



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

~ September 2025 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor...

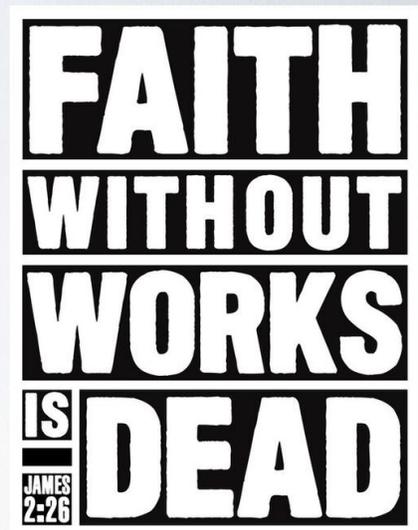
To All the Cradock Family:

For the last six weeks, I have been preaching from the book of James. James is the Instruction manual for how, as Christians, we should live. We live in an era and society that generally has no boundaries as the dos and don'ts of character. If it feels good, then it must be all right, because there is nobody who can tell me how to live. Character is almost a forgotten entity, because nobody cares about character anymore.

Well I can tell you, that how you live, especially if you call yourself a Christian, does matter, because whether we accept it or not, people are watching us. James reminds us that if we are truly Born Again Christians, then there is a standard we adhere to that should set us apart from general society. If we are just like everyone else, then anything we say will be discounted and forgotten. James reminds us that, "Faith Without Works Is Dead." What he is saying is that if we have committed ourselves to follow Christ, then how we live, (WORKS) should show that we are different. Christ calls us to live Holy Lives as He is Holy, which is a tall order for any of us to emulate. Paul reminds us that when we accept Christ as Lord and Savior, then we are a New Creation and our lives should show it. We live in a morally bankrupt society and that lifestyle only ends up destroying our lives. We have the greatest Love Story to share of how Christ gives us a reason for living and a path that leads to eternity. But if we are no different, if we are just like everyone else, then our life counts for nothing and everyone will discount anything we say. Granted, living a Holy Life is anything but easy, but with the Lord's Help, we can keep His moral standards and love and care for people as He does. We have to be different to show the world there is a better way to live that leads to happiness and fulfillment. I challenge you and myself to be determine to make a difference that others may see Christ in us, that they may ask why we live as we do?

Be in prayer as the Steeple Phase I has come in some \$10,000 higher than before and our insurance company Brotherhood has yet to sign off on the increase. Thus, we could be in a deficient of the difference.

Yours In Christ:
Pastor Dave





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

- Matthew 6:21

Financial Information for January 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025:

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$45,747.65
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$67,667.31
Net Operating Total:	- \$22,919.66
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$22,919.66
Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$67,667.31

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$30,415.78
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$ 0.00
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$61,496.86

Endowment Fund Balance: \$134,218.93

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

New
Address!



Mrs. Arline Roark
The Village at Maimonides
1049 College Park Boulevard, # 221
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

757-420-0820

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 September full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,
Vernon Butler,
Chairperson

Our Deacons

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Church Notes...



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.

Our Annual Truck or Treat Halloween Celebration...

Halloween will be here before we know it and we need your help to make this year a safe and joyous celebration for our children!

WAYS TO HELP:

- * Donate a bag or two of individually wrapped candy
- * Make a monetary donation
- * Volunteer the night of Trunk or Treat
- * Decorate your vehicle for the children to visit on Halloween night



Donations can be given to Erin Bracy or dropped by the office by October 29, 2025 please. For any questions and/or to volunteer, please contact Erin at 757-404-0695.

Be sure to come out for the fun on October 31st from 6:00pm - 8:00pm



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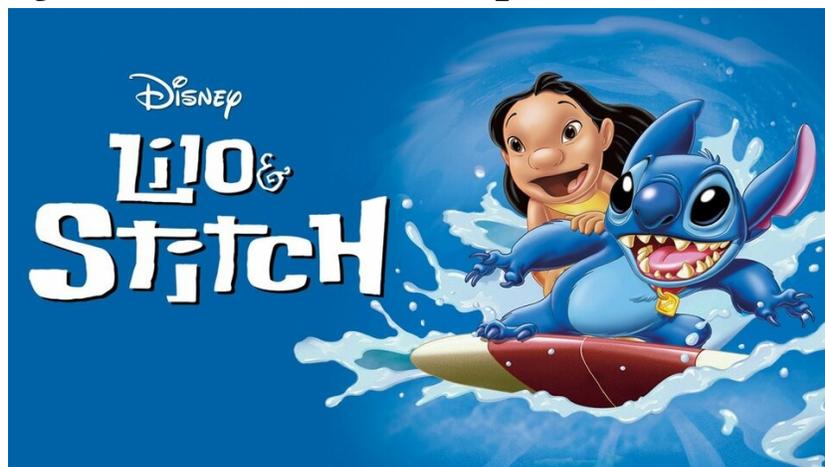
PROD. NO.
SCENE
TAKE
ROLL

**FAMILY
MOVIE NIGHT**

**Cradock Baptist Church
96 Afton Parkway
Portsmouth, VA 23702**

Sunday ~ September 19, 2025 ~ 6:30pm

Join us for our feature presentation of





SEPTEMBER

15 Joan Mercer
16 Kelley Howard-Young
26 Diana Talman

OCTOBER

2 Autumn Redd
5 Micky Evans
15 Vernon Butler
29 Jennie Evans
31 Ruby Smith

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!



OCTOBER

1 Ernest & Esther Ward-Cassell
15 Dave & Jackie Phillips

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

*Kid's Coloring
Fun Page...*



SEPTEMBER





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2 STAMPS

MAILING LABEL



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