



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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~ July 2024 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor:

Dear Cradock Family:

We live in troubled times and it seems that adversity follows us everywhere! I believe we are in the last times before the Lord Jesus Christ comes again to receive the church (true believers). So how do we withstand the Devil when we are bombarded everywhere we turn? Two scriptures come to mind that remind us that Jesus is still in control and watching over us.

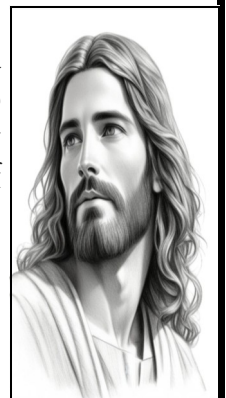
The first is Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in trouble." The devastating earthquake that made landfall in Haiti a few years ago killed nearly 200,000 people. For a minister that was there, tells the story of a woman standing beside the road holding a baby in her arms. She said: "I lost my son...he died in the rubble." She was asked: "Did you get to bury him?" "No, no chance; his body was crushed in the rubble; I just had to throw him away." As she got on a bus with her backpack, which had a side pocket with a Bible in it and as she got on the bus to take her to a safer place, she was heard saying, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble..." I wonder if we would have the same faith in such an awful experience like this woman who had just lost her son??

The second scripture is 1 Peter 1:6-7: "In all this you greatly rejoice, through now for a little while you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." Jesus reminds us that even though our lives are filled with trials and adversity, we are not alone, and He is always with us. Jesus also reminds us that in every situation, He is not only there but has the strength to give us and to bring glory out of adversity. The question is: Can we hold on and allow Him to carry us through these situations because He already has a solution if we will only put the problem in His hands and let Him take care of us.

I want to encourage you to keep Cradock Baptist in your prayers as the Lord calls home our members, that leaves fewer of us to carry on the ministry. Giving is down, so any extra you can give to the support of Cradock's ministry will be greatly appreciated.

The current status of the steeple is in the hands of the Brotherhood Mutual and the contractor. Hope to get a better idea of progress by the end of the week. Keep us in your prayers and remember the Lord has really shined on Cradock Baptist, by providing the necessary finances to take care of the heating and air conditioning of the sanctuary. With His and your help, the ministry of Cradock Baptist will continue, we just have to have faith, because all things are possible with the Lord.

In His Service:
Pastor Dave





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

- Matthew 6:21

Financial Information for January 1, 2024 ~ June 30, 2024:

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$52,341.75
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$53,640.46
Net Operating Total:	- \$ 1,298.71
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$ 1,298.71
Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$53,640.46

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$38,996.07
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$22,416.30
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$35,234.51

Endowment Fund Balance: \$117,921.74

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



Pastor Dave's new email address is

PhillipsDL56@gmail.com

Thank you!

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 summer full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,
Vernon Butler,
Chairperson

SWEET 
summertime

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Church Notes...



Please pray for the Whittaker Family...



Hazel Marie Whittaker
March 1, 1921 - June 16, 2024

Hazel Whitaker of Portsmouth, Virginia passed away on June 16, 2024, at the age of 103. She was the daughter of the late George W. and Susie P. Reichle. Hazel was born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. She was a graduate of Cradock High School in Portsmouth, Virginia and attended Mary Washington College.

Left to cherish her memory are her four daughters, Ann Reid of Rock Island, Illinois; Carol Ellis (Shelly) of Suffolk, Virginia; Mary Riddell of Shiloh, North Carolina; and Janet Cochran (Lloyd) of Annandale, Virginia, and her nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. Hazel was preceded in death by her husband Jack F. Whitaker, sisters Mary Ripley and Helen Trueblood and brother George A. Reichle.

We wish to thank the staff at Churchland House and Trinity Hospice for the care given to our mother during the last year of her life.

A funeral service was held at 1 PM Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Sturtevant Funeral Home, Portsmouth Blvd Chapel officiated by Rev. David Phillips. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cradock Baptist Church. Condolences may be made to the family online at SturtevantFuneralHome.com

Vacation Bible School

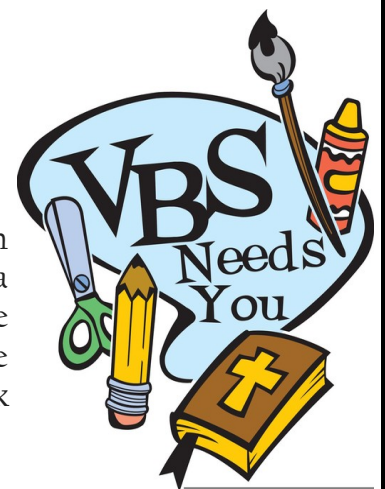
Come share *Outback Rock VBS*

Friday, August 9, 2024
from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
and

Saturday, August 10, 2024
from 10:00am to 12 Noon

If you are able to help make our Vacation Bible School (VBS) program amazing this year by volunteering, donating snacks and/or making a monetary donation, it would be greatly appreciated! Please mark the memo section of your check with "VBS". Contact Erin Bracy for more information or to volunteer, she can be reached at 757-404-0695. Thank you! May God always bless our Church family!

P.S. Don't forget Sunday School at 9:30am each Sunday!



Church News...



Robin Class News...

The *Eagle Eyrie Retreat for Special Needs* will be held October 18 to 20, 2024 in Lynchburg, Virginia! Last year, we had 4 students from our Robin Class, along with 2 chaperones, attend the retreat. They all had a wonderful time together learning about and deepening their relationship with God. We are making an appeal to our Church family for monetary donations to help off-set the expenses, so that there will not be a cost for the retreatants. Please make a notation in the memo section of your check for "Eagle Eyrie". Thank you and may God always bless you!



Musical Notes: Wonderful Music Ahead!



Let's sing "The Old Hymns!"

Sunday Afternoon Hymn Sing
August 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church
2117 London Boulevard
Portsmouth, VA 23704



Please join us as we sing some of the "good old hymns" led by The Joyful Sounds Choir, The Singing Beez Chorus and accompanied by Joseph Wetherbee, Jr. and Rebecca Padrick!
It will be a wonderful afternoon of music!

*** Those wishing to be a part of the choirs,
are asked to please contact Jackie (Forehand) Phillips for more information. ***
757-617-1269 or jackie_forehand@yahoo.com
Please join us!

What a day of rejoicing that will be!

CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH
PROUDLY PRESENTS



Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 4:00pm

Join us for our feature presentation
of

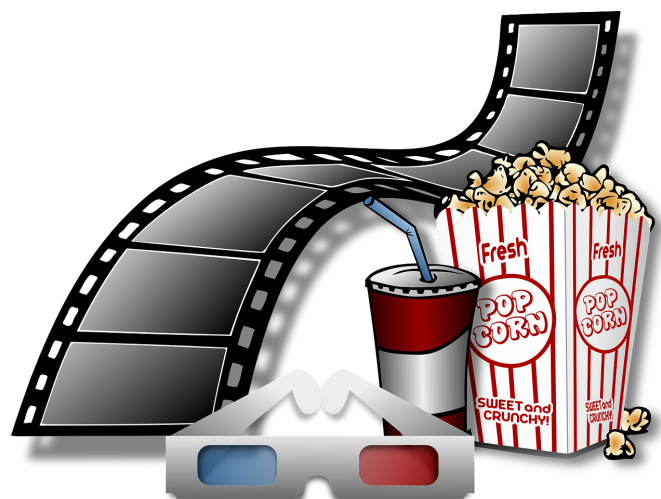


~ The Super Mario Bros. Movie ~

Free Popcorn & Juice

Join us for
FUN
&
FELLOWSHIP!

Bring a Friend!





JULY

3 Mike Bracy
8 Don Large
8 Gloria Matthews
9 Leroy Hartung, Jr.
11 David Ward
19 Noah Anderson
21 Bill Snell
30 Kenzie Sprayberry
31 Bryant Bracy
31 Tori Spivey

AUGUST

6 Erin Bracy
8 Richard Hartung
10 Bailey Sprayberry
18 Arline Roark
25 Theodore Hartung
25 Aline Hartsell
29 Teena Coronado
31 Jackie Phillips

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!



JULY

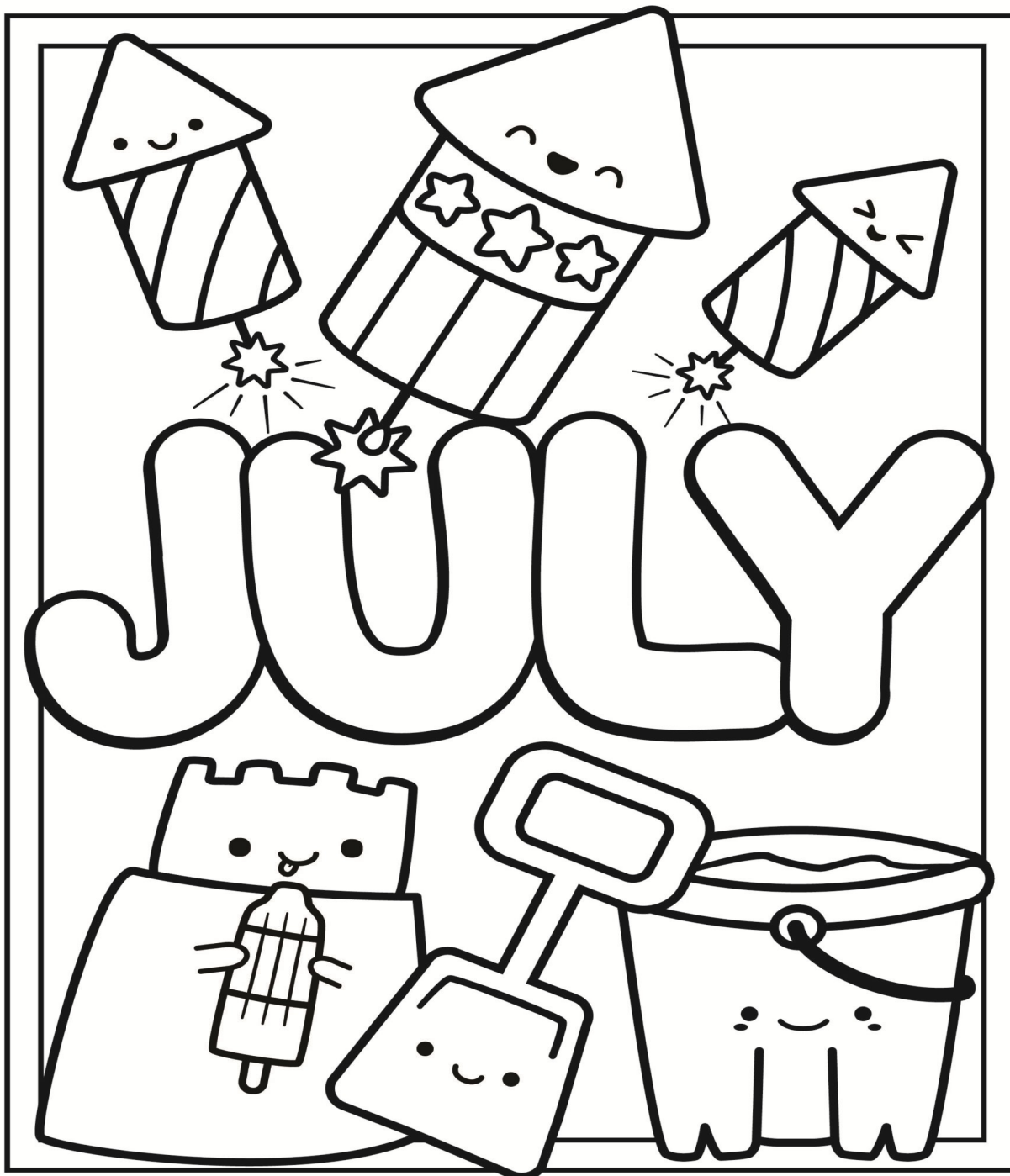
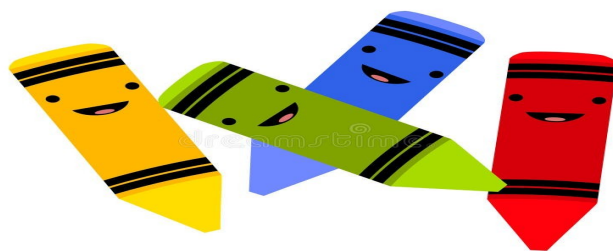
20 Daniel & Teena Coronado

AUGUST

8 Chris & Carrie Allsbrook

*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