

Seeking God • Serving Others

**BRADDOCK Baptist Church**



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Every Week:

**Sundays**

TBD.....Church Breakfast  
9:45 a.m.....Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service  
On Youtube: "Braddock Baptist Church"

**Mondays**

6:30 p.m Skype.....Young Adults  
Small Group  
<https://join.skype.com/FWTc20LpIqC4>

**Wednesdays**

6:30 p.m Skype.....Prayer Meeting  
<https://join.skype.com/r07C9euD5UWY>  
6:30 p.m.....Youth Group

**MDO Preschool**

Monday-Friday Opens 8:00a.m.

**LIFE AT BRADDOCK**

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# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

**Pastor Corder Note**

I am often asked about our Vision; and what we believe; I wish to briefly lay out for you some answers to these basic questions. I want to also inform you that we will very soon introduce a class for everyone, which will assist us in articulating to others what we believe and what is expected of a member.

**OUR VISION – (in short)**

To continue to grow in our love with the triune (three in one) God: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by building ourselves up in the most holy faith, and to influence our community and the world with the message of Jesus Christ. Romans 1:16, 17 Paul says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: .... For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

In our Faith Community, we believe that a relationship with Jesus Christ is the only thing that can transform a person’s life. Our church is unashamedly dedicated to presenting this message in various ways and through many venues so that every person in our community and around the world, under our influence, is given a chance to understand it and come to salvation by faith, in the mighty works of Christ upon the Cross and in his resurrection.

**OUR MISSION – (in short)**

We are Seeking God- diligently and Serving Others- earnestly and trusting the Lord to give the increase steadily, as we follow Him in the work He is doing.

The three elements of our church mission are based on the two commandments of Matthew 22:37-39 and the two commissions of Matthew 28:19-20. "To love God" is the greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. Therefore, the cornerstone of our mission is "To love God whole heartedly"

"To love people" is the second greatest commandment. Matthew 22:39. Jesus also said that the Father is always at work, and he too is working, and we at Jesus’s Church have come to understand that when we see the Father at work, that is our invitation to join him. We are to complete the good work he has prepared in advance for us to do and, in so doing; we bring glory to His most excellent name.

**OUR MOTO: Seeking God - Serving Others**

Expectations of Church Members– (in short)

- Regularly participate in worship services. Hebrews 10:25
- Regular participate in Bible Study classes. Acts 2:42
- Serve in a ministry of the church. I Peter 4:10
- Give a tithe and offerings to the church. Malachi 3:10
- Participate in Discipling others. Matthew 28:19-20

I pray this helps you to be better prepared to tell another: who we are, what we believe, and in short how we operate. Don’t miss the **NEW!** class for all members that will be coming soon, watch for it.

Always in Love; and with the desire, for us to grow up in the unity of the Holy Spirit, and with the purpose of Christ, your pastor.

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

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## Sunday School Update

Welcome to Sunday school February 2021. Wow, it now seems that even the years go by so quickly. Well maybe we can say that 2020 seemed longer than usual because of the COVID-19 outbreak that we encountered and are still in the process of trying to get rid of it. With it of course were all the changes it brings to our daily lives especially the separations from families, friends and others. I truly hope you all have remained encouraged by the unchanging loving character of our GOD. Unchanging Love! How appropriate, here we are in the month of February, as I looked back at what I wrote last year in the Bridge for February I believe it would certainly be a good reminder worth repeating.

February is known as the Love Month and celebration of Valentine's Day. It hasn't been very long since we celebrated Jesus' birth. "God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son"

(John 3: 16). What could be a greater Valentine's gift? Well, He also gave us His Word another great gift. A Holy Book filled with LOVE everywhere you look. "My command is this: love each other as I have loved you." (John 15: 12). I could go on and on, but instead I want to challenge you to take time this month to read the Bible looking for and meditating on as many Book, Chapters and Verses that deal with LOVE. Here are a couple places you can start: Matthew 22: 37-39. 1st Corinthians 13: 1-13. And Galatians

5: 22-23. How many more can you find??? Enjoy!

I hope you all enjoy the next four Sunday school lessons in our study of the book of Luke. Enjoy online or in person along with our Worship Service. Sunday school at 9:45am and Worship at 11:00am.

INVITE someone to enjoy with you!

If not, No Worries

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

God Bless You



**Gary Moore, Sunday School Director  
Chairman of the Board**

## February Birthdays

**15 Thomas Perry**

**24 Charlene Bowser**



## Deacons Corner

February is often referred to as the month of love. God has given us a perfect example of unconditional love (Jesus lover of my soul) & the privilege to love one another. The more love we show to God, our Heavenly Father, and the more personal devotion to His Son, Jesus, the more He will shower His overflowing love on us. When we show His love to others in His name, we enjoy true fellowship with them. In Ephesians 5:2, Paul challenges us to "Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us & gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering & sacrifice to God."

In 1 Corinthians 13, known as the love chapter, Paul begins with, "And I will show you the most excellent way" and continues to describe what love is & is not. Try substituting the word "Christ" for "love" in this passage. In the beginning of Chapter 14, he continues this theme with "follow the way of love." Whatever the Bible version or translation you use, love is threaded throughout God's Word. For example, in the old King James version it is used over 300 times, over 550 times in the New International Version (NIV), and almost 900 times in the New Living translation.

In January, the Deacons delivered the 2020 giving statements and 2021 offering envelopes to church members. Those that could not be delivered were mailed. Please check with the church office if you have not received yours.

Let us know if your deacons can assist in any way.

**Elaine Comer & the new Deacon Team**

Here to Serve

PS If your contact information, has not been updated...i.e. 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:

Sunny Masih & Wesley Brown	→	Letters A through G
Manjaka A. & Tsiky R.	→	Letters H through P
Harry & Carol Finley	→	Letters Q through Z
Elaine Comer	→	Pastors & Deacons

### Note from the Associate Pastor

For twenty six times Psalm 136 repeats the phrase, “Give thanks to the LORD for His mercies endures forever. God blesses us not because of our righteousness [for we don’t have any!] but because of His mercies which endures forever.

With what has befallen my family last month by the home going of my beloved baby brother Pastor James Kaleli, I write this brief bridge article for February to express my heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring of love, prayers and support from the BBC family.

Elaine wrote the following text message after hearing the sad news, “Pastor Kaleli and Jeddy, My deepest Christian sympathy & prayers on the passing of James. May our God give you strength and peace for the days ahead as well as travel mercies. Your church is here to comfort and love your family. In His name... Praying strength and comfort for your family and God’s hedge of protection around you both to be Covid –free. Isaiah 46:4...’ I will be your God through all your life time ...I made you and I will care for you.’ May God bless you both. In His Name, Elaine C”.

Thank you, Elaine, and thank you Pastor Corder for your prayers and support through our time of bereavement. God has answered your prayers. As you prayed God has comforted us [ and is comforting us] and gave traveling mercies to the five family members who attended the funeral in Kenya. We are now safely back in Virginia. Thank you BBC family. You are indeed a loving and caring church. As God’s word admonishes us, when one part of the body is in pain the whole body is in pain. May God’s gracious presence be with all of us.

Over the years as a pastor I have participated and contacted many funerals of departed loved ones from church members; however, my baby brother’s death hit me differently. It is quite a devastating experience for anyone to participate in a graveside ceremony of lowering down to dust a casket carrying the remains of a loved one! We as a family are comforted only by the fact that absent from the body means to be present with LORD (2 Corinthians 5:8). We will be reunited with him when our moment of departure will come. Therefore, during moments of death when God calls home any of our loved ones, let us be comforted by the assurance that our departed dear ones are with the LORD in Paradise.

For our discipleship classes I would like to say. “thank you” for all those who are continuing with the discipleship classes. Let us pray for one another so that each class remains faithful and vigilant in completing all the required assignments. Graduation for the four classes is planned on May 22nd 2021. May God’s gracious presence be upon all the members of our BBC Family.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Pastor Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor**

### Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Happy February Beloved,

I want to personally ask for prayers over my family. So much has gone on since Brittany and I have been married, and God be glorified for all the opportunities He has given us. He has seen fit to gift us with our beautiful child, Gabriel. He has opened our eyes to see how He is working in every aspect of our lives. Being a new, young family, its been a rollercoaster ride for both Brittany and I. Never had we gone through a pandemic, alongside an important election, and all with a baby boy. So, I humbly ask that you pray specifically for my little family at some point in your quiet time. Thank you so much!

Our youth are doing great things for Christ! They have been writing to different elderly members in our church and actually getting responses! Praise the Lord. So, if you have received a letter from our beautiful youth, please write back as they come tell me excitedly that they have heard back from their elder. We continue to look for opportunities on how to serve our church as well as the world around us. Pray for wisdom for Brittany and I as we lead our youth to experience God by truly loving him while serving others.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

**Jonathan Gesin, Youth Director**

Health & Wellness Tidbit

Did you know...

Dark chocolate is a rich source of fiber, loaded with iron, magnesium, zinc, copper, and other minerals. You'll get the most flavanols from chocolate that's 70% or more dark.



Stewardship

<b>Capital Campaign Summary</b>	
Received thru 1/15	\$1,836,222.25
Approximate amt of contributions or borrowing needed to complete the project	\$300,000

Giving

You can continue to give by sending your checks, payable to Braddock Baptist Church, to our address, 6519 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22312. You can also give online through our website! Scroll down and hit the "donate now" button on the bottom right in the home page. We also have an offering plate in the back of the "Upper Room" Sanctuary for those joining us in person! Thank you for your continued giving and Obedience to Christ!

