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Building Responsible Individuals Demonstrating Godliness to Everyone



BRADDOCK Baptist Church

Seeking God • Serving Others

November 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
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kidz Rock
 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

Days go by: and what is happening around the world, you might ask? Or you may be a news junky and think you are up on current events. But what's going on around the world concerning the Kingdom that we are a part of? Yes the United States has interest everywhere, and that interest may or not reflect your own.

That's okay, I was not speaking on behalf of the interest of the United States anyway. I have been blessed, just in the past week, to visit with two pastors; one from Romania, and the other Czech. The pastor from Romania, was happy to discuss with me many of the ministry opportunities and challenges he faces in his country. He and his congregation have taken in 14 abandoned children, and they are educating these children, spiritually as well as physically, raising them to maturity. Many of these children are given the gift of life. They would literally die on the streets, and in addition many receive eternal life in Christ. Pastor Romica Luga, shared the story with me of one girl his family took in many years ago, and this year he preformed the ceremony of marriage for her and the young man she brought to Christ in college, and now they are serving the Lord together as newlyweds.

Pastor Luga also shared with me a second front they are working on: Abandoned Adults. These are individuals with disabilities. Some mental, others with physical disabilities as well. They are able to have a specialist teach and help to develop skills sets that will allow them to be somewhat independent and earn partial what they need themselves. God sighting in Romania- when God was caught at work!

Quickly, a short note on my friend Pastor Pavel from Czech: He and I met two years ago and immediately hit it off. I spent a day with him then and we talked as if we had known each other forever. I shared several books with him: *Piercing the Darkness*, *Desiring God*, and *Experiencing God* to name three. Today, right at two years since our last visit, he shared with me the joy he has had going through the books, having to stop frequently to look up a word as English is not his first language. Pastor Pavel has just started one of his small groups: the leaders of his church are going through *Experiencing God*. He also took out a notebook where he had written down many things I had shared with him two year earlier. And almost as a report, told me how he had implemented many things that had come out of our talk. Wow! What a blessing. I pleaded with him that the next time he is in the states that he allow me to introduce him to you! Next time he will preach for us and share the love of Christ that people in "the most atheistic" country in the world are coming to know.

Pastor Pavel shared with me some recent struggles he faced, while battling daily the enemy "Satan" on many fronts; he did not see a battle coming from within his congregation. This breaks a pastor's heart. He quoted to me the stats that in the "American Church" (there's only one church) 15,000 ministers a month are leaving the ministry. I am very aware of these stats and know that many leave the ministry over issues that, if they had been dealt with at their genius, would not even have resulted in a pricked finger. However, after many jabs over a long period of time, have caused gaping wounds that need much care from our Savior to bring healing. Pastor Pavel and I have agreed to pray for one another and our congregations and believe that with your help both your pastor and congregation can remain healthy and growing in GRACE! Will you agree to pray too?

Love you, **Pastor Timothy**



Deacon Ministry

Dear Braddockians

We are 2 months away from the year 2016. My how time flies!

In the month of October 2015, we finalized the new deacons serving and paired together deacons to serve approximately 10-11 family units. We have 2 new deacons serving this year.

The new deacon teams as follows effective October 21st are:

Tim Stockdale & Sunny-

A through C

Gary Carr & Diane Carr-

D through Lazo

Jean Massie & William Bennett-

Lee through O

Barrie Dunn & Jim Hix-

P through Rivenbark

Elaine Comer & Hector Riojas-

Robinson through S

Carol Finley & Patricia Riley-

T through Z

As the year draws to a close, your deacons will be reaching out to you introducing themselves to you either by call, card, visit or email. Be sure to connect and get to know your deacon on a more personal level. We are here to help you continue your spiritual walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you ever have a question as to **who your deacon is or what their duties are, please feel free to contact me.**

The Lord bless you,

Mitch B and the deacon team

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Birthdays

- 02 Lee Mawyer
- 03 Robin Taylor
Mauricio Lazo
- 04 Barbara Weaver
- 07 Kylie Waters
- 09 Rusty Evelyn
Carpenter
- 11 Mitch Bennett
- 12 Becky Corder
- 14 Scott Hasley
Glenda Ngo
- 17 Ellen Pearson
- 23 Alex El-Naggar
Joseph Prewitt
- 25 Jody Dunning
- 26 Abraham Prewitt

Anniversaries

- 02 Diane & Gary Carr
- 08 Hillary & Steven Lewis
- 18 Beverly & Gary Lee
- 20 Melody & Jerry
Koehnlein
- 23 Chong Cha & Samuel
Song
Volana & Faly
Raharinaivo
- 30 Barbara & James
Weaver



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This is a great tool, and we hope you will utilize it in your own life, as well as in your evangelism efforts.

Send specific messages to friends or neighbors, etc. You can also read through Pastor Corder's notes, included with the videos and also on our new blog, The BRIDGE, found online at

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A New Song



Do we live in fear or faith - confidence God shall never leave nor forsake us? (Hebrews 13:5) We shall pursue truth, comfort, and encouragement from God's Word.

Contemplate Matthew 7:7,8 and Psalms 101:1-8. Remember... in God's Word, there are never any discrepancies, nor contradictions between the Old Testament (O.T.) and the New Testament (N.T.) Sometimes it may appear so. As we continue our intimate relationship with God, we shall gain His wisdom and insight rightly dividing the truths. It is the truth of the Word which sets us free (John 8:32).

Matthew 7:7,8 is not to be read glibly as mere words - dig deeper. Prayer is about communing, a time of fellowship with Abba father. Prayer boils down to talking with God from our heart. We were created for fellowship and to worship/honor our Creator.

So we ask, seek, and knock. As we pray, we are seeking an answer which contains the Almighty's wisdom. God does not permit anything without His divine plan in mind. First, He equips us and provides the Righteous knowledge to escape (Proverbs 11:9). As our Father in heaven, He desires His ultimate best for us in the end. If He does not respond on our "vision" of the outcome, perseverance is key here. He longs for a humble, contrite spirit be found within us (Psalms 51:10) Stay on course with Him.

Here are two visuals for you. When seeking, knocking, and asking. If we are challenged to keep "it" - the "pain" clutched in our closed fists rather than being able to trust Him, lift up those clenched fists symbolically to God. As we open our fists, let go and surrender this burden to Abba Father (1 Peter 5:7). He can handle anything! Trust Him!

So...the first visual did not work! Now what? Picture a balloon with a long string attached. When you let go of the balloon, eventually it is gone out of sight.

Both of these visuals represent surrender of our will to God. We still are accountable to God as we walk through our season of difficulty. We are not to run from the "pain" but to embrace the responsibilities of the "pain" with Abba Father's help.

We need to be steadfast in prayer and at intermittent times wait upon the Lord (psalms 46:10; Isaiah 40:31). God will show the way. Our Good Shepherd is there for us (John 10:3, 4, 10 [Reflect on His atonement]; 11, 14, 15, 27-30)!

Now, let us tie into the O.T., Psalms 101:1-8. David was praying for integrity. let us be motivated to pray beyond the "I need" and "they need" prayers. This is why Matthew 7:7,8 had to take precedence.

As we are in the race of our lives, we need to safeguard our integrity, that of our family, loved ones', etc. Likewise, the continuance of tenacity with God's wisdom to "press in", while in our secret place, is of utmost significance.

David's deep, deep desire was to be pure in heart and live a holy life; yet, David faltered. He sinned. Did David suffer because of his sins? Yes! God never loved him less because of those sins. The same applies to each and everyone of us! God overflow with Agape Love, that is - unconditional love!

The heart of one desiring God's presence with incomprehensible sincerity will display uniformity of conduct. It does matter, whether in the home or in public.

The Spirit of God convicts us when we go astray. Even David cried out, "O, when wilt thou come unto me"? (Psalms 101:2b) The Holy Spirit will help us return to a holy walk, pleasing to Him, if we surrender our self-will.

David was a man after God's own heart. He was a stellar king; also, and accomplished warrior. David initiated praise and worship to a new level for the Israelites. David, a psalmist, shared his concerns, heartaches - yes, praise and confidence honoring God. Still David had sinned, had family problems/dysfunctionality, etc. He chose to remain faithful to the God of his forefathers. He prayed. An outstanding leader such as David was persistent in his prayer life. David was not perfect and neither are we.

When we turn off our "porch light" to pray in solitude, wait and listen. His love surrounds us! Keep hoping, keep faithfully trusting for the best is yet ahead in our lives from Jehovah-Mekadesh (The Lord who sanctifies us).

Fan the Flames, Elizabeth Philblad

The Gateshead Millennium Bridge is a pedestrian and cyclist tilt bridge spanning the River Tyne in England between Gateshead's Quays arts quarter on the south bank, and the Quayside of Newcastle upon Tyne on the north bank.

