created us but also redeemed us. But God has allowed this to happen and I believe for a purpose in my life and your life.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR TIME?

May it be for God's glory!

The deacons are here to assist you by praying with you for encouragement, counsel and if needed physical assistance.

Lord bless you,

Mitch B and the Deacon Team!

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PS If your contact information, has not been updated...ie address, email or phone number.... please be sure to let Jonathan know. If any of your contact information has changed in the last couple of years, it will be more difficult to stay in touch if your deacon has outdated information.

Serving families:

Harry & Carol Finley	—————>	Letters A through G
Becky Corder & Jim Hix	—————>	Letters H through P
Elaine Comer & Manjaka	—————>	Letters Q through Z

Note from the Associate Pastor

Beloved Members of BBC Family,

This is the month we are celebrating Easter when we remember the sufferings, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Church history has referred to the week Jesus Christ was crucified as the Holy Week. Have you ever wondered why Easter is called the most important season of the Christian Faith?

Regarding Christ's death and resurrection, the great Apostle Paul responded to those who said there was no resurrection with some very strong words. He said, "14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." I Corinth 15:14-19.

Jesus death and resurrection took care of man's worst enemy which is eternal separation from God. Jesus resurrection makes Christianity unique from all other religions hence all the founders of all other man-made religions died and their bones are rotten in their graves. But Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven where He sits at right hand of God the Father making intercession for us. (Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1). It is only when we accept Him as Lord and Savior we have eternal life and are delivered from eternal separation from God our loving Heavenly Father.

Jesus Christ resurrection is an historical fact. Not only do we have the church of the Holy Sepulchre built on the site of the grave where Jesus body was laid but also New Testament scholars/historians and biblical archeologists have calculated the dates of the Holy Week. A week prior to his death Jesus left Galilee for Jerusalem. Matt. 16:21... "I must go to Jerusalem and be killed...He stops at Bethany (some two miles away from city center) to have dinner with friends. John 12: 1-3. It was at the home of Mary, Martha and now living Lazarus! Studies show that it was on Wednesday, April 1st 33 AD Jesus says he would be crucified in two days, Matt. 26: 1-5. Thursday, April 2nd 33 AD Jesus and disciples have a meal together at the upper room. Matt 26:20-30. Late Thursday evening/night Jesus goes to pray in his usual place Matt 26: 36-46. Note that Jesus did not change prayer venue in order to confuse Judas! Luke 22: 39, Jesus went as usual to pray on Mount of Olives...Friday 9:00am, April 3rd 33AD Jesus is crucified. Mark 15:25. "It was nine in the morning when they crucified him." Friday 3:00 pm April 3rd 33AD Jesus died. Matt. 27:46 &50. "About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit." After three days on the first day of the week Jesus rose from the dead defeating death man's worst enemy.

Church of the Holy Sepulchre



This is why during this time when we are battling the challenges of the Corona Virus we should not never take our eyes away from Christ. Yes, we should remain vigilant and take all necessary precautions as per the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. But above all we should remain in prayer to our God who promises to help us and fight our battles. Please remember that no matter what happens to us or around us Romans 8: 38-39 states, " For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor

powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us

from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our LORD". Not even the Corona Virus can separate us from the love of God in Christ. We mourn with our fellow human beings who have lost loved ones and pray for healing for those infected. Let us join the global Church in ministering hope to a world gripped with fear and hopelessness. At this time of anxiety and confusion may we portray the calmness of God's peace which springs from our Lord the Prince of Peace who lives in our hearts. Always remembering that peace is not the absence of difficulties but the result of a heart and mind that is fixed in God.

Finally I want to mention that for those of the BBC family who completed part 1 of the 2:7 series, we shall begin Part 2 "Deepening Your Roots in God's Family" on April 19, 2020. Pastor Stephen and myself will co-lead the group discussions through Skype for this class. Please communicate with me through text or email as soon as possible if you would like to be part of this class.

The church has also made it possible for those in our church congregation who would like to do the first discipleship class. For those who have completed the class, please encourage your friends and colleagues to take the class and be blessed like you have been. Pastor Jon and Brittany will be the group leaders for this first discipleship class which will begin the same time.

Again thank you to our pioneer class in the 2:7 Series! You have been an amazing class. It was a great privilege for Pastor Stephen and I to guide the group discussions. We look forward for another great time as we study together book 2 "Deepening Our Roots in God's Family."

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor.

Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Happy April Braddock!

I want to thank our church family for blessing us in every way these past few months. From the baby shower, to a food train once we got back to our home. We are so thankful for each of you that have helped us! I wanted to take this time to update you guys on our new arrival. Of course, many of you have already heard, but if you haven't, we welcomed our first-born son on March 28th at 3:48am. We are so blessed and thankful that God sees us fit to care for one of His little ones. We are learning and growing every day as new parents, and one blessing that has come from this pandemic is the time I have been able to spend with my family while working from home. God really is sovereign over every situation in our lives. I have included pictures of when we were at the hospital! We cannot wait for our Braddock Family to meet Gabriel in person!



Now that church is online instead of in person, I wanted to request prayer for our youth group. I am using zoom to connect with our youth, but many do not have access to internet at their homes. Please pray that God opens new doors to connect with them during this time. I message them frequently to encourage them, but I want to continue to reach out to them in deeper ways. Please pray that God gives me wisdom as well to navigate this new communication. NorthStar Church Network has been a huge help in giving recourses and ideas. I connect with other youth pastors in our area to bounce ideas off each other. Pray God does something mighty in the hearts and minds of our youth all over this country.

God bless you all, **Jonathan Gesin, Youth Director**

Health & Wellness Tidbit

Did you know...

Getting outside (while social distancing) can help you reap the benefits of the sun. Believe it or not, sunshine stimulates your immune systems' vitamin D and T cells, which ultimately results in boosted immunity. "We rely on solar energy to enable our bodies to stave off infections and fight disease," according to researchers.

Stewardship

Capital Campaign Donations	
Received thru 3/15 *	\$1,298,583.72
* Includes \$233,920.79 on hand at beginning of our capital campaign and Endowment funds	

You can give online! Just go to our website (www.braddockbaptistchurch.org) and click "Donate" at the bottom!

How to Watch our Services

Sunday Service: We will be strictly live streaming services until further notice, please watch your email for updates from us! Thank you for being so flexible as we navigate this time. Go to our YouTube page for viewing Sunday School (9:45) and Service (11:00), just type in "Braddock Baptist Church" in the search bar.

Young Adults: Young Adults Bible Study will be held over Skype until further notice! Please click the link below to enter the meeting every Monday at 6:25pm : <https://join.skype.com/JwCncd5PPvCe>

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: Prayer meeting will be held over Skype until further notice! Please click the link below to enter the meeting every Wednesday at 6:30pm : <https://join.skype.com/JwCncd5PPvCe> It may require you to set up an account, but if you click the link above, just follow the prompting to create an account/download Skype. Once in the meeting, we encourage everyone to use their camera so we can see you and interact. We are limiting the meeting to an hour, but please feel free to come and go if needed. Please call the church if you have any questions or need help! (703-750-2962).

