



# CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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~ May 2024 Newsletter ~

## *A Note from Our Pastor:*

Greetings To All Cradock Supporters:

Well, we are almost into summer and this year has just started or it seems so. Since we are a New Testament Church, we need to find ways to reach out to those around us that we know who need help or the Lord or both. This past Sunday, I challenged the church to think of someone who you know needs the Lord or needs the support of a Christian congregation. Dr. Erwin Lutzer of Moody Church wrote a book titled: "Life-Changing Bible Verses You Should Know!" In that book, there is a section on Prayer. He quoted Ephesians 6:18, which states: "Pray in the Spirit in all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Since we are all the Lord's people and our Lord wishes that no one will be left behind, that gives us a mandate to try and reach as many people for the Lord as possible.

We all have experiences that we need someone to care and help us through difficult times and that lends us the opportunity to reach out and show them that we care about them and are willing to be there for them. That is why I suggested that we find someone who we needs the Lord or a support system and start praying for them, while asking the Lord to provide an opportunity to share with them and show them we care. That also gives us an opportunity to invite them to come to church with us, to show them that they are not alone and a caring community does exist, which is one of the purposes of the church.

Certainly you have realized that our numbers are dwindling mostly because our Lord is taking our congregation home with Him. So we need more people to be a part of our congregation in order to continue our ministry in the Cradock area. My Sunday School Class has started praying for our classmates to support each other. Why can't we include the whole church, as a whole, as we all need support. Prayer changes things because our Lord cares about every part of our lives and when we are in trouble, our first step should be carrying the problem and giving it to the Lord.

So I encourage all of us to find someone that needs the Lord, along with support and start praying for them. This is the Lord's opportunity for us to befriend them and support them with our friendship. Note, that our Lord searched out people who needed Him and showed He cared just for them. In other words, He established a relationship first, as no one will listen to us if they do not know or trust us. Let's let the Lord use us for His glory and in turn make a difference in someone's life.

In His Service,  
Pastor Dave





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

- Matthew 6:21

*Financial Information for January 1 - April 30, 2024:*

**Church Financials:**

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|--|---------------|
| Income (tithes and offerings):             | \$33,739.25   |
| Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera): | \$39,424.92   |
| Net Operating Total:                       | - \$ 5,685.67 |
| Summary Income exceeded expenses by:       | - \$ 5,685.67 |
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| Annual Expense Budget:                     | \$95,726.50   |
| Year to Date Actual Expenses:              | \$39,424.92   |

**Church Banking Account Balances:**

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Checking Account:             | \$37,835.33 |
| Certificate of Deposit Value: | \$22,159.52 |
| Capital Campaign Fund:        | \$43,057.75 |

**Endowment Fund Balance:** \$116,671.63

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

  
*Welcome Home*  
— WHERE YOU BELONG —

# 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 everyone a wonderful day full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,

Vernon Butler,  
Chairperson



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## *Our Deacons*

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# CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS



Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 4:00pm

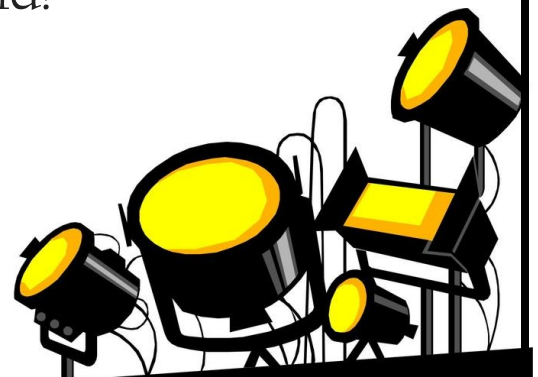
Join us for our feature presentation of

**~ Migration ~**

Free Popcorn & Juice

Join us for a FUN afternoon of Fellowship!

Bring a Friend!



# Church Notes...

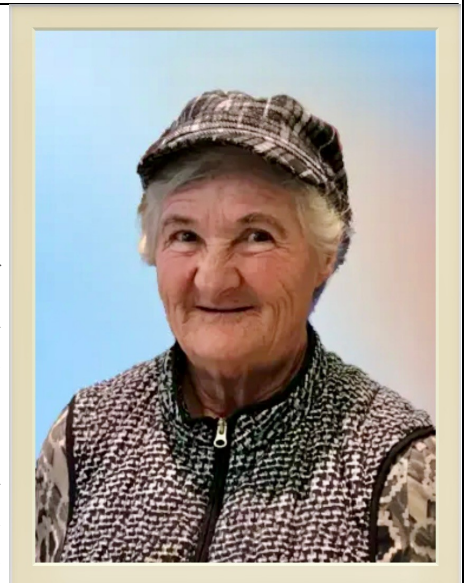


*Please keep the White & Stafford families in your prayers...*

## Jeanne Elizabeth White

November 6, 1942 - April 17, 2024

Jeanne Elizabeth White, 81, a former longtime resident of Portsmouth passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 in Clifton Forge, VA. She was born on November 6, 1942 in Norfolk, VA to the late Sidney and Olivia Styron. Jeanne was a former member of Cradock Baptist Church in Portsmouth; and she loved horses and singing. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Anthony “Tony” White. She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia “Cindy” Cartledge and Athena “Tina” Burger; two sons, Frank White, III and Jason White; a brother, Roger S. Styron and wife Susan; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 10 AM Thursday, June 6, 2024 at Sturtevant Funeral Home, Portsmouth Blvd. Chapel by Rev. Lee Brown. Interment will be private at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Sturtevant Funeral Home, Portsmouth Blvd. Chapel is handling these arrangements.



## Franklin “Turk” Leigh Stafford

September 24, 1941 - May 9, 2024

Franklin “Turk” Leigh Stafford, 82, of Kennedy Drive passed away on Thursday, May 9, 2024 in a local hospital. He was born on September 24, 1941 in South Carolina to the late Willie and Mabel Stafford. Mr. Stafford was a member of Cradock Baptist Church; and retired from the Chesapeake Public School System after 45 years. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael Stafford; and four siblings. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Hazel Stafford; a son, David Stafford and his wife Vellette; two sisters, Mary Stafford and Rose Kahler; two brothers, Jack Stafford and Freddie Stafford; three grandchildren, Victoria Stafford, Jessica McDonald and husband Austin and Jake Warrick and wife Brittany; and a host of extended family. A service will be held at 2 PM Tuesday, May 14, 2024 in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum Chapel. The family will receive friends on Monday evening from 5:30 – 6:30 PM at Sturtevant Funeral Home, Portsmouth Blvd. Chapel.



MAY

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

JUNE

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

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

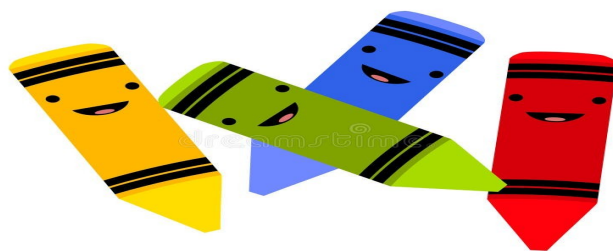


JUNE

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