

The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone



BRADDOCK Baptist Church
Alexandria, VA

May 2015

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

4 p.m. Exercise
6-7:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
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

May Flowers; among the many blooms of May one is my very own daughter, Emily. By the time most of you read this, Emily will have departed from childhood and her teens to spring in a new decade. Emily is twenty on May 2nd. With the new decade she is talking about all sorts of new vision for her life. While I detect woefulness' of leaving behind her teens, she has an earnestness, new found seriousness and determination to make these next ten years count.

It is exciting to be around new enthusiasm. One of the things I am most enthusiastic about is vision casting for the next decade for BBC. Dave Waters, I'm sure will tell us in one of his articles that the Constitution- By-Laws, which will frame how we govern here at BBC hopefully for many decades, has crossed another milestone toward its completion. The Renovation team too, will share with us the progress we are making on a "Master Plan" that will guide us in the years of future growth and enjoyment of the facilities God has entrusted us.

I wish to share vision with you too. Each and every week, as I open the Word of God with this Body, my vision and hope is that we grow in our understanding, but much more than just understanding our commitment to obedience to The God of the Word. He, who time after time when we open His word, reveals his might, his love, his faithfulness to us, and our great need for him.

As we turn on the news these days, we find that peace seems to be in short supply. Both abroad and locally, people are going at one another, and pushing at all authority. I have heard some say that the situation is hopeless, that a turnaround is hopeless. Yet, this is not how we are to live.

Peter records for us in his first letter, [1 Peter 3:14](#) "But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander".

Jesus said in, [John 14: 27](#) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. ²⁸ "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you...'

Part of my vision for BBC is that he will not take us out of the world- yet- but will make the world look to us for the reason for our peace! I set yesterday with a gentle-man who wrote out his prepared statement for why he is still hopeful, still full of God's peace. It was short, it was concise, and it was in obedience. Put a pen to paper, put a thought to your answer, be prepared.

Love you all, **Pastor Timothy**

ABBCS

I give all the glory and thanks to God for guiding ABBCS for the past 10 years. ABBCS was founded in 2005. Since then, the body of Braddock Baptist Church has been faithfully supporting and fully dedicated to assist our school.

We greatly appreciate the love and support that we have received from you. I give special thanks to Dr. Timothy Corder and Becky Corder for devoting their time and effort to edify ABBCS for three years.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. [Romans 8:28](#)

Thank you again for being such great spiritual partners in this journey of serving people to attain the fullness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In His Presence,
Dr. Samuel Song

Graduation Service Saturday, May 30

American Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Graduation Service for Charlene Bowser, Carol Finley, Bobbie Rivenbark, Joyce Taylor, & Kebede Bogale. Reception to follow.

V.B.S. 2015

Ever wanted to go to space? Calling all who would like to volunteer and help with our V.B.S. Please see Emily Corder. Early Registration for kids begins May 24. Download a form online at braddockbaptistchurch.org or see Emily for a form. Get ready for a week of fun!!



Birthdays

02 Emily Corder
Sharon Peddicord
06 Zachary Robinson
08 Christopher Waters
Carol Finley
11 Pastor Timothy
Corder
15 Shawn Robinson
16 Sarah Corder
17 Cecilia Owens
20 Sharon Favazza
31 Gerald Koehnlein
Margie Hasley

Anniversaries

06 Jody & Stanley
Dunning
29 Beulah & Cesar
Quitoriano

Stewardship

A January 30, 2015, New York Times article (http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/31/your-money/the-dangerous-state-of-americans-savings.html?_r=0) recommended that families have 3-6 months worth of income saved in case of an emergency or unexpected event. If you don't already have this amount available, you too can start saving for that 'just in case' time. Although this can seem like an difficult goal, you can start small - for example set your initial goal of one month's pay. Some advisers also recommend that you regularly transfer funds from one account to another account set aside only for emergencies, even if the amount transferred is small.

The church also saves money each year for those 'just in case' emergencies and moves money from our checking account to our saving account. The church even budgets for it each year to ensure we save for unplanned expenses. Although we hope this saving account never needs to be used for an emergency, we believe this is a wise financial step that you also consider doing if you don't already.

MIHI YOUTH MADE IN HIS IMAGE

We are so excited to start the month of May working on a local missions project! All youth should please plan on joining us this Sunday, May 3 for a full day event. We will be working collectively with other youth groups through the Northstar Church Network. Details below:

When: Sunday, May 3: starting after service,

What: miHi will have a day of water games and fun. Then we will join other Baptist youth groups for this local missions project: Worship, Weekend Backpack meal preparation, Dinner, and Fellowship

The Goal is 625+ meals (\$5,000)

Mission Focus: The Weekend Backpack Food Program is a ministry that serves and meets the needs of children within Fairfax County. Children that are on reduced or free lunches at school will be given a bag of food to take home with them on Fridays ensuring they have a healthy and nutritious meal while at home over the weekend. This program serves over 150 kids within the area and we hope to provide their weekend meals for the remaining of the school year.

Parents, we ask that you please encourage your youth to be involved in servanthood and missions projects like these.

With Love, **Hector & Cristina**

BBC Renovation Team Update

On April 22, 2015, some members of the Renovation Team attended a "Building on Purpose" Seminar at the All Saints Church in Woodbridge, VA. Topics of discussion included: Strategic and Master Planning, Ministry Space Designing, Fundraising and Financing. This seminar was designed to help congregation leaders and members understand the process of planning, designing and constructing facilities aligned with ministry goals and priorities. A lot of worthwhile information was shared during this informative seminar, along with various contacts which will be useful for future renovation decisions.

Stay tuned Braddock for further church renovation information!!!

Jody Dunning, A Member of the Team

Deacon Ministry

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (King James)

Dear Braddockians,

I would like to encourage you this month in light of your service to the Lord.

How and when are we serving the Lord? Our life in Christ, all of the time is His. Do you ever think like me, "When do I get my time to do my stuff"? We don't get our time because any time we have on this earth is His. Our days are numbered in His hands.

So when opportunities to serve the Lord confront us, we have a choice to make. My time or your time Lord! Why do I bring this up? The life of abundance Paul talks about above is ours to find every day. And when you find that life (The Life of Christ) you will find His life coming through you and you will find His perseverance, His steadfastness, and His Abundance in serving the Lord and His people.

You might ask yourself, Why should I take up this difficult life? Paul gives you the answer above....unlike all of our other endeavors the work of the Lord is not vanity. It is worth your time, focus and energy. God will reward you! "Eye has not seen nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, the things that God has prepared for those who love Him".

As you live life this month ahead, may the work of the Lord be on our hearts.

Your deacon team stands ready to assist you,

Mitch Bennett and the deacon team

Update on BBC Incorporation Process

The Constitution and By-Law Committee continues to meet to review and revise the Constitution and By-Law document. Our plan is to finish the review as soon as possible. The next steps are to:

- Send the modified Constitution and By-Laws document back to the lawyer for another legal review. (Completed and sent to the Lawyer 04/29/15)
- Write Standard Operations Manual for each of the various committees with the assistance of the Committee Chairs. (Continue to Work on then)
- Share the Constitution and By-Laws with BBC to review. (Pending)
- Approve the Constitution and By-Laws at a business meeting. (Pending)
- Combine the church owned real estate properties, furniture, equipment, van, etc. under a blanket order within the incorporation. (Pending)

Please keep the committee members in your prayers. It is a monumental task.

Members of this committee are Gary Carr, Barry Dunn, and the Board of Directors (Pastor Timothy, Diane Carr, Jody Dunning Harry Finley, Gary Moore, and Dave Waters)

We will keep all the Braddockians church family informed as we progress through this process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Pastor.

God Bless!

Dave Waters, Chair

Board of Directors, Constitution and By-Law Committee

Christian Education

My Name is Legion: A Testimony (JOPD)
Joseph O. Prewitt Diaz, PhD

Recently we studied the book of Luke in Sunday School. In preparation for my lesson, I read the whole book first to gain contextual knowledge of the section we would be studying, and secondly on the meaning of the scripture for us today. I couldn't stop thinking about what these lessons and the wisdom that Jesus was trying to share with you and me, here and now.

On occasion I have been asked to share my testimony. After reading Luke 8:26-39 I reflected on how this text impacted my testimony: I was born, I sinned, asked and was forgiven, and Jesus is my companion.

Now let us speak about the one who saved us.

When we reach out to Jesus no matter what is our time or our place, when we declare that we have sinned, we are declaring that we have been overrun by thousands of rampant thoughts. Somewhat like a legion, defined as a large number of soldiers in the Roman Armies, during Jesus days in this world.

When Jesus went into the turbulent waters of the Sea of Galilee looking for me (and for you), He was seeking us out. I (and you) was lost to myself, had no center, or understanding of where or whose I was. I was disposed of my humanity. My life had been shattered into thousands of pieces. I was on the road, in a human tomb, in essence dead to the world—vulnerable, naked, and exposed.

Jesus calmed the waters of the Sea of Galilee and came with his disciples looking for me (and for you). He challenged thousands of evil spirits and they obeyed. In a single day, as Jesus sought out Legion (you and me), He calmed the fierce winds that would have swamped the boat. Those who witnessed the situation unfold were shaken by the awesome power of Jesus.

What wisdom have I gleaned from the passage and my journey?

1. No one is beyond hope.
2. Nothing is impossible with God.
3. Jesus had stripped back the boundaries I had placed on my vision of human healing. There are no boundaries any more. For the rest of my life I will share this passage and remember that nothing is impossible to Jesus.
4. In the passage of Luke, we have seen how Jesus can love the man who so recently has been obsessed with the demonic.
5. Much like us, we have seen how Jesus clothed Legion, who is now sitting at Jesus' feet, consumed in his new found salvation.
6. Jesus accepts us as he has accepted him, as a learner of "the way".

You see Jesus gives the man the shirt off his own back (just like he did to me and to you) -- literally. The man who is naked as a result of his sin, will be clothed by Jesus by His love and mercy.

Publications

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website at braddockbaptistchurch.org

This is a great tool to use as you invite your friends and neighbors to join our community and worship here at BBC. Utilize it for yourself as well with our monthly calendar, upcoming events, and weekly services all listed on the home page. *Soon to come: Videos of past services.*

Thank you for your patience as we worked to build this site to be clean, user friendly, optimal for search engines, and expressive of who we are as a church and Christian community here in the heart of Virginia/D.C.

BBC Men

In April 2015 Braddock Baptist Church (BBC) celebrated Easter. April was to be a busy month for outreach activities as Braddockians reached out to the surrounding community. We had a Good Friday service; the Easter Egg Hunt outreach to the community and within BBC; the Easter Sunrise service; the Breakfast following the Sunrise prepared by Rick Rodriguez and the BBC Men; the 11:00 am Easter Sunday Worship and a beautiful Easter Cantata performed by our SONBEAMS. Praise the Lord and Hallelujah that we do serve a Risen God.

Events that happened in April:

Easter Egg Hunt The Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 4th on the BBC grounds. It was once again a "**BIG SUCCESS**". We had about 75 children/youth and 50 adults including the BBC workers. Every child went home with a prize and a bag of treats. Activities included coloring Easter pictures that were judged for prizes, dying boiled eggs, animal balloons making, and The 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 (dying 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 it was much appreciated. Lastly, I want to thank, my bride, Linda Waters for coordinating this **church-wide** sponsored event and for showing and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with the children of BBC and those who came from throughout the community.

Cross Point House near George Mason University (GMU) Work Day We had 10 Men and one Youth joined us April 11th for a mission outreach endeavor to beautify the grounds of the CrossPoint House on Roberts Road. We mowed grass, blew leaves, weeded the flower beds, spread 8 yards of mulch and cut up a blown down 20 foot tree and hauled the wood away. Thank you BBC Men: Pastor Timothy, Gary Carr, Barrie Dunn, Stanley Dunning, Jim Hix, Harry Finley, Gerry Koehnlein, Tommy Perry (Youth), Hector Riojas, Dave Waters and Ken Harding (NorthStar).

Upcoming events in May:

The BBC Men's monthly meeting will be on Monday May 4th 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 16th and other important dates below:

May:	Monthly Meeting 5/4 @7:00
Mon 11 th	Leadership Committee @ 7PM
Wed 13 th	Church Business Meeting @ 7PM
Sat 16 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 please bake cakes pies, etc. to auction for the fundraiser
Sat 30 th	Seminary Students Graduation and Reception @11AM
June:	Monthly Meeting 6/1@ 7:00
Sun 7 th	Men Annual Graduates Recognition
Sun 14 th	Deacon Ordination
Sun 21 th	Children and Youth Service
Sat 21 th	Church-wide Picnic @Burke Lake Park

God Loves You and So Do I!

Keep the Faith!

Dave Waters, President BBC Men

The San Diego-Coronado Bridge, locally referred to as the Coronado Bridge, is a "prestressed concrete/steel" girder bridge, crossing over San Diego Bay in the United States, linking San Diego with Coronado, California.

