

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/FWtc20LplqC4>

**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.

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# The BRIDGE

Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone

## Pastor Corder Note

Well, it just keeps getting better and better. Each month is better than the prior! The building is really coming together and the courtyard has already proven to be a excellent extension to our worship and fellowship space.

We began utilization of some of our renovated space on Resurrection Sunday; meeting first in the courtyard for Sunrise Service, then on the inside our sanctuary at a time still not even having a completed ceiling. Since that first Sunday on Resurrection Day we have continued to meet and then release again back to the contractors for further completion each week. We have now had two additional fellowships in the courtyard, the wedding rehearsal dinner of Wesley and Arica Brown and this past Sunday an all-out church after service Sunday cookout, whoo -whoohoo !

In our sanctuary we continue to have regular services each week and have had deacon ordination, and a wedding and returned to our regular 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday communion! Exciting times, for sure. In July we will have another wedding, while not in the sanctuary, a family wedding never-the-less. We have multiple baptisms planned and we will be announcing an official dedication Sunday soon, so stay tuned!

I am looking for a church van driver as we hope to start picking up those who need rides again, any time now. So, if you are interested in driving or being picked-up for church, please let us know by calling the main church line or emailing: [Jon@Braddock.church](mailto:Jon@Braddock.church).

We will also be starting up new discipleship classes for those who did not get in on the first go around. Let us know that you would like to participate in that and we will contact you as to when that should start. Well as though that was not enough, we are looking forward to resuming multiple Sunday School classes after Labor Day!

Keep your eyes peeled as we will announce when the elevator in completed and everyone will be able to return and access every area of the church, without the climbing of stairs! I'm sure there is much more I should be sharing, but this is what comes to mind. So, for further updates log-on to the website and keep up with what God is doing with His church @ Braddock.

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**

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## Sunday School Update

Hello and welcome to July, the lazy hazy days of good old summertime.

I hope you are enjoying the freedom of getting back to attending Sunday school and Worship in person in our newly renovated sanctuary. Still some finishing work to be done, but happy we can enjoy being together again as we wait for the renovation to be completed. Of course, we still provide Sunday school and Worship on line as well. I also hope you are enjoying the wonderful lessons on the Book of Job being taught by Mitch Bennett, Pastor Kaleli and Manjaka. Wow! The infinite amount of knowledge in the Bible, God's Holy Word, that gives us the answers to any question we may ask to help us with direction for our daily lives as God's children. We will be continuing to study the Book of Job and then include the Book of Ecclesiastes as we move through our summer quarter of July and August.

Reminder: "Don't Be Afraid" INVITE Neighbors, Friends and Others you meet to join you at Braddock for Bible Study and Worship. Plant the seeds and watch God water, grow and bring the fruit! Also, as you enjoy your summer and maybe vacation time, don't take vacation from your daily Bible reading and Prayer time with the Lord. Remember He Always welcomes our Presence and Worship and Praise.

Happy 4th of July - - Happy Birthday America - - Celebrate, Enjoy and Stay Safe!

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

**02 Kate Partlow**

**08 Janett Smith**

**18 Jean Reeder**

**20 Faly Raharinaivo**

**23 John-Alan Short**

**23 Mary Berry**

**24 Jeddy Kaleli**

**29 Davida Raharinaivo**



## Deacons Corner

On July 4th, we celebrate the 245th birthday of our nation and all the precious freedoms that we enjoy as Americans. Freedom is defined as "the power or right to act, speak or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint or cost and to set at liberty."

As Christians, we are also blessed with freedom from our sins (Romans 6:18, Revelation 1:5b). By free will, a Christian has changed masters, whereas we were formerly a slave to sin, we become a willing servant to God's righteousness. In Galatians 5:1. Paul says that "it is for freedom from sin that Christ has set us free so stand firm then and do not let yourselves be burdened by the yolk of slavery under the law." We are no longer caught up or entangled in the burden of sin but gain God's favor under the lifegiving grace of God's new covenant through Jesus Christ.

The Bible speaks much about this freedom. Psalms 119:32 says, "I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free." Likewise, John 8:32b states "the truth will set you free", and John 8:36 declares that "if the Son (Jesus) sets you free, you are free indeed." In 2 Corinthians 3:17 we are assured that "now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." When we believe, we receive the Holy Spirit and this freedom. Finally, in 1 Peter 2:16, we are warned to "live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but live as servants of God."

In June, the Deacons visited families, delivered food to shut-ins, and assisted families with transportation to doctor's appointments.

Here to Serve

Elaine Comer & the Deacon Team

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

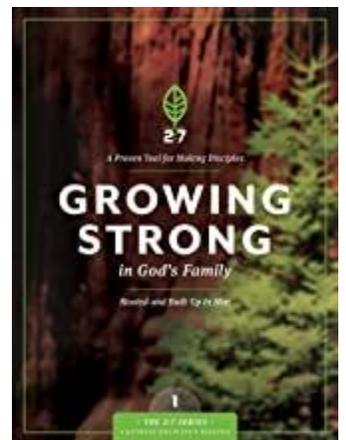
**Note from the Associate Pastor**

Welcome to the month of July 2021!

As a church we are continually grateful to God for His gracious presence which He continues to pour upon each one of us day in and day out! As the Bible reminds and encourages us that we are all what we are by the grace of God. (1 Corinthians 15:10).

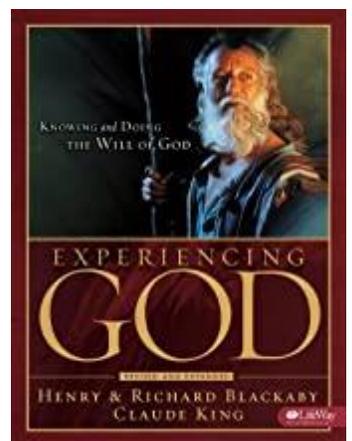
The church is grateful and thank Mitch Bennett and Manjaka Andriamasinoro for their excellent teaching of the Sunday School class. We are also grateful for the leadership of Mother’s Day Out preschool by Dr. Jeddy Kaleli (Mama Kay) and the excellent teachers Jemima Manoa, Sarah Debral and Stephanie Corder.

We are also grateful for the incoming new Discipleship class “Growing Strong in God’s Family Book 1” Welcome to the new class: Christopher Stankiewliz, Dave Salas, Nancy Bennett, Nate Bennett, Gary Moore, Davida Raharinaivo, Jamila & Andres Burbano and Bob Berry. If you have signed up, but are not on this list, or you haven’t signed up and want to join, please email Jonathan, [Jon@braddock.church](mailto:Jon@braddock.church).



This first class will start in the beginning of September.

Congratulations to all those who have completed the three books and graduated with the Navigators International 2:7 Series Certificate of “A Course in Personal Discipleship.” As a church we thank Dr. Stephen Kitoo, Pastor Jon Gesin, Sajid Majid (Sunny) and Wesley Brown for being excellent teachers and facilitators in our discipleship classes. As graduates of the course in Personal Discipleship you are now ready to begin the fourth book on Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God by Henry and Richard Blackaby.



Your class will not begin until mid-August.

May God in His sovereign grace fill with love, joy, and peace every member of our discipleship classes and all the members of our BBC Family. Let us continue to be known by all people as a church that lives by modeling the love Christ.

Finally, I call upon all BBC Family members to remember my family in prayer for our Christian outreach and counselling ministries which we shall be doing in Kenya during this month.

Be richly blessed.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Pastor Jones Kaleli, Associate Pastor**

Happy July Beloved,

Time is flying by! I want to ask us all to think about one thing this month. Are we living with any unconfessed sin? Our youth have recently looked at the question, “is all sin the same to God?” To answer it straight up, the answer is yes and no. Yes, as in all sin, no matter how big or small, separates us from God. No, because the more severe the sin, the more severe the consequences that come with that sin. We see in the Old Testament that God has more severe punishment for more severe sin. So, I encourage our church here at Braddock to confess whatever sin we find in our lives as soon as possible. We do not want to separate ourselves from our heavenly Father. Let’s remember what King Solomon says in proverbs,

**Proverbs 28:13, “Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”**

I pray we all obtain mercy today and every day! Please be in prayer for our youth of this community and church!

With love from the Gesin family,

**Jonathan Gesin, Youth Director**

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Health & Wellness Tidbit

**Did you know...**

Start your day with a glass of water. Your body goes quite a few hours without hydration as you sleep. Drinking a full glass of water in the morning can aid digestion, flush out toxins, enhance skin health and give you an energy boost.

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**Stewardship**

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to report at mid-year we are on track to meet our budget. Additionally, during the first six months, we have taken in \$114,165 towards our renovation project. God is great!

<b>Capital Campaign Summary</b>	
Received thru 6/15	\$1,904,700.69
Approximate amt of contributions or borrowing needed to complete the project	\$380,631.26



**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.