



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

~ May 2026 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor...

Dear Cradock Family and Friends:

We live in a society that is almost Anti-Christian. There seems to be little concern for moral living or that one's character is important to maintain and keep clean. We live in a divided country where people cannot get along and if there is a disturbance, too many people would just as soon as shoot you than try to work out the differences. We are called by Christ to Holy Living which seems to be almost impossible. If there was any time in history where the values that Christ taught need to be lived and modeled, it is now! Christ calls us to Commitment to Him and to treat all persons the same as we are all sinners and Christ died for everyone! Christ is the only one that makes life worth living and if people do not see Christ in us, then no wonder few people are interested in Christianity. I believe this illustration drives home the need for us to be completely committed to Christ that Cradock Baptist can make a difference in our community!

Chrysostom was the patriarch of Constantinople in the fourth century. One of the stories surrounding this faithful witness concerns the occasion when the Roman emperor had him arrested and charged with being a Christian. If Chrysostom did not renounce Christ, then the emperor would have this Christian leader banished from the kingdom. Chrysostom responded to the threat by saying that the emperor could not do so, "because the whole world is my Father's kingdom."

"Then," replied the emperor, "I will take away your life." To which Chrysostom said, "You cannot, for my life is hid with Christ in God." Next threatened with the loss of his treasure, this saint replied, "You cannot, for my treasure is in heaven where my heart is." The emperor made one last effort: "Then I will drive you away from here and you shall have no friend left." But again Chrysostom responded, "You cannot, for I have one Friend from whom you can never separate me. I defy you for you can do me no harm."

Living as we do in our Western, religiously-tolerant society, we may never face a crucial moment such as Chrysostom 16 centuries ago. We do, however, face similar temptations to renounce our faith, ignore our **commitments**, or compromise our loyalties. We will be tempted to deny we ever heard of the one called Jesus the Christ. We will be enticed to deny his power over our lives with phrases like: "Come on, everyone else is!" or "It will be fun, and no one will ever know." We are daily forced to choose between the easy way, the quick fix and the promise of glamour and the way of Christ. Those who choose to acknowledge Christ must do so not just with lips but also with hearts and minds.

For Cradock Baptist to continue to exist, we all need to be committed to Christ and live out His values that others may see Christ in Us!!! Are you committed to Christ or this world? This world will pass away and we only have Eternal Life in Christ! So whom are you committed to: Yourself or Christ!!



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 ~ April 30, 2026:

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$25,167.89
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$35,123.30
Net Operating Total:	- \$ 9,955.41
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$ 9,955.41
Annual Expense Budget:	\$97,828.55
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$35,123.30

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$ 5,062.51
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$ 0.00
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$ 71,519.95

Endowment Fund Balance: \$135,530.76

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

Please Join
Collinswood-Agape Baptist Church
For a Retirement Celebration Honoring
Dr. Robert Lee
June 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at
St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church
2714 Frederick Boulevard, Portsmouth, VA 23704

Tickets are \$75.00 each or Table of 8 for \$600.00
For tickets call Collinswood-Agape Church: 757-488-4939



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! This month's *MomCO Ministry...*

MomCO Ministry Meeting...

Join us on May 19, 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.



M O M C O



The WMU & PBA's Latest Project...

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.



Cradock Baptist Church
96 Afton Parkway
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Friday, May 22, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.





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

JUNE

7	DeShawna Ward
16	Pat Steverson
25	Betty Large
29	Jessica Vick

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!

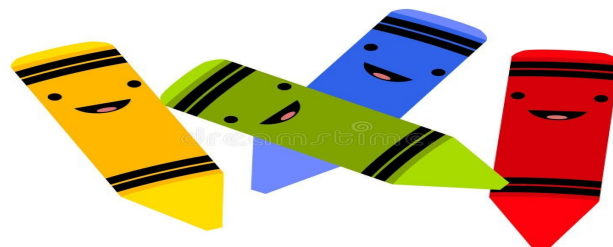


JUNE

7	Mike & Joan Mercer
21	Randy & Jessica Vick

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

*Kid's Coloring
Fun Page...*





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MAILING LABEL

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

