

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”

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. Skype.....Prayer Meeting
<https://join.skype.com/r07C9euD5UWY>
7:00 p.m.....Youth Group

Fridays

6:30 p.m. “The Chosen” Watch-Party

MDO Preschool

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Hiring Teachers & Aides

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The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

Pastor Corder Note

Allegiance

To what do we pledge allegiance to in these trying times. I still pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States, but with a caveat; is it better to obey God rather than man? I’m often referred to as a Baptist Preacher, to which I state, no I am a gospel preaching at a Baptist Church. As of late, I even make a distinction, when I hear it said well, you pastor a Baptist Church.

Again, I clarify, I pastor Jesus’s Church at Braddock. For Jesus said he would build His Church, and that the gates of Hell shall not prevail over His church. Any church at Jesus is the builder, is His and the current pastor is a mere under Shephard, Hopefully an obedient instrument in His right hand. I hear more these days what some one believes in with such strong conviction that they will leave everything and one behind to hold to this belief, even I the belief is misplaced. This past Wednesday a mother said a relative stated that if anyone claims to be a “pro-lifer” they will never get to hold my child. Again one posted – If you are a “Trump-er” you will never get this or that and you don’t deserve to live at all. Are you a Republican? A Democrat?

Matthew 5: Oaths

33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne;³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Jesus tells his disciples to be strong to be people of their word as the obey HIS word Jesus is counterculture, but not counter civilization.

He goes on to say:³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.



Love for Enemies

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor^[1] and hate your enemy.’⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Think about it!

Love you, Pastor Timothy
Senior Pastor

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As I write this, outside we are having a wonderful April shower. And as I look around I see the early beginning of May flowers, trees and shrubs. It’s true April showers do bring May flowers. For me it’s always wonderful to anticipate and see God's beautiful creation come alive after time at rest during the winter. While thinking about new life I began to think about my life, now an older life, I was “again” encouraged by a devotion in one of our “Open Windows” devotions. The devotional verse was (2 Corinthians 5: 1 KJV).

“For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

The devotion begins by asking, what was the last ache or pain you had in your body? It tells us a truth that whether younger or older, we cannot escape the wasting away this temporary earthly body God has given us.

The writer of the devotion David McCaman tells us. “Part of the blessing of our salvation is that there is coming a day when we will receive a new imperishable body.” He then asks us to think about or ponder the following “no more” list: “No more aches and pains, which means no more prescriptions or over-the-counter pain relievers. No more vision or hearing problems. No more going to sleep feeling fine and then waking up to feel like you've run a marathon. No more disease or death.” He then reminds us, “We currently reside in tabernacles or tents, temporary housing. But there is coming a day when we will receive new heavenly bodies that will have been built by God. So, let us praise Him with every ache we feel, for those are only temporary afflictions.”

I sincerely hope Mr. McCaman's words/devotion encourages you as much as it does me. But I also share it to encourage you to take advantage of picking up a copy of an “Open Windows” devotional book that contains this devotion and others. This book and “The Word for You Today” devotion book are available to all and are located on the literature rack just inside the sanctuary. Pick up one of each and enjoy! Be encouraged. Oh how God speaks to us through His Word and devotions about His Word. We Praise and Thank You Heavenly Father.

May you enjoy His beautiful creation this month of May and always.

Have a Happy Mother's Day and Memorial Day Holiday!

I close with Mr. McCaman's prayer at the end of his devotion:

“Father, may we walk in the hope of the coming
new and resurrected body. Until then,
let us praise You in this earthly tabernacle.”

May Birthdays

- 02 Emily Corder
- 06 Victor Salomon
- 08 Carol Finley
- 10 Jonathan Gesin
- 11 Timothy Corder
- 20 Billy Pham
- 26 Emerson Debral
- 31 Gerald Koehnlein



Anniversaries

- 06 Jody & Stanley Dunning

God Bless You, Gary Moore
Chairman of the Board

Deacons Corner

Serving families:

Sunny Masih	—————>	Pastors & Staff
Jim Hix	—————>	Letters A through G
Tsiky R. & Becky Corder	—————>	Letters H through P
Mitch & Nancy Bennett	—————>	Letters Q through Z

Note from our Associate Pastor

Beloved BBC Family,

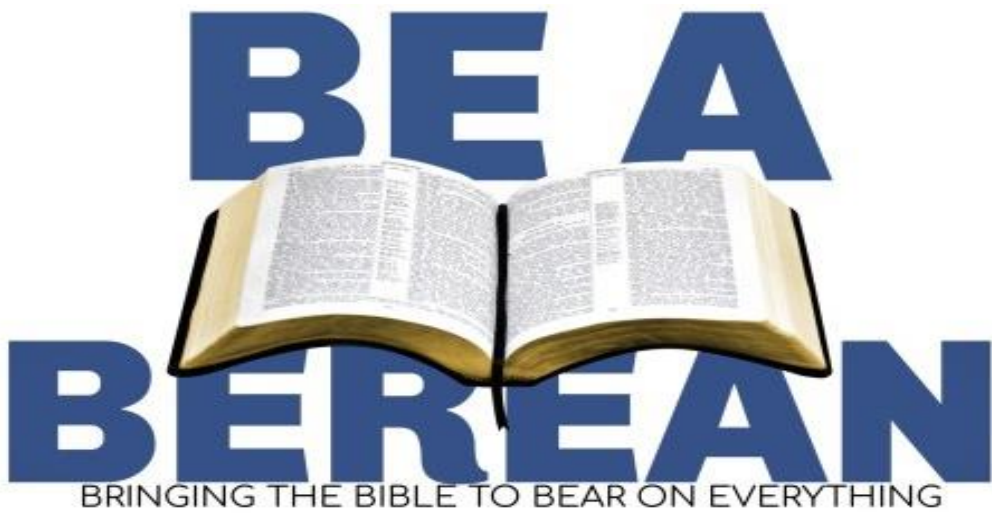
My May 2022 Christian greetings come to you in the Name of our Savior and LORD Jesus Christ!

As members of our BBC Family we remember last month – the Easter month-- with hearts of praise and thanksgiving to God for the love He demonstrated for all humanity when He gave his beloved son to die on the cross for our sins. It is true as the Word states, “ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends (John 15:13).Though we should never forget what the Scriptures tell us that, “ … God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners [disobedient, rebellious], Christ died for us” Romans 5:8.

It was a painful day when the Holy and sinless son of God, our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ went through arrest, suffering, torture, humiliation, crucifixion, death and resurrection in order that you and I may be rescued from eternal damnation and be made children in God’s eternal family. May gratitude and praise be forever in our hearts and lips now and throughout eternity.

May the messages from the book of Hebrews, our weekly prayer meetings, our adult Sunday Bible study lessons, discipleship classes, the young adults and youth meetings, MDO preschool classes and the children Sunday school lessons … all be blessed of the Lord as avenues through which the whole BBC family is being disciplined into Jesus Christ likeness. Let us all be like the Berean church who after receiving the gospel from Paul and Silas examined the Scriptures to see if what Paul said was true.

Dr. Luke describes them saying “11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. 12 As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.” (Acts 17:11-12). Could this description be true of BBC? Like the Berean church what a joy it is to receive God’s eternal message not only with great eagerness but also take the time to examine the Scriptures every day to confirm that all lessons are consistent with God’s inspired word.



With all what is happening in the world today let us continue praying for global peace and especially the Russia- Ukraine situation. May the Almighty Jehovah God before whom all nations “...are nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand” (Isaiah 40:15) bring peace to the world. May there be “Shalom“ in the land!

Sincerely in Christ,

Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor

Directory Update:

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.

Worship Corner

Hey Church Family!

This past month, we celebrated Resurrection Sunday and sang this hymn during the Sunrise Service:

“Because He Lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He Lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives”
(Chorus of *Because He Lives*, sung on April 17th)

Paul says the following in **Galatians 2:20**:

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me"

We all go through tough times. We all have our own battles. But because Jesus lives, we can face anything life throws at us. This new life in Christ is a gift from God. Let us not squander it, or live it in fear. Rather, let us live it by faith in the Son of God who loved us, died for us, and rose again in victory!

Manjaka & the Braddock Worship Team

Kingdom Work Youth Ministry

Happy May Beloved,

Please continue praying for our youth and children. The world we live in is making it harder and harder for them to follow Christ with their whole being. A topic that I have began to talk to them about is killing sin in their life.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Here are a few thoughts in regards to killing sin that I have found helpful recently.

Thought 1: We often think about laying aside sin... That’s the normal Sunday school answer. “I should stop stealing, gossiping, lying, etc.” But do we ever think more deeply about the weight Paul talks about here before sin? Often times, the sin we commit is because of a weight that was too heavy for us and we gave in. **Think about the weights in your life that might be causing you to sin.** Is it the news? Is it social media? Is it watching your favorite TV show that has “only some” inappropriate scenes? Once you think about it, I promise you things that you do regularly do, or have been doing might be the reason you are sinning so often. Find those weights in your life and kill them. Stop them. Avoid them. **Flee from them.**

Thought 2: You can only do this with your eyes fixed on Jesus. Don’t rely on your flesh, your mind, your heart, or will to do good. We can only do that through the Holy Spirit within us, while we try our very best to fix our entire being on Christ and what he had done on the cross.

Thought 3: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses (the men and women of faith in the previous chapter). However, I want to add to that if I may. You are surrounded by a church family who loves you, cares for you, and is here to build you up and encourage you. Surround yourself with Godly men and women as you start this fight against sin.

In Humility, **Pastor Jon**
Youth Pastor

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