



## CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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- January 2024 Newsletter -

### *A Note from Our Pastor...*

Dear Church Family,

The future is here! I look back and I am amazed that we are all ready into 2024. It is as if where did 2023 go?? As I get older, it seems that time seems to fly faster and where we always had time to accomplish our task at hand, we run out of time. As we approach this new year, 2024 and we make resolutions that we seemly are never able to keep, let me suggest some that we need to embrace for the New Year. Even though time flies, we need to remember that Jesus is still on His throne and has promised to come back to get all believers to live with Him. I believe time is marching on and hastening the return of our Lord for His church. Thus we need to be ready for the Lord's call to us and be sure we will be found doing His work. So for the present, we need to put serving our Lord as our number one priority.

Life is not always a bed of roses and Psalm 46:1 reminds us that, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble." So when life brings adversity, we fall back on depending on our Lord who is always there and ready to support us in the most difficult of times. Thus the future is bright, because we know who holds the future and that we are never alone. With the Lord by our side, nothing is impossible for us. So let us look to the future with strength and the resolve that the Lord will carry us through whatever comes our way.

In His Service,  
Pastor Dave





*For where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also.*

- Matthew 6:21

*January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023 Financial Information...*

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$105,160.99
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$95,726.50
Net Operating Total:	\$9,434.49
Summary Income exceeded expenses by	\$9,434.49

Year to Date:

Expense Budget:	\$88,371.54
Actual Expenses:	\$95,726.50

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$45,235.60
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$21,908.29
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$42,603.49

Endowment Fund Balance:

\$111,998.79

(Restricted Funds per Cradock Baptist Church's By-laws and Constitution)



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*Following to Lead | Leading to Serve*

*A Note from Our Deacons...*

Dear Friends,

As always, please let any of the Deacons know how we can assist you. All of our Deacons, consider each member of our Church, to be a part of our family! May God always bless each of us! Wishing everyone a wonderful day full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,

Vernon Butler,  
Chairperson



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# Church Notes...



*Celebrating Pete Byrd's 100th Birthday...*



May God always bless Pete!





JANUARY

3 Warren Byrd  
6 Russell Johnson  
11 Pete Byrd  
11 Mike Mercer  
13 Cody Johnson  
15 Ellen Meade  
15 Teena Wise  
20 Tammy Andrews  
22 Rich Boyce  
30 Kirsten Bracy

FEBRUARY

10 Inez Weaver  
11 Amber Sprayberry  
14 Gavin Anderson  
14 Phyllis Kraatz  
16 Vickie Carter  
17 Tiffany Saffold  
19 Dave Phillips  
20 James Mullen  
22 Richard Boyce, III

*May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!*



FEBRUARY

14 James & Venus Mullen

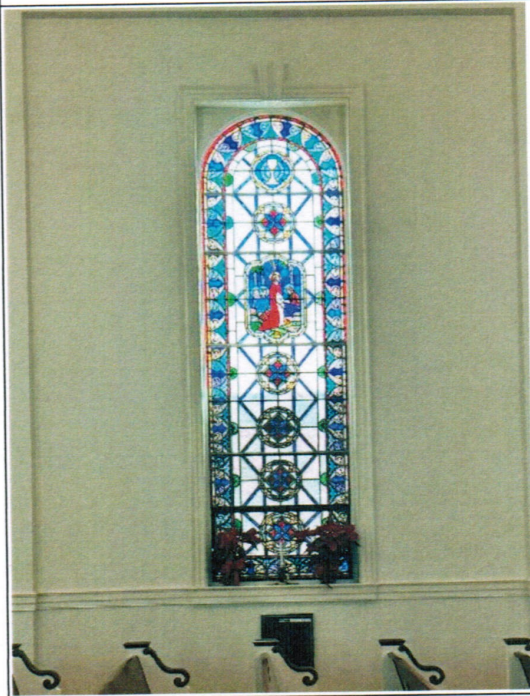
*May God bestow special wedding anniversary blessings upon the couple celebrating!*



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2 STAMPS

MAILING LABEL



*Sunshine beaming through one of the  
stained glass windows in the sanctuary.*

*This is the day the Lord has made!*

*- Psalm 118:24*