



# CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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~ March 2024 Newsletter ~

## *A Note from Our Pastor:*

Dear Cradock Family:

We are in the middle of the Lenten season. A time where we reflect on what Christ actually did for us on Calvary and by rising the third day on Easter Sunday. There are times in our lives that we may feel lost or without a secure direction for the future. We are stumbling around with no true direction to direct our lives. That is the reason that Jesus came to earth as Luke 19: 10 says so implicitly, "The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

There is a story of a man who was out of work, so to feed his family, he took a whole month lighting lamps to attract fish on a fishing hut that was miles from shore. A storm came and broke the moorings of the fishing hut and it drifted hundreds of miles out to sea. For days he watched ten ships pass and his cooking fuel ran out. Finally, after 49 days adrift, the man was spotted by a ship's crew and was rescued!

Now few of us have ever been stranded in the ocean, but most of us have felt adrift, lost and desperate for help and hope. Perhaps like Zacchaeus in this chapter of Luke, we too feel outcast and need to be rescued. Jesus saw Zacchaeus up in the tree and invited him to lunch. Scripture repeatedly recounts how God finds Adam and Eve, Israel who runs away again and again, but God draws us back. God's ultimate source of rescue, comes out for those whose life is a mess and are lost. For He came to "seek and save those who are lost."

While we face challenges amidst the tossing seas of life, God promises to be with us in them. And hope comes as we remember that Jesus has provided our ultimate rescue from sin and death (Ephesians 2:4-8). That is the GOOD NEWS of EASTER! WE are not lost or forgotten, because Jesus came to save us!!

The steeple is still slow and we do not have a completion date. But of late we have taken on more people who need help with food and necessities. Thus with a decreased congregation because God has taken so many of our people home, we are in need of some extra help to meet our finances and to help those in our community who need our help. This is an important ministry for our area. So any extra tithes you can give will be much appreciated as we try to follow God's direction for the ministry of our church in the Cradock area. I cannot express my sincere appreciation for all of our church family that have given so liberally to the ministry of Cradock Baptist. My hope is that we can keep it going. but it requires all of us working together and sharing in the ministry not only with our finances, but also with our labor.

In His Service,  
Pastor Dave





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

- Matthew 6:21

*Financial Information for January 1, 2024 - February 29, 2024:*

**Church Financials:**

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$20,034.75
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$23,607.14
Net Operating Total:	- \$ 3,572.39
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$ 3,572.39
Annual Expense Budget:	\$88,371.54
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$23,607.14

**Church Banking Account Balances:**

Checking Account:	\$40,861.07
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$22,159.52
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$42,855.60

**Endowment Fund Balance:** \$113,755.33

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



**Holy Week**

# DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

## *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 Holy Week and Easter Season full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,  
Vernon Butler,  
Chairperson



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## *Our Deacons*

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# Church Notes...



Join us on March 24, 2024 at 11:00am  
for  
PALM SUNDAY SERVICE: *JESUS' LIFE THROUGH SONG*



&

JOURNEY THROUGH THE RESURRECTION  
with experiences for every member of your family  
on March 24, 2024 at 4:00pm

at

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE



March 28, 2024 at 7:00pm in our Chapel



EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS  
March 31, 2024

Sunrise Service at 6:30am  
Continental Breakfast at 7:30am  
Sunday School / Small Groups at 9:00am  
Sunday Worship Service at 10:00am



MARCH

1 Hazel Whitaker  
2 Kevin Warner  
6 Phyllis Carruthers  
8 Virginia Savage  
12 Cindy Branton  
12 Linda Willoughby  
14 Billie Sue Taylor  
19 Stephanie Savage  
20 Daniel Coronado

APRIL

3 Carolyn Willoughby  
4 Jon Gregory  
9 Miranda Coen  
9 Missy Kraatz  
9 Emory Vick  
9 Joyce Wright  
16 Chris Bracy  
19 Mike Coley  
20 Cardell Claude  
20 Shirley Hartung

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

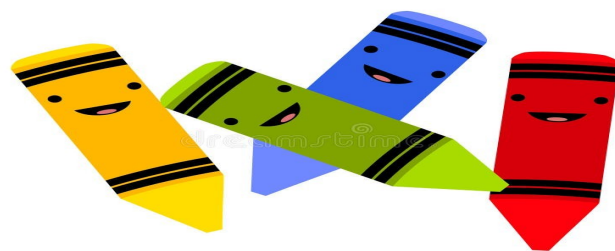


APRIL

19 Mike & Erin Bracy

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

*Kid's Coloring  
Fun Page...*

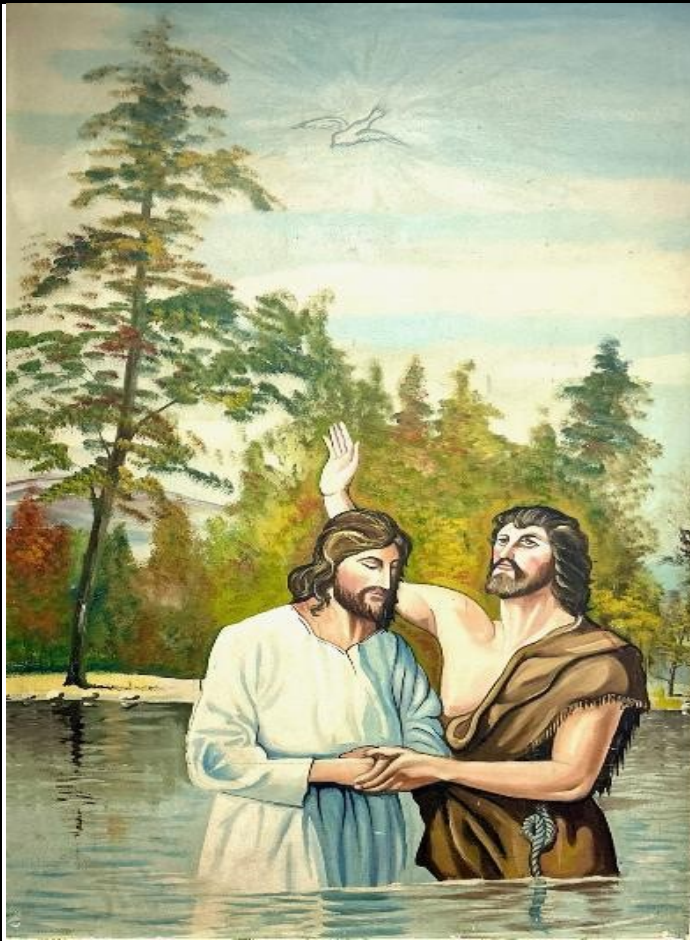




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MAILING LABEL



*This is the day the Lord has made!*  
- Psalm 118:24