



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

~ April 2026 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor...

Dear Cradock Family:

I ran across this article on Easter that I think everyone should consider!!

Easter is a magnificent day! It is the most significant day of the entire year. It is a day of celebration ... the finest clothes, lilies trumpeting their beautiful fragrance, Christian fellowship, joyful greetings ... nothing can be too good. On Easter we celebrate new hope and the possibility of living life to its fullest. God is saying to us that His blessings and love are ours. Good and even great days are now possible for us with the best of days still to come in heaven.

What problems lurk in your life? Are you afraid of death? Are you afraid of life? Easter proclaims that you can be victorious over any problem that you might face. Victory can be yours by believing in Easter and by appropriating Easter into your daily life.

But what is Easter? Easter is power. The power of God released which raised a dead Son after he had been in the grave for three days. Many gravestones carry the inscription, "Here lies ...," but on Christ's tomb are the words, "He is not here." In Joseph's garden is history's only empty grave. I believe Christ rose from the dead, and I believe the resurrection power of God is still being unleashed today.

God wants to resurrect us from whatever defeat is in our lives and then give us a victorious death.

He wants to resurrect us from a life of loneliness and gloom into one of meaning and joy. He wants to resurrect us from a life deadened by fear to a life enlivened by confidence. He especially wants to resurrect us from our own personal death into his very own personal paradise.

So roll back the stone of any unbelief in your hearts, behold the glory of the empty tomb, and thrill to the power that can now be yours. Place your weak and trembling hand into his and say with Thomas, "My Lord and my God." Belief in Jesus and his resurrection is the key that delivers us from fear and sorrow.

Jesus is the key to personal happiness, to peace, and to life everlasting. You can know this peace, you can know this joy, you can have this power, if today you will commit yourself to him, and then say with your whole heart, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Be in prayer for our steeple as we are still trying to find a first class contractor!!

Happy Easter!!

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 - March 31, 2026:

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$21,674.89
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$25,976.39
Net Operating Total:	- \$ 4,301.50
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$ 4,301.50
Annual Expense Budget:	\$97,828.55
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$25,976.39

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$18,409.27
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$ 0.00
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$71,517.02

Endowment Fund Balance:	Balance for February 2026	\$133,653.03
	Balance for March 2026	\$127,935.54

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



The Women's Missionary Union (WMU) of the Portsmouth Baptist Association (PBA) is collecting toiletries for the *Eastern Shore Migrant Ministry*. Our goal is to make 150 health kits for the migrant men, but we need your help! Cradock Baptist Church has been assigned to supply the shaving cream. We are asking everyone in our Church to please bring a few cans of shaving cream to Cradock Baptist by Sunday, June 14, 2026. Donations may be placed in the marked basket in the vestibule. Monetary donations may also be made to Cradock Baptist Church. Please be sure to mark the memo section of the check with: Migrant Ministry. Thank you and may God always bless you! If you have any questions, please be sure to contact Micky Evans at 757-256-9037.

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 of our Church, a wonderful Spring full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,
Vernon Butler,
Chairperson



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Church Notes...



Please pray for the Saffold Family ...



Gordon Eugene Saffold

June 19, 1943 - January 28, 2026

82 years loved

Gordon Eugene Saffold, 82, departed his earthly life and entered into Heaven on January 28, 2026 after a brief illness.

Gordon was born on June 19, 1943, in Wyandotte, Michigan, to Elsie and Gene Saffold, the second of three sons. His family moved to Plasterco, VA when he was nine years old. He graduated from R.B Worthy High School in 1961. He then went to William & Mary for his freshman year, after which he & the Dean decided that he wasn't quite ready for college, so he joined the Army and was sent to California for a year, where he attended Language School to learn Vietnamese, then was sent to Vietnam. (He only remembered the words for "beer" and "steak.") After serving his country, he returned to William & Mary and completed his degree, then became a C.P.A., passing all 3 parts of the State Board of Accountancy exam the first time, one of his proudest achievements. During his whole career, all of his jobs were in the field of finance in Richmond, Collinsville, Greensboro, Virginia Beach and Portsmouth. For the last 13 years he enjoyed working with his son-in-law's business, Bay Caulking and Waterproofing.

While living in Richmond, fate brought him and Donna Brantley together on a blind date in May 1970. They married on February 13th, 1971, and were blessed with a wonderful marriage for 54 years, and a family that he loved with all his heart, unconditionally.

Gordon was an amazing person...a gentleman, smart, hardworking, respectful, honest, fun, etc. His life had its challenges, but he was perseverant when needed and lived a good life, caring for others and setting a good example, never complaining, always positive. Some people can easily say "I love you." Gordon, instead, showed his love through his actions. He was the perfect example of a "family man" encouraging and supporting his wife and her parents, his daughters, son-in-law, granddaughter, his parents, brothers & wives, niece & husband, etc. He was proud of each of them and shared that pride with others. He kept his family connected no matter the distance.

Gordon is survived by the love of his life, Donna Brantley Saffold; two beloved daughters, Heather Saffold Jenkins and Tiffany Saffold; granddaughter Morgan Jenkins (Papa G to her); son-in law, Mark Jenkins ("Gordo" to him); brothers and wives, Al & Abby Saffold and Paul & Theresa Saffold; niece & husband, Melissa & Kevin Fitzpatrick.

Gordon & Donna were blessed with many friends that they treasured. We know that he will always be in their hearts and a "Celebration of Life" will be held in the future to honor him. Condolences may be registered at BWFosterFuneralHome.com

Church Notes...



Please pray for the Savage Family ...

Thomas Moore Savage

November 16, 1944 - March 20, 2026

81 years loved

Thomas Moore Savage passed away peacefully on March 20, 2026 at the age of 81. He was born on November 16, 1944 in Suffolk, Virginia, second son to William R. Savage Jr. of Accomac County, Virginia and Martha Louise Savage (Matzie) of Chuckatuck, Virginia. Tommy attended Suffolk Public Schools and graduated from Suffolk High School in 1963. He graduated from the College of William and Mary and was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia L. Savage and daughter, Stephanie L. Savage; brother, William R. Savage, III; nephew, Charles Steele Savage (Jennifer); grandnieces, Madelyn Lane Savage and Kelly Savage Knight (Matt); nieces, Linda Wilkins (Norman), Patricia Springer; and numerous cousins. Tommy was very proud of having served in the United States Navy. During the Vietnam War he served on the U.S.S. Hancock VA-191 aircraft carrier. He received several medals for serving in a combat zone off the coast of Vietnam and a Letter of Commendation upon discharge.

Tommy was a wonderfully kind, loving and patient husband, father, son, brother and uncle. Family and friends describe Tommy as a caring, kind and gentle soul who was always willing to help anyone who needed help. He enjoyed talking to friends and strangers alike. He never left anyone in a crowd standing alone. He lived his faith. He just loved people. He also loved the Suffolk Christian Church and was an active member throughout his life in serving many terms as a Deacon and working on many church committees. Tommy was a very committed teacher for the Baraca Class Men's Bible Study for 45 Years. Tommy served his beloved Suffolk community through many church outreach programs and was also a member of the Suffolk Jaycees, Lions Club, and Rotary Club. Tommy served on the Meals on Wheels Board as well as delivering meals several days per week and also a member of the Jolly Boys. He was a real estate appraiser for many years at Life Savings Bank in Norfolk and retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

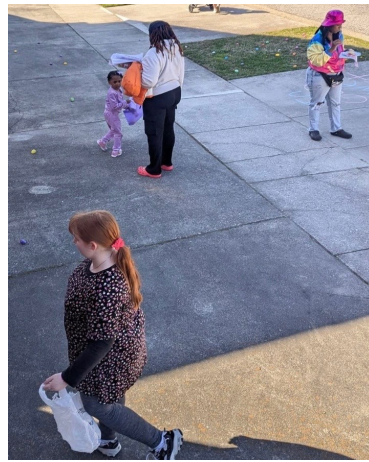
Tommy was predeceased by his parents and sister, Martha Ligon Savage as well as his nephew, William R. Savage IV "Rick". In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Suffolk Christian Church, Western Tidewater Free Clinic, or Suffolk Salvation Army.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Suffolk Christian Church. The family will receive friends following the service in the church social hall. R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home, Downtown Suffolk Chapel is serving the family. Condolences may be registered at RWBakerFH.com

Church Notes...



Easter Joy at Cradock Baptist Church...



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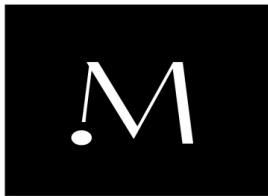


Weekly Family Bible Study with Dinner...

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! This month's studies will be held on April 9, 23 & 30, 2026.



Midweek Bible Study



MomCO Ministry...

Join us on April 21, 2026 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.

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Friday, April 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday

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

6 Craig Steverson
12 Jeannette Fritts
12 Bradford Hartung
17 DJ Zollars
23 Venus Brown-Mullen
24 Thelma Carr
26 Ann Shearin
26 Alexandria O'Clair

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!



*Kid's Coloring
Fun Page...*



He is Risen



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

