



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

~ January 2026 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor...

Dear Cradock Family and Friends:

We are beginning a New Year and I have challenged the congregation to seek ways to grow closer to God during this year. We live in such a fast society and sometimes find it hard to set time aside to spend with our Savior.

I recall the status of Nicodemus, when even though he was a silent follower of Jesus, he came to Jesus at night because he probably did not want his fellow Pharisees to know he followed and believed in Jesus. King Duncan has shared an illustration that makes that point:

Father Henri Nouwen, reflecting on the story of Nicodemus, writes, "I love Jesus, but want to hold on to my own friends even when they do not lead me closer to Jesus.

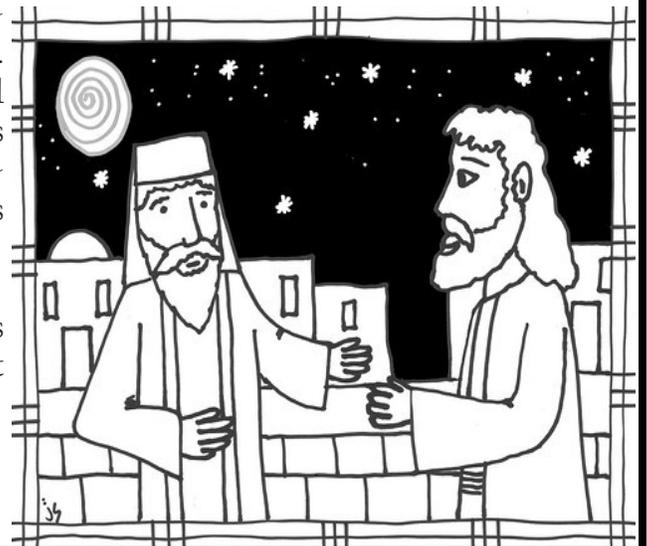
Upon reflection, Father Nouwen realizes that he isn't all that different from Nicodemus. He writes, "So I am like Nicodemus, who came by night, and said safe things about Jesus to his colleagues." Even a great Christian like Father Henri Nouwen is sometimes content to stay the same in his relationship with Jesus.

There's an element of Nicodemus in all of us. It's always easier to play it safe and keep Jesus off in the distance than to call him the Lord of our life. We need to know, however, that we cannot always put him off.

If we are serious about growing closer to our Savior, then it will require us to put Christ first in our life. That may require us to reevaluate our priorities in how we allocate our time each and every day. It will require work and maybe hardship, but oh will it be worth it. As we grow closer to Him, He grows closer to us and when we put Him first, He will provide our needs. The key is to trust Him as His word is golden and He will never Leave Us or forsake us!!

The steeple is a mess because Brotherhood wants us to find another contractor. We are working on that but it will at best just delay the whole process.

In His Service:
Pastor Dave Phillips





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

- Matthew 6:21

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

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$59,065.65
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$90,895.86
Net Operating Total:	- \$31,830.21
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$31,830.21

Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$90,895.86

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$17,698.28
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$ 0.00
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$71,508.20

Endowment Fund Balance:	October 2025 Balance	\$138,704.80
	November 2025 Balance	\$139,332.92

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

God's work. Our hands.





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

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$64,092.28
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$97,828.55
Net Operating Total:	- \$33,736.27
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$33,736.27
Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$97,828.55

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$20,038.59
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$ 0.00
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$71,508.20

Endowment Fund Balance: \$139,717.18

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WE CAN'T DO CHURCH WITHOUT YOU

DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

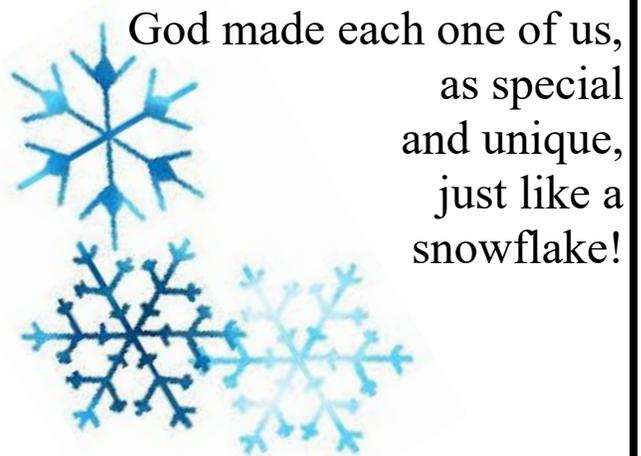
A Note from Our Deacons:

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 winter full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,
Vernon Butler,
Chairperson



God made each one of us,
as special
and unique,
just like a
snowflake!

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Church Notes...



Weekly Family Bible Study with Dinner...

All are welcome to our weekly *Family Bible Study with Dinner* on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your family and/or friends with you, as this event is open to all ages! Dinner will be provided. Don't forget your Bible! Please note that Bible Study will not be held on January 15, 2026.



M O M C O

Introducing Our MomCo Ministry...

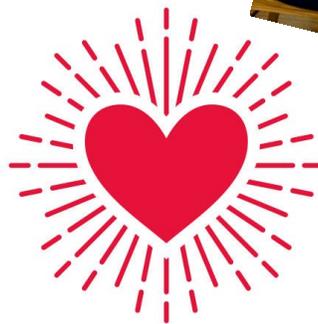
Join us Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 p. m. for our first *MomCo* meeting. We will meet in the downstairs social hall. This is for all moms- young, older, stepmoms, grandmothers, aunts and who want to be a mom! Child-care will be provided. Will also will be meeting on February 17th at 7:00 p. m.



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January 23, 2026 - 6:30 p. m.

*Celebrating
Pete Byrd's
102nd Birthday...*



May God always bless Pete!



JANUARY

1 Miss T
3 Warren Byrd
6 Russell Johnson
11 Pete Byrd
11 Mike Mercer
13 Cody Johnson
15 Ellen Meade
15 Teena Nix Wise
22 Rich Boyce
30 Kirsten Bracy

FEBRUARY

10 Inez Weaver
11 Amber Sprayberry
14 Gavin Anderson
19 Dave Phillips
20 James Mullen

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!

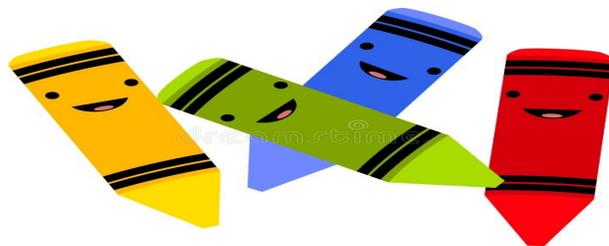


FEBRUARY

14 James & Venus Mullen

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

*Kid's Coloring
Fun Page...*





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

