



# CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. David "Dave" L. Phillips, Pastor

~ August 2025 Newsletter ~

## *A Note from Our Pastor:*

To All the Cradock Family:

Cradock Baptist has seen a lot of change over the years, mainly the congregation thinning because its base is thinning because the Lord has been taking them home. Since I have been your pastor, I know I have buried way over half of the congregation. This leaves us to question what is the future of Cradock Baptist? No one knows that but the Lord, but what I have seen in the last year, is that the Lord must have a mission for us as when finances have gotten short, He has always provided.

I believe that has a lot to do with our Faith in the Lord, that reminds us that when we put Him first in our lives and the life of the church, He provides our needs. Psalm 16 talks about Faith and who we trust when the going gets tough. 16: "Preserve me, O God, for in thee do I put my trust." Then dropping down to the 8th verse: "I have set the Lord always before me, because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." Then in verse 11: "Then wilt show me the path of life, in thy presence is fullness of joy." We need to remember that when He has a ministry He wants us to perform, then we are called to perform it. We are to be directed by our Lord and carry His work. I believe Cradock Baptist still has a ministry in the Cradock area that we cannot neglect. The church has been in the Cradock area for over 100 years and the message of Salvation through the Love of Christ is needed more now than ever before.

Thus I am asking you to stand with Cradock Baptist as we ever so try to carry out the Lord's mission of preaching and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We may be few but we need to be fervent to tell the true story of Christ's love for all of mankind and to be a resource of hope for all who come through the doors of our church. With Christ's help, anything and everything is possible. I am asking you to keep the Faith, that Cradock Baptist is not finished and we charge on, letting the Lord be our guide.

Not much news on the steeple as the contractor is dragging his feet.

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 - July 31, 2025:*

**Church Financials:**

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$41,269.40
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$60,497.66
Net Operating Total:	- \$19,228.26
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$19,228.26
Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$60,497.66

**Church Banking Account Balances:**

Checking Account:	\$31,159.55
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$ 0.00
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$61,494.25

<b>Endowment Fund Balance:</b>	Balance for June 2025	\$130,331.52
	Balance for July 2025	\$131,408.44

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



# DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

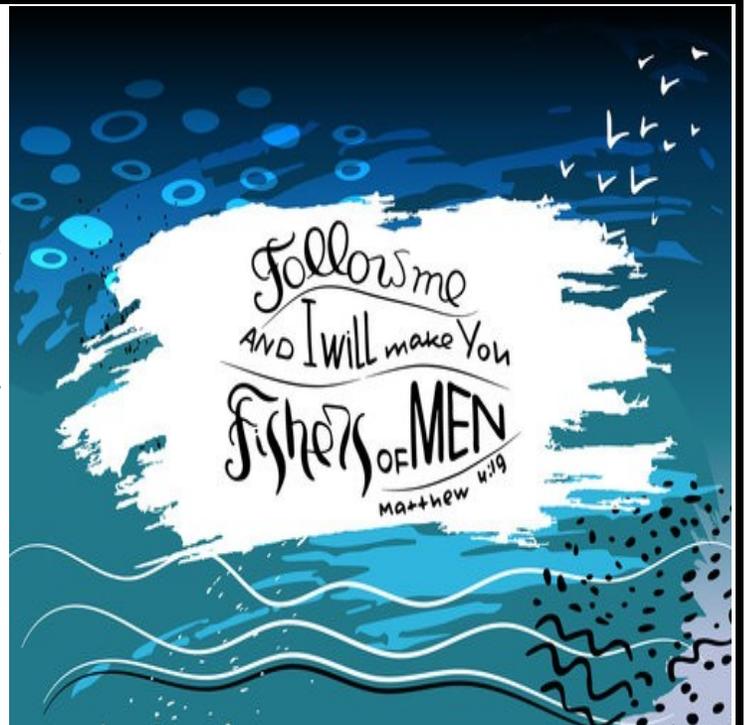
## *A Note from Our Deacons:*

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!

Wishing all of our members a wonderful summer full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,  
Vernon Butler,  
Chairperson



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## *Our Deacons*

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# Church Notes...



## *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!

## *Robin Class News...*

The *Eagle Eyrie Retreat for Special Needs* will be held October 17 to 19, 2025 in Lynchburg, Virginia! This year's theme is *A Family Reunion: Celebrating 50 Years!* 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 off-set 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!



## *Coming Soon to Cradock Baptist Church...*



Coming soon to Cradock Baptist Church! We will be chartering a Cub Scout troop! If you would like to volunteer and/or have family that would like to participate, please contact Erin Bracy at 757-404-0695.



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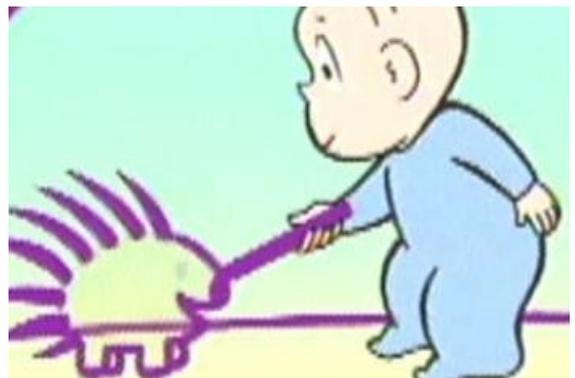
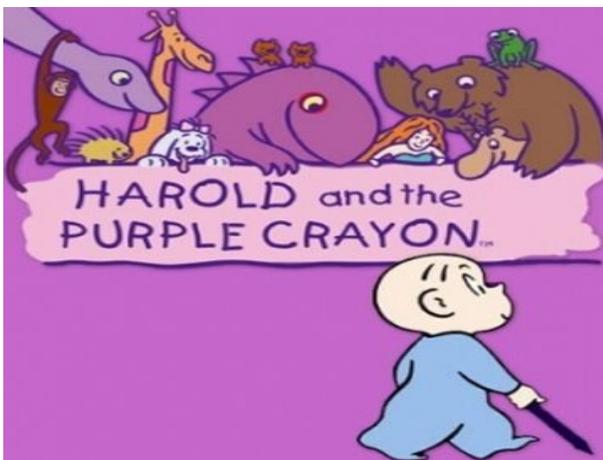
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SCENE  
TAKE  
ROLL

**FAMILY  
MOVIE NIGHT**

**Cradock Baptist Church  
96 Afton Parkway  
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**Friday ~ August 22, 2025 ~ 6:30pm**

Join us for our feature presentation of



**Bring a FRIEND!  
Free Popcorn & Drinks!  
Join us for FUN & FELLOWSHIP!**



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

SEPTEMBER

15 Joan Mercer  
16 Kelley Howard-Young  
26 Diana Talman

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

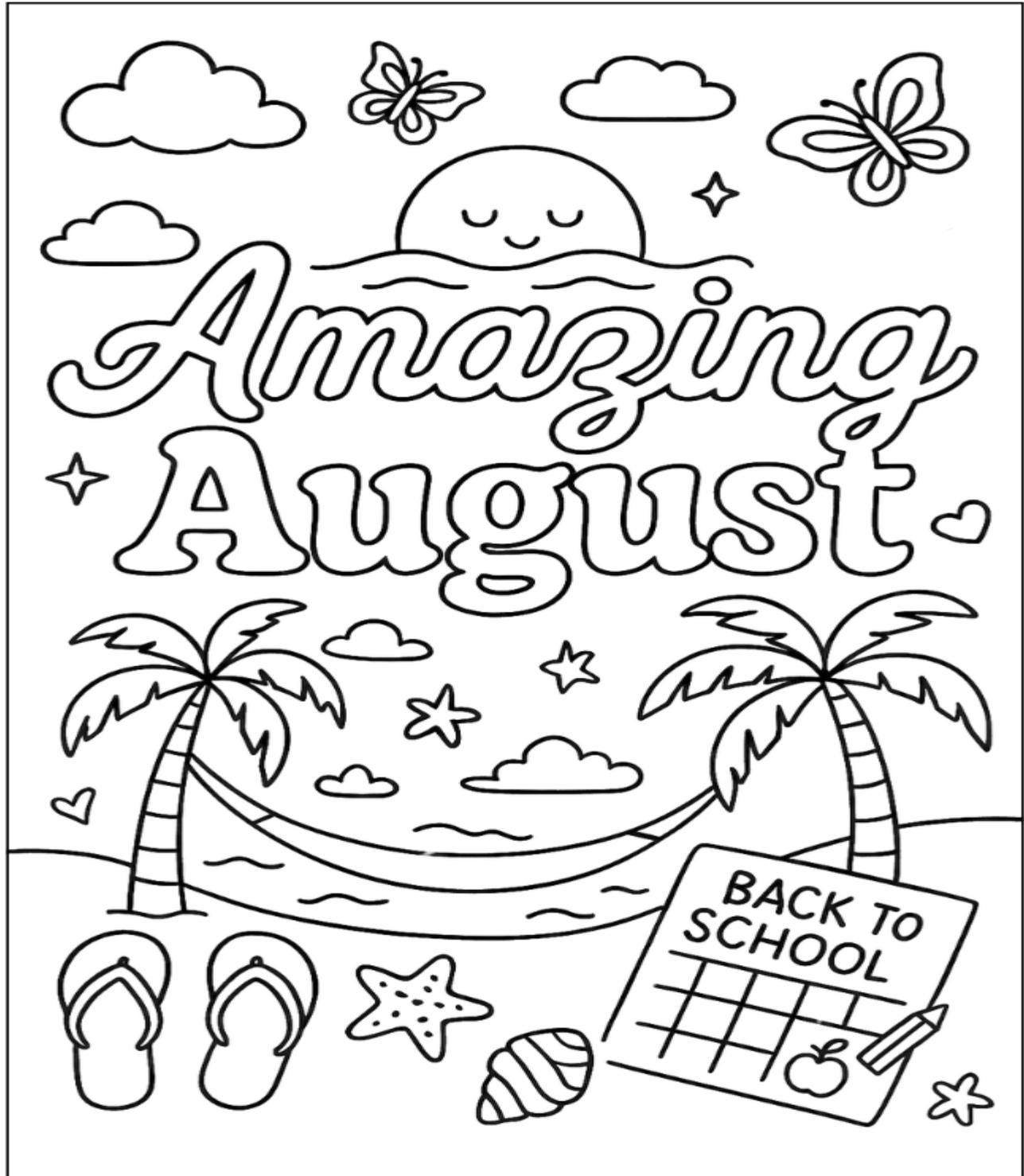


AUGUST

8 Chris & Carrie Allsbrook

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

*Kid's Coloring  
Fun Page...*





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

MAILING LABEL



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