



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

~ February 2026 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor...

Dear Cradock Family & Friends:

We live in difficult times and we often think, can it get any worse? These are the days that we need to depend on Jesus even more, but we are all good at trying to solve the problems by ourselves first. Usually this only delays solving our problems because many times the situation is out of our hands.

But often the good Lord allows us to experience adversity to help us to grow spiritually, for when our lives are out of control, only the Lord can change our circumstances. Adversity builds strength and reminds us that we have a ready source of help if we will only Trust in the Lord.

Robert Burdette wrote this piece called, "God's Days". There are two days in the week upon which and about which I never worry; two carefree days kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is Yesterday. Yesterday, with its cares and frets and pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed forever beyond my recall. It was mine; it is God's. The other day that I do not worry about is Tomorrow. Tomorrow, with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promise and performance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond my mastery as its dead sister, Yesterday. Tomorrow is God's day; it will be mine.

There is left, then, for myself but one day - Today. Any man can fight the battles of today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day; any man can resist the temptation of today. It is only when we will fully add the burdens of these two awful eternities - Yesterday and Tomorrow - such burdens as only the Mighty God can sustain - that we break down.

It isn't the experience of Today that drives people mad. It is the remorse of what happened Yesterday and fear of what Tomorrow might bring. These are God's Days ... Leave them to God.

We do not need to fear tomorrow because we know our Lord holds the future and everything is under His control. Tomorrow will take care of itself because He is still in control and all we have to do is to Trust in Him, for He has all the answers and will guide us through if we just Let Him.

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, 2026 ~ January 31, 2026

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$ 5,590.63
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$ 8,776.99
Net Operating Total:	- \$ 3,186.36
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$ 3,186.36

Annual Expense Budget: \$97,828.64

Year to Date Actual Expenses: \$ 8,776.99

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account: \$21,259.91

Certificate of Deposit Value: \$ 0.00

Capital Campaign Fund: \$71,511.24

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

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



Church Notes...



Please pray for the Hayth Family ...

Brenda Harrell Hayth

April 25, 1944 ~ January 8, 2026

Brenda Harrell Hayth, 81, of Salem and Portsmouth, Virginia, passed away on January 8, 2026. She is survived by her husband, John Hayth; her daughter, Wendy Hayth-Perdue; her son-in-law, James "Jimmy" Perdue; and her two grandchildren, Natalie and Christopher Perdue. Born on April 25, 1944, in Portsmouth, Virginia, Brenda was the daughter of Melvin and Camille Harrell. She grew up in Portsmouth, where she developed lifelong values of faith and care for others. Brenda married John Hayth in 1966, and together they welcomed their only child, Wendy, in 1970. Music and learning were important throughout Brenda's life. She pursued her education with dedication, graduating from Montreat-Anderson College and later completing her education at Old Dominion University. Brenda devoted her musical gifts to the church, serving as an organist at churches that included West Side Christian Church and Cradock Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Talbot Park Baptist Church in Norfolk, and Salem Baptist Church in Salem, Virginia. She also shared her love of music as a pianist, choir director, and piano teacher in her home. Alongside her musical service, Brenda dedicated her professional career to teaching elementary special education, helping children learn and thrive until her retirement. She was also an active member of the Roanoke Valley Music Club and enjoyed creative fellowship through her ceramics class in Salem. Brenda will be remembered for her steady presence, devotion to Christ and the strength she showed in her relationships and daily life. A funeral service for Brenda was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 1, 2026, at the John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem, Virginia, with Rev. Heath Rickmond officiating. The interment was held privately with her family at Sherwood Memorial Park in Salem. Online condolences may be expressed at johnmoakey.com

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. Please bring your Bible! Please note that Bible Study will not be held on February 19, 2026.

All Are Invited to Our Annual Pancake Supper...

Mark your calendar for our free *Annual Pancake Supper* on Tuesday, February 17th from 5:30 to 6:45 p. m. Hope to see ya there!



**Shrove
Tuesday**

Church Notes Continue...



Moms Of All Ages Welcome...

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 p. m. in the downstairs Social Hall. Women of all ages are invited to please us to lift up and support other moms and be filled with the love of Jesus!

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Ash Wednesday Worship Service...

All are invited to celebrate the beginning of Lent with our *Ash Wednesday Worship Service*, which begins at 7:00 p. m. on February 18, 2026, in the Chapel of Cradock Baptist Church. May your Lenten journey be filled with prayer!



Ash
Wednesday
Service



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Friday, February 20, 2026 at 6:30 p. m.



FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

2 Kevin Warner
6 Phyllis Carruthers
8 Virginia Savage
12 Cindy Branton
12 Gerald Carlson
12 Linda Willoughby
14 Billie Sue Taylor
19 Stephanie Savage

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!

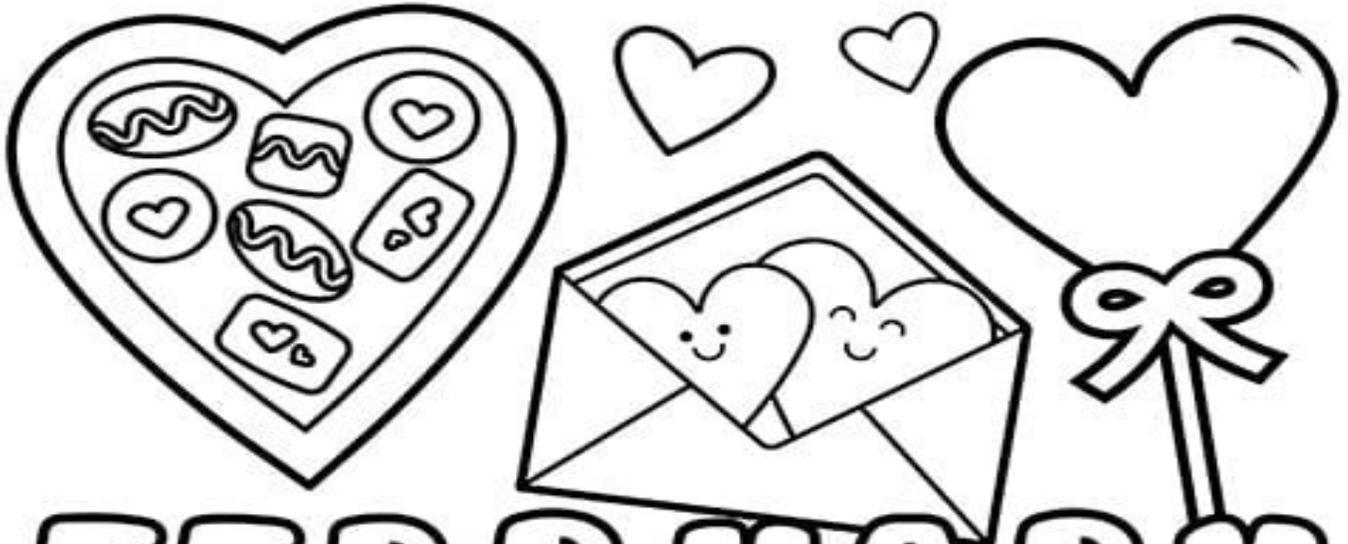


FEBRUARY

14 Ernest & Esther Ward-Cassell

*May God bestow special 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