



# CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## ~ March 2026 Newsletter ~

### *A Note from Our Pastor...*

Dear Cradock Family:

We are at the beginning of Lent which is the 46 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. It is the preparation of celebrating the most important day in Christendom. In preparing for Easter, I ran across a prayer that helps us to experience the true meaning of living with Christ on a daily basis in view of what Christ has done for us. Thus, here is the prayer that I believe will help us:

*Gracious God, how blessed we are to live and serve as a community of Your people. Gifted with the beauty of creation surrounding us, lead us into significant relationships that nurture and challenge us, as we experience the promise of life, and are grateful. Lead us now, O God, as we seek, in this season of Lent, to journey with our eyes fixed on Jesus. Lead us in righteousness, that our journey might be a journey in which we embrace Christ's ways of compassion and justice, grace and mercy, hope and right living. Lead us, God, in peace, as we seek to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Fill us with a peace that passes all human understanding, a peace the world cannot give to us, neither can it take away. But, holy God, let us never be satisfied with personal peace alone. Lead us into paths of peacemaking and reconciliation. And God, we pray that You might soften the hearts of those world leaders who are far more inclined to wage war than to seek peace. God, where there is brokenness, form us into instruments of forgiveness. Where there is despair, make of us channels of Your hope. Where there is division, may we be empowered to bring healing and wholeness. Where darkness abounds, grant us courage to walk in the light, our eyes fixed on Jesus, the light of the world. God of healing and compassion, we hold before You now those in special need of Your healing touch ... God, make us mindful of those among us this day who silently hold hurts and brokenness within them. Teach us to look into one another's eyes and hearts. We pray for those experiencing pain in their significant relationships, those who are yearning for new beginnings in life. We pray, O God, for young people facing untold pressures and challenges, and for older persons seeking to come to terms with limitations and losses. Whatever our life situations, O God, lead us in paths of right living, our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we pray. Amen. (Prayer by Joel D. Kline.)*

My prayer is this will be a special Easter for us all, but it will require us to prepare for Christ's great sacrifice that we might we might have Eternal Life by accepting this great Gift!!

In His Service:  
Pastor Dave





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

- Matthew 6:21

*Financial Information for January 1, 2026 - February 28, 2026:*

**Church Financials:**

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$13,638.26
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$16,686.98
Net Operating Total:	- \$ 3,048.72
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$ 3,048.72

Annual Expense Budget: \$97,828.55

Year to Date Actual Expenses: \$16,686.98

**Church Banking Account Balances:**

Checking Account: \$23,384.13

Certificate of Deposit Value: \$ 0.00

Capital Campaign Fund: \$71,513.98

**Endowment Fund Balance:      Balance for January 2026      \$132,074.33**

(The balance for February 2026 was not available at time of printing, sorry.)

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



*Worship*  
with us!

Sundays beginning at 11:00 a.m.

# Church Notes...

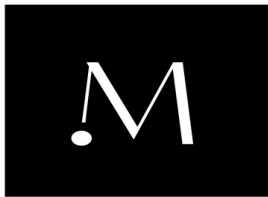


## Weekly Family Bible Study with Dinner...

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. Bring your Bible!



## Midweek Bible Study



## Introducing Our MomCo Ministry...

Join us Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 p. m. for our *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! Childcare will be provided.

M O M C O

## Family Movie Night at CBC...

Be sure to join us for *Movie Night* at Cradock Baptist Church on Friday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. Snacks and drinks provided! Bring a friend for a fabulous evening!



All Are Cordially  
Invited To

**The Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale Concert**

on

Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

at

Calvary Baptist Church  
2117 London Boulevard  
Portsmouth, VA 23704



## Church Notes Continues...



### *The Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale...*

As a charter member and former conductor of the Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale, I cordially invite you to join us, as we begin our Fiftieth Year. Formed in 1976, the chorale is composed of women across the commonwealth who have served as full-time or part-time ministers of music, instrumentalists, accompanists, choir leaders, choir members, denominational workers or wives of Virginia Baptist Church staff members. The chorale presents inspiring concerts of sacred music in churches and at Virginia Baptist state meetings. Please join us as we begin our Fiftieth Year. For more information and/or to join, please contact Jackie (Forehand) Phillips at 757-617-1269 / [jackie\\_forehand@yahoo.com](mailto:jackie_forehand@yahoo.com)



### *Special Music for Palm Sunday...*

Be sure to join us at 11:00 a.m. on *Palm Sunday* for extra special music at Cradock Baptist Church with Teena Coronado, Susan Cross and Kathy Delbridge!



### *Family Easter Celebration...*

Bags of individually wrapped candy to fill plastic eggs and/or monetary donations are greatly appreciated to help make this year's *Easter Family Celebration* extra special. Donations can be given to Erin Bracy or dropped by the office by March 26, 2026 please. All are welcome to come out on Sunday, March 29th at 2:00 p.m., as we celebrate Easter Joy!





## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



### *Maundy Thursday Worship Service...*

Join us as we reflect and pray during our *Maundy Thursday Worship Service*, which will be held on April 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Cradock Baptist Church. That evening we will be honored to have Ross Creecy playing for us because it will be very special!

**MAUNDY**  
*Thursday*

### *Easter Sunday Worship Service...*

Today, we celebrate the Risen Lord! Amen! Alleluia! Our *Easter Sunday Worship Service begins* at 11:00 a.m. on April 5, 2026. We would love to have you with us as we worship the Risen Lord! From our Church Family to yours...Happy Easter blessings!



A WISH FOR YOU...

*Easter*  
**BLESSINGS**

IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST HE IS A NEW CREATION; THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY. BEHOLD THE NEW HAS COME.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17





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

APRIL

3 Carolyn Willoughby  
4 Jon Gregory  
9 Emory Vick  
9 Miranda Coen  
9 Missy Kraatz  
10 Wendell Griffin  
16 Chris Bracy  
19 Mike Coley  
20 Cardell Claude  
20 Shirley Hartung

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



APRIL

19 Mike & Erin Bracy

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

*Kid's Coloring  
Fun Page...*





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MAILING LABEL



*This is the day the Lord has made!*

- Psalm 118:24