

Seeking God • Serving Others

**BRADDOCK Baptist Church**



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**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 p.m.....Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.....Youth Group
- 7:30 p.m.....Praise Team  
Rehearsal

**Tuesdays**

- 3:00 p.m.....Woman's Bible Study

**First Friday of Every Month**

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

**Mother's Day Out**

- Monday-Friday 9:30a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

**Note from the Senior Pastor**

Let's take another look at who we are and what it is that we're about!

*Moto:* Seeking God, and Serving Others

*Vision:* The vision of Braddock Baptist Church is 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. This vision will guide every element of our ministry, here at BBC. In Romans 1:16, 17 Paul says, 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 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." At B.B.C., 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.

*Mission:* 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. Jesus said that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength". Therefore, the answer to; "What is our mission?" we simply say "To love God whole heartedly" and "to let the expression of the love of God be in serving one another. Jesus also said that the Father is always at work, and he too is working, and we at B.B.C., 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 doing so, we bring glory to His most excellent name. Finally, we find in His word that in our work, some are to plant; others water, but it is through God we can count upon to see growth. This is the natural state of the Kingdom. When things are properly aligned, we seek first and then God adds everything else needed. Our desire, through our obedience to His initiating of love, is that his kingdom will continue to grow, and our Fathers house will be full.

*Goals:* I wish to add to our long-established Vision and Mission statement our Goals: in 2 Peter 1 it talks about adding to our faith. God has given believers "divine power", to receive divine and precious (valuable) promises, so we can participate in his "divine nature", which allows us to escape the corruption of this world caused by our evil desires. So, while in earnest prayer the other day and thinking about 2 Peter 1, I enquired of the Lord as to help me set goals for us here at this Bible Believing Community as to how to add to our faith and congregation. And what I believe the Lord showed me I wish to share with you. It comes in the form of three "D's" also.

**Divine Drawing:**

The scripture tells us that if we lift up Jesus, he will draw people to himself. Jn. 12: 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. 33 This he said, signifying what death he should die. Lifting up Jesus, is to elevate one's understanding of who he is, what it he has done and what is the result of his work. As we hoist an individual's understanding of Jesus'; death, resurrection, ascension, return policy and how he will rule, this will draw men to him. We need to be prepared to explain the purpose behind his death, resurrection and ascension. What was gained by these, and then use his return policy (I will come back for my own) as a motivation to make a discussion to follow him now, and the fact he will someday reign, benevolently, that is in such a way that the good of all is the truly realized.

**Devine Discipling:**

This disciple is like that which an athlete undergoes to get his or her very best performance. Peter speaks to receiving all that we need for life and godliness. This

is achieved by our understanding of Him: His character, nature, actions and motivations. As we keep our eyes fixed upon Him we find how then we too ought to live our lives. And by his divine power, he promises that we can participate in his divine nature.

Divine Dispatching:

This is the goal of fulfilling our generations' part in the great commission. Vs. 8 tells us that if we possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep us from being unproductive. We will bear fruitful, after His kind! The passage concerning adding to our faith these disciplines in ever increasing measure is a statement that we must remain in the vine. By our connection to the vine we too will produce good fruit!

We need to be drawing seekers to Christ, moving seekers to discipleship, and dispatching disciples to being soul winners. The scriptures tell us that wise men win souls. Let's all pray for this kind of wisdom!!! Amen! Our Vision: We must not allow our lives to get the way of our Christianity; we must live our lives in the context of our faith and walk with Christ as people who were designed with a purpose. Christ-likeness must infiltrate every aspect of our existence: the way we conduct our business affairs, the relationships we have with friends, neighbors, spouses and children. Our belief must rise to the level of life style and choice. Our vision for BBC is for us to be unified to level of understanding that there is only one race, the human race, and two physical kinds of humans; male and females and the two most significant statuses in which they find themselves, saved or sinners. And for us at Braddock Baptist Church, a truly Bible Believing Community, we are reminded regularly that saved people are not better than sinners, just better off for the eternal discussion they have made to follow Christ Jesus the Lord.

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

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## Sunday School Update

Hello again and welcome to Sunday school. Well we're in the home stretch of the winter quarter of study in the book of Genesis, only four weeks to go. We will be studying the story of Joseph which will take us to the end of the winter quarter. I have to share that Joseph's story is just one, of my all-time favorites in the Bible. I hope everyone will enjoy these last four weeks of Sunday school.

What's next? Well the spring quarter of Sunday school. What's it going to be about? Just some clues: 1. His residence: Jerusalem. 2. Occupation: disciple of Christ. 3. He was known for writing the most concise account of Jesus' life, based on Peter's preaching. The answer of course is John Mark. The spring quarter will be an exciting study of the Gospel of Mark. What is more exciting than the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

As always, the youth and young adults will also be embarking on study for the spring lead by Jon Gesin and Ken Pierce.

Springtime being known for a time of new growth, fresh starts, etc. Why not make it a fresh start to talk to neighbors, friends...anyone who will listen—as JJ told us during his message, people love to talk. Invite others to come to Sunday school with you to share in studying the Gospel of Mark and then to join BBC in Worshiping the Lord.

No, I didn't forget that of course this is February...the Love Month.

Let me close by sharing a part of one of our "Open Windows" devotions. We hear and talk a lot about Freedom these days. Let's remember: "Love is the theme of our freedom. It demands that we serve one another in love—to love our neighbors as ourselves. In Christ, we are free to love as He first loved us. When we freely love as Jesus did, the world can see the fruit of the Spirit in us.

God Bless You, **Gary Moore**

### Deacon Team

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

## February Birthdays

02 Dallas Rodriguez

15 Thomas Perry

22 Dianne Carr

24 Charlene Bowser



## February Anniversaries

18 JJ and Alyssa Engelbrecht



## Note from the Chairman of the Deacons

Dear Braddock;

We are in the coldest part of winter but there is plenty going on in the church and around the church.

Let me update you regarding the renovation of the church building:

- 1) Final architectural plans are/have been submitted to Fairfax County for approval
- 2) Approval of those plans can take at least 3 months from the county
- 3) Construction downstairs fellowship hall and rest of downstairs will take at least 3 months
- 4) Once downstairs is complete, upstairs sanctuary will take about 2 months to complete
- 5) Elevator will be installed that will reach all 3 levels...Praise the Lord!
- 6) Hopefully, by the end of the year 2019 construction will be completed.

Like any construction project, it is no fun to go through. The unexpected should be the expected. But when it is finished, what a joy it will be! So just like any other difficult situation, please pray for patience by God's people and flexibility as we go through the project. We will keep you informed and if you have a question please do not hesitate to ask.

More importantly, how can the deacons assist you in prayer as we (the church) renovate our hearts and minds. The first step in going through any renovation project is to be open to God in prayer about needs that you have. If the deacons can support you in prayer through a redesign and build, we are here for you. My hope is you would be comfortable enough to ask your deacon or others close to you in church to pray for you and with you. The Lord says, in 1st Peter 5:7 "to cast ALL of your cares on HIM because HE cares for you." It is not a promise to just read about; it is a command of God to those who are in need of HIS grace.

Associate Pastor

Lord bless you, **Mitch & the Deacon team**

Braddock,

As we dive into yet another month at Braddock, I have nothing profound to say. I am just bound to this message God has given me in the last weeks and months. It is this; do we truly believe that God works through our obedience?

I have had to ask myself, "Does JJ believe that when the church loves one another as themselves and loves God with everything, that God moves?"

And honestly, Beloved, that is all I want to say in this article this month. Be open and receptive to Gods call on your life and recognize what God is doing in our midst.

God bless, **Pastor JJ**

Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Dear Beloved,

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. As we hit February, I want to share what my focus is, at least for now: To seek what God is *already* doing in the youth culture and *join* Him. This month I am going to focus less on my strengths and more on what God can do through my weaknesses.

My wife and I are heading into month 8 of our marriage. I am so thankful, humbled, and honored to have my wife by my side, and want to encourage every husband to treat his extra special this month. I say extra because we should always be treating our wives special, they are beautiful gifts from God.

Our youth are truly growing in knowledge AND obedience. This month they committed to reading the Word of God daily and praying regularly. I am sure going to keep them accountable. God is so deserving of our praise and worship. We need to get out of any slump we may find ourselves in and run to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ!

In His Service, **Jonathan Gesin**



**Stewardship**

We are looking forward to 2019! Our budget for this year is very similar to last year's, with one notable exception: We hope to have a new sanctuary and fellowship hall this year. We expect to have bids for the construction in the next month or so. We will keep you informed as we move through these exciting changes.

**Church Budget**

2019 Braddock Baptist Church Budget.....	<b>\$314,364.00</b>
Budget Needed/Week: \$6,045.46.....	Received Last Week: \$4,049.00
Total Budget Needed to Date: \$18,136.38.....	Received: \$22,485.00
Budget Surplus.....	<b>\$4,348.62</b>



<b>Capital Campaign Donations</b>	
Pledged thru 1/15	<b>\$614,674.00</b>
Received thru 1/15 *	\$835,206.25

**Directory Update**

Have you moved or changed your information?  
 We are continuing to receive and request any updates to our directory.  
 Please fill out the information below and email it to:  
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<u>Family Last Name</u>	<u>Adult/Parent</u>		<u>Children</u>
Address	1 <sup>st</sup> Name	2 <sup>nd</sup> Name	1 <sup>st</sup> child Name
City	DOB	DOB	DOB
State	Email	Email	Email
Zip	Phone	Phone	Phone
Anniversary Date			<i>*Repeat with remaining children</i>

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥