

## BRADDOCK Baptist Church





# The BRIDGE

## Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

## Pastor Corder Note

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Sunday School Update

Well here we are in the Winter quarter of Sunday school-already! Winter always seems come around more quickly and last longer than the other seasons and it always seems to test my patience—I'm ready for Spring, I know be patient it will be here, God is still in control and who am I to complain and try to give Him advice. OK enough of that. Hey! This is the month of Christmas! OK, WOW! This is the month when we received one of the Greatest Gifts we have ever received—The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ; God Himself came down to live with us and be the “perfect” example of how we too should live our lives. Of course, the second Greatest Gift we receive is our salvation through the Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Two of the Greatest Gifts any of us will ever receive. As Dr. Charles Stanley once said, “This Christmas take time to remember when you first met Jesus. What was going on in your life? How did you feel after accepting His offer of forgiveness? How has your life changed since that day? Now imagine what it will be like when you will finally see Him face to face in Heaven.”

I sincerely hope all of you have a Blessed and Joyous Christmas. I also hope you will all continue in your faithfulness in attending Sunday school and Worship throughout the holidays and winter season. The adults this quarter will be studying the books of Numbers and Deuteronomy of the Old Testament, the beginning of His Will and Purposes for our lives. And of course, there will also be classes for our young adults, youth and children all focused on how to live and grow in the “perfect” example that Jesus set for us. Please also take advantage of our wonderful daily devotion books which are on the literature stand on the second floor.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and God Bless You,  
Gary Moore

Note from the Deacons

I am very looking forward to this upcoming year.

While any renovation process presents challenges, thinking of the finished product brings much hope. Now God cares more about our tabernacle rather than a church building.

As Christians, we want to look forward to that city whose builder and maker is God. (Hebrews 11:10) Are you allowing God to do a renovation in your heart, to work through you as a life yielded to God by faith? I hope so.....when we try and control things the more out of control things will be. When we let God be God we can be amazed at what He does and what He will do. My hope for you as we go through this process over the next 8 months, God will use this construction to do a work of faith in your and my life.

- 1) **Design** - God has a master plan your you. He wants you to be plugged into fellowship with both feet because He has a plan and purpose for your life.
- 2) **Destroy** - God wants to destroy every evil thought, word or deed that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.
- 3) **Dig Deep** - God wants to lay a chief cornerstone to anchor that tabernacle....Is your Savior the Lord of your life or are you still hanging on to your own life and has He become your stumbling block?
- 4) **Deploy** - Have you deployed all your assets as He works in your life? Are you willing to do whatever He wants?
- 5) **Develop** - Are you developing new and creative ideas that will help our church grow in quality first then quantity?
- 6) **a new Dimension** - God wants you to find new dimension to your walk with God. He wants you to Trust Him in the Good times and the bad, through the mountain top and the valley, through healthy times and sicknesses, through life and in death, through joys and in sorrows. This new dimension of faith will give you depth, stature, and persistence that can only come from God especially when you see the sign “Under Construction”

Lord bless you, **Mitch Bennett**  
Let us know if your deacons can assist you.

December Birthdays

- 12 **Brittany Gesin**
- 12 **Abbie Bennett**
- 17 **Dave Waters**
- 18 **Dave Salas**
- 23 **Stephanie Short**
- 28 **Jamie Aguilar**
- 29 **Grace Bennett**



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 Brethren of BBC Family,

Greetings from Kenya ! I am writing this month’s bridge article from Kenya where my wife and I have come for a brief visit to be with our nine boys and girls who are the orphans we adopted and have been living in our house for the last six years. They are now on their holidays from school. We are glad for the opportunity to see them before they return to their different Christian boarding schools where they attend school. A few years ago they all completed their catechumen classes and were baptized. Please remember them in prayer so that in addition to excelling in school they will grow into Jesus likeness as they continue to live their lives under Christ’s Lordship.

As members of the BBC family we are grateful to God for the sixteen members of the discipleship class. Please see the picture below.



**Back Row – (Standing) Left to Right**  
Mandresy, Wesley, Daniel, Harold, Emily, Mercy, Stephen, Carol &Sunny

**Front Row (Seated/Kneeling) – Left to Right**  
Billy, Charlene, Jones, Jeddy, Jon & Manjaka.

(Class of 16 from seven nationalities with Immaculate not in photo)

Beloved BBC brethren I suggest that you adopt one of the students in this photo. As the word encourages us to pray for one another, please pray for him or her regularly so that God will enable them to remain focused and determined to the very end of the course. We have six more sessions to go! I am sure the student you adopt would be delighted to have some communication from you that he or she is loved and prayed for by you!

December is a great month during which the Christian Church remembers the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was a time when the Eternal God of the universe chose to become human so that as God’s Holy Son he would die on our behalf in order to restore our broken relationship with God. Remember Moses praying for a chance to see God in Exodus 33 where God responded in verses 19-20 and said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence... But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live. “Why? God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:29 ;). “He alone is immortal and dwells in unapproachable light. No one has ever seen Him, nor can anyone see Him” ( 1 Timothy6:16).

Our loving heavenly Father knew that humans like Moses longed to see Him! But When? In the fullness of time when in Christ’s birth God covered Himself with a human body/garment. Almighty Jehovah God cannot presence Himself to us ‘naked’ otherwise we would be consumed by the fire of His presence. But in Christ’s birth God clothed Himself with humanity. Jesus Christ is God in a human body. It states, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14 NIV). No wonder Jesus said, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father (John 14:9 NKJV).

So let’s celebrate Christmas with thanksgiving to God for His awesome gift of His son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in whom we have forgiveness of our sins and been made co-heirs of His Eternal Kingdom with His dear son.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New 2020!  
Pastor Kaleli



Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Dear Braddock Saints!

I am overjoyed that I am called a child of God. How many times this past month that I depended on Him, I cannot even count. And to think that if I was not a believer, I would have NO access – that is such a scary thought. Beloved, I will be the first person to tell you, GOD is who He says He is! One example of this realization this past month is found in Psalm 4:8, “In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.”

Let me tell you how I know God’s Word is true! This past week, my dear wife has been having some sleepless nights due to some pregnancy symptoms/some sickness that was undiagnosed. This went on for about a week, until we came upon the above verse in the Discipleship Class. We concluded, with the help of Stephen (Pastor K’s Son-in-law), that we can give God our burdens, stress, anxiety, fear, ailments, sickness, etc., when we are about to go to sleep. God never sleeps because He is Omni-present, everywhere always. There is no point in carrying our burdens to bed with us because we can’t do anything, we can’t fix anything, and they will just keep us awake. But GOD – God never sleeps and will fight our battles for us while He alone gives us safety to get a good night’s rest. Before bed, Brittany and I prayed over this verse and asked God to take away all these things so we can get a good night sleep. GUESS WHAT- you got it, God was true to His Word yet again, and Brittany slept all the way through the night, even with our dogs barking, me shuffling around working, and her symptoms. God is SO Good!

My prayer for you reading this is that God shows himself to you in new ways every day. Through reading His Word, you can begin to hear the Heart of God and feel His presence. I urge you brothers and sisters, be disciplined in the Word of God. That is the most important thing we can do. Be in prayer for your brothers and sisters in Christ. Don’t forget, give God your burdens every night because He alone will make you dwell in safety!

On a side note, I want to ask you to pray for our youth group. We have an odd demographic, some from church and Christian backgrounds, but some that are not, and want to know more, but do not want to change their ways. Please pray for God to draw them near to Him. I am humbled to be the mouthpiece to this youth group, and ask that you pray for me to boldly proclaim the gospel to them every day.

One more exciting thing – 2020 is right around the corner which mean Brittany and I’s first-born son’s day view is right around the corner. Baby Gabriel’s due date is March 25<sup>th</sup>! Pray for both Brittany and Gabriel as they approach this glorious God-given gift of new life. Cant wait for Gabriel to meet our Braddock Baptist Family!!

Merry Christmas, **Jonathan Gesin**

Stewardship

The 2020 Braddock Baptist Church, Inc Budget was approved by both the Board of Directors and at the November Business Meeting. Should you need a copy, please contact the church office.

