



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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~ May 2025 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor:

To the Cradock Family:

First of all, I want to thank everyone who has supported Cradock Baptist over the years. When we reflect on the needs of this church and the support it has received for such projects as the heating and air conditioning of the sanctuary, I am overwhelmed. The steeple is coming along slowly, as a steeple has been selected along with the glass color in the steeple's windows, but we are waiting on the contractor to give us and Brotherhood Insurance the final cost of Phase Two, where the steeple is ordered and installed.

We live in hard times as far as our values, which the general public does not agree with nor support. I believe we are in the last days or years before the Lord returns and the church is more important than ever to keep our Lord's values and commandments. Hebrews 10:25, reminds us that we are not to forsake ourselves from gathering together to worship, so we stay strong as we look for our Lord's return. It is not popular to be a Christian today, because our Lord's values greatly differ from general society, but His values are how we are to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thus, it is important that the Church of Jesus Christ stay strong and continue to be a witness, that only those who invite Christ into their hearts and confess their sins to Him. Salvation is found only in Christ as John 14:6 says: "I am the way and the truth, no man comes unto the Father except by Me." It is so easy to stay at home and worship on Facebook or from only service on TV, but only when we worship together in church does scripture say: "Where two or three have gathered in My Name, I will be in their midst."

We are to be His witnesses in how we should live and we need each other in order to stay strong and support each other. So plan to come and worship with us together if possible and we will share the Lord's presence together.

I do need to tell you tithes are down and we are running very short. We have money coming in, but it may be 6 months or longer before we receive the money. Thus we need everyone to give their tithes and catch up if they are behind. You'll have greatly supported Cradock Baptist in the past and I am asking you to see if you can give any extra to carry us over the hump. Any gift is greatly appreciated and I know the Lord will bless you, so our ministry can continue.

In His Service:
Pastor Dave





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

- Matthew 6:21

Financial Information for January 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025:

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$22,295.65
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$37,980.12
Net Operating Total:	- \$15,684.47
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$15,684.47
Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$37,980.12

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$11,557.25
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$22,676.06
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$61,486.50

Endowment Fund Balance: \$121,683.90

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

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

All are invited to our *Business Meeting*,
which will be held on Sunday, May 25, 2025,
following our worship service.



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 all of our members a wonderful spring full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,
Vernon Butler,
Chairperson



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Church Notes...



Please pray for the Matthews' & Willoughby Families ...

Gloria Willoughby Matthews

July 8, 1953 - April 19, 2025

72 years loved

Gloria Willoughby Matthews went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at the age of 72. She was born on July 8, 1953 to Arthur Willoughby, Sr. and Carolyn Boone Willoughby in Portsmouth, VA. Gloria was predeceased by her father. Gloria was a lifelong resident of Chesapeake, and worked for the city. Her greatest passion in life was her family. She was charitable and was always willing to help others. Gloria was also very patriotic, often greeting veterans with a hug, thanking them for their service, or buying them a meal. Her kind heart will be remembered by her loved ones. Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 34 years, Kenith Wayne Matthews; son, Richard E. Boyce, III (Gina) of Texas; mother, Carolyn Boone Willoughby; brother, Arthur Willoughby, Jr. (Cindi) of Chesapeake; sister, Linda Willoughby of Chesapeake; grandson, Richard E. Boyce IV (Holly); nephew, Josh Willoughby (Catherine); niece, Sarah Hutton (Donnie); and extended family and friends. A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 25th at 11 AM at Sturtevant Funeral Home, Portsmouth Blvd. Chapel. The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 24th from 7-8:30 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to your place of worship.

Robin Class News...

The *Eagle Eyrie Retreat for Special Needs* will be held October 17 to 19, 2025 in Lynchburg, Virginia! Last year, we had 4 students from our Robin Class, along with 2 chaperones, attend the retreat. They all had a wonderful time together learning about and deepening their relationship with God. We are making an appeal to our Church family for monetary donations to help offset the expenses, so that there will not be a cost for the retreatants. Please make a notation in the memo section of your check for "Eagle Eyrie". Thank you and may God always bless you!





FREE



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Cradock Baptist Church
96 Afton Parkway
Portsmouth, VA 23702

Friday ~ May 16, 2025 ~ 6:30pm

Join us for our feature presentation of

~ The Garfield Movie ~

Snacks & Drinks Provided

Join us for FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

Bring a FRIEND!





MAY

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

JUNE

7 DeShawna Ward
16 Pat Steverson
25 Betty Large
29 Jessica Vick

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!

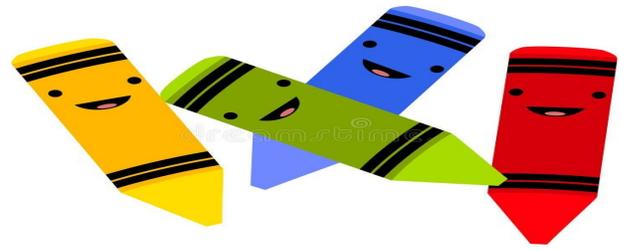


JUNE

7 Mike & Joan Mercer
21 Randy & Jessica Vick

May God bestow special wedding anniversary blessings upon the couples celebrating!

*Kid's Coloring
Fun Page...*



HAVE A BEAUTIFUL DAY!





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MAILING LABEL



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