



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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~ July 2025 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor:

Dear Cradock Family:

The last six or seven years have really tested the resolve of the membership of Cradock Baptist to do what was necessary to keep the church going especially during Covid. I first want to express my sincere appreciation to all who thought out of the box to find ways to minister when we were prohibited to meet because of the virus. Thus the worshiping idea came about to broadcast outside of the sanctuary where people could come and sit in their cars and worship together. It was a huge success and the ministry of Cradock Baptist reached our congregation, along with the community and on Facebook.

Before Covid, the sanctuary heat and air conditioning unit stopped working and needed to be replaced. The least expensive estimate was almost \$97,000 and we looked at each other and wondered how we could raise that much money, as the church did not have it. We started the Capital Campaign Fund and we asked old and new members to contribute what they could. As I reflect now, how gracious all of you were and how the Lord stood by us telling us that Cradock Baptist's ministry was important and with His help we raised over \$100,000. Thus, the heating and air conditioning system was replaced and is working fine. I cannot praise all of you enough who contributed to make that happen. Needless to say the Lord has been good to us and Cradock Baptist's ministry continues as we speak.

Then came the steeple blowing off and we are still working on replacing it even though it has been extremely slow. Thus far, our insurance company, Brotherhood Mutual, has provided all the money to complete the task, but the jury is still out as to final completion.

Because the congregation is older, the Lord has had a hand in taking our saints home, thus we are down to less than twenty. This has put a crimp in the church's finances and we have had to make some adjustments in how several funds are used in order to pay our bills. But then the Lord answered another prayer, that being, He would meet our church's needs if we put Him first in our church and kept the faith to minister to the Cradock Community. He led an older member to leave her estate to the church, which when all settled, will sustain us for several years.

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

- Matthew 6:21

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

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$35,459.15
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$53,002.07
Net Operating Total:	- \$17,542.92
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$17,542.92
Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$53,002.07

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$33,750.99
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$ 0.00
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$61,491.64

Endowment Fund Balance: (This was not available at printing time, sorry)

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



*Please join us Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm for
our weekly 15 Minutes of Prayer.
(Note the change of the day for the prayer call.)
Call 1-720-835-5432 and
enter PIN number 21738.
Our Church family is looking forward
to praying with you!*

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 summer full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,
Vernon Butler,
Chairperson



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But because the settlement will probably take a year, we are asking everyone to give what they can in order to tie us over once the estate is settled. I personally cannot thank all of you who have supported Cradock Baptist, but let it be known that we are not resting on our laurels, as we have started a Thursday night Family Bible Study that is showing good promise. Keep us in prayer as we continue to seek the Lord's guidance in how we can minister to the Cradock Community better. In 1 Corinthians 16: 13, Paul is encouraging the Corinthian church to stay the course and be steadfast in their faith in spite of the persecution the church and the members are experiencing. Although we are not experiencing direct persecution, the Devil is doing everything he can to shut us down because we speak the TRUTH. So we covet your prayers and support but please let me praise you'll for staying strong against everything the Devil throws against us, but we know the Lord is stronger and will provide what we need. God Bless you'll and keep the Faith as He is coming soon.

In His Service:
Pastor Dave



CBC'S Youth Group's Service Project...

The youth of our Church are collecting pet supplies, such as dog & cat bowls, used blankets, used pillows and toys to assist a local animal shelter. The collection basket is located in the narthex. Thank you for helping the youth with this service project! May God always bless you!

*Our Vacation Bible School program
will be held August 7 & 8, 2025,
from 6:00pm - 8:30pm at
Cradock Baptist Church.*

Dinner will be provided each night.

This year's theme will be, "Egypt".

*To volunteer, please contact
Erin Bracy at 757-404-0695.
Thank you!*





JULY

3 Mike Bracy
9 Leroy Hartung, Jr.
11 David Ward
19 Noah Anderson
21 Bill Snell
30 Kenzie Sprayberry
31 Bryant Bracy
31 Tori Spivey

AUGUST

6 Erin Bracy
8 Richard Hartung
10 Bailey Sprayberry
18 Arline Roark
25 Aline Hartsell
25 Theodore Hartung
27 Arianna Tonkin
29 Teena Coronado
31 Jackie Phillips

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!



JULY

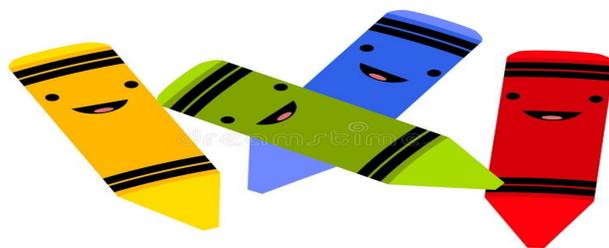
20 Daniel & Teena Coronado

AUGUST

8 Chris & Carrie Allsbrook

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

*Kid's Coloring
Fun Page...*





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Leading everyday people to know Christ, love others, and serve the world!

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