



# CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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~ April 2024 Newsletter ~

## *A Note from Our Pastor:*

Hello Cradock Baptist Family:

It is good to talk with you again and at least I have updated information on our steeple. The structural engineer has finally given his preliminary designs to the architect. The next step is for the architect to give his drawings and suggestions back to the structural engineer, and then the preliminary construction can begin, as I understand it. I do not have a beginning date yet, but I hope it is soon as this has been drawn out way too long. Yes, this has been a long drawn out process, but to date the insurance company has paid everything and we have had no out of pocket expense. We hope that continues, but we will see.

Before Easter, we made and distributed post card sized cards inviting the residents of Afton Green, to our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Afton Green is the new housing project, built on the old Cradock High School site. We talked with several people on Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of March and did see two new families come to our Easter Service, but they stayed out in their cars. This Sunday afternoon, 21 April, we are building crosses out of Legos and inviting our whole church family and anyone with kids we know. It remains to be seen who comes, as adults are also invited to come and participate. We hope to have an event every month that is different to encourage people to come and see what we are like. I would appreciate your prayers as we want the Lord's involvement and for Him to bless the events, because if He is not the purpose and focus of each event, then it makes no sense to be holding the event in the first place.

I want to THANK YOU for all of your support to Cradock Baptist and I hope you will suggest ways we can reach out to our community. We are here to tell others about Jesus and all He has and is still doing for all of us. We need to reach out as without new members we will evidently all die off and there will not be any members left. Please be in prayer as we seek to do God's will and minister to our community.

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 ~ March 31, 2024:*

**Church Financials:**

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$27,549.75
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$30,799.38
Net Operating Total:	- \$ 3,249.63
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$ 3,249.63
Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$30,799.38

**Church Banking Account Balances:**

Checking Account:	\$37,021.56
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$22,159.52
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$43,056.69

**Endowment Fund Balance:** \$116,671.63

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



# 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!

Sincerely,  
Vernon Butler,  
Chairperson



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# Church Notes...



## *A Note about Our Children's & Young Adult Ministries and Monthly Family Activities...*

Hi Church Family! I wanted to let you know of some fun things that are going on at our Church.

- \* We had a wonderful event for families on Palm Sunday. We had 34 kids come through our *Journey through the Resurrection* Eggs trunk or treat style.
- \* We are hosting a *Family Lego Event* on April 21st at 4:00pm. We are inviting all ages to come hear a Lego devotional and build Lego crosses together.
- \* We have a *Young Adult Sunday School Class* that meets weekly at 9:30am in the children's area downstairs. If you have a young adult in your life send them to hang out with us.
- \* The *Children's Ministry* has been distributing weekly activity bags since the pandemic. If you have small children, we have *Sunday School Class* and *Children's Church* available weekly. Our leftover activities from these bags are being donated to the HER (Help Emergency Response) Shelter for their families to enjoy. We have also invited them to join us at events. Watch our Facebook account and website for events coming up.

Thank you for supporting the Children's & Young Adult Ministries.

Blessings!  
Erin Bracy

## *Celebrating Hazel Whitaker's 103rd Birthday...*



*May God always bless Hazel!*



# Happy Birthday

## APRIL

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

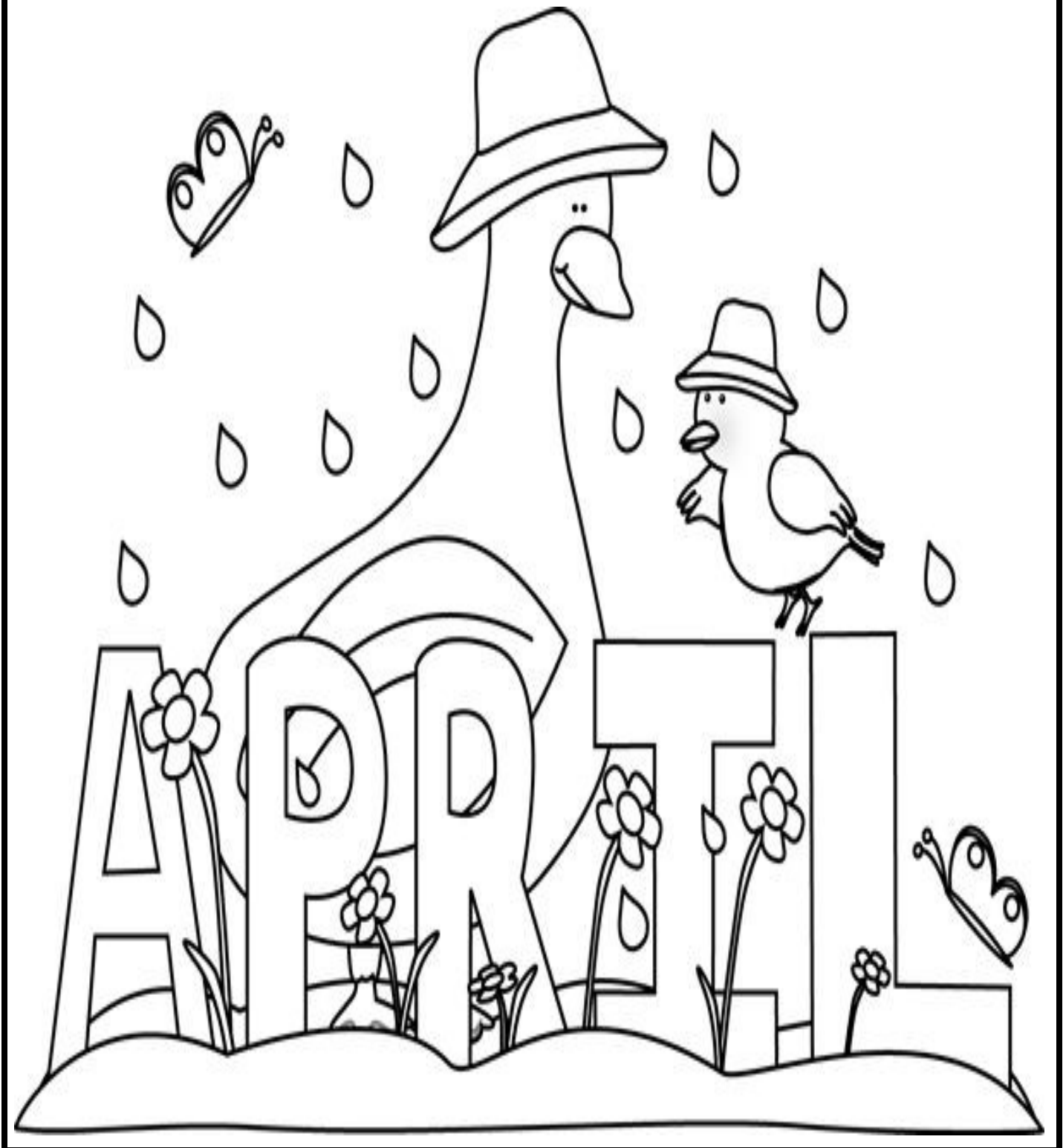
## MAY

6 Craig Steverson  
12 Jeannete Fritts  
12 Bradford Hartung  
17 DJ Zollars  
23 Venus Brown-Mullen  
24 Thelma Carr  
26 Alexandria O'Clair  
26 Ann Shearin

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



*Kid's Coloring  
Fun Page...*





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