



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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~ October 2024 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor:

To Our Cradock Family & Friends,

We live in uncertain times and we see the devastation of storms that are unpredictable with destruction that we have never seen before! With the small congregation we have due mostly to the Lord taking our people home, it leaves a lot of questions as to our future. But we have to remember that we serve a Lord that has everything at His disposal and when we put Him first in our life and our church life, He will sustain us. John 6:35 with Jesus speaking says: "I am the bread of life, Jesus told them. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry, and no one who believes in Me will ever be thirsty again." Also in Matthew 6:33 again Jesus says: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be provided for you."

This is to remind us that we are not alone in this world and the good Lord knows everything about us, especially our situation. We are facing the possibility of a deficit in what our church insurance is willing to pay to replace our steeple. I have been working with the insurance company, as well as the contractor, architect and structural engineer, but it does not look good. But we need to remember that when the air conditioning/heating system went out in the sanctuary and we got the bids, the cheapest was almost \$100,000. I do not believe anyone thought that we could ever come up with that amount of money. But when you put your situation in the Lord's hands, anything is possible, as we raised over \$104,000. With God anything is possible and that is where we need to put this problem, in the Lord's hands.

As our Lord takes care of us, He can take care of our church, because it is His Church to begin with. There are several decisions that need to be made, but not until all resources are investigated. I will keep you abreast of the development, but we need to keep the Faith and give the problem to the Lord and let Him direct us. In the meantime, any extra funds you can spare will be most appreciated along with your prayers. Prayer changes our situations and encourages us to have Faith, because a little Faith changes everything.

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 - September 30, 2024:

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$66,975.63
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$78,528.34
Net Operating Total:	- \$11,552.71
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$11,552.71
Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$78,528.34

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$32,440.20
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$22,676.06
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$35,236.30

Endowment Fund Balance: \$124,939.98

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



Dolores Ramos Knight's New Address

Mrs. Dolores Ramos Knight
165 Red Fox Way
Meridianville, AL 35759-7900

Cell: 757-178-4514

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 a fall season of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,
Vernon Butler,
Chairperson



Our Deacons

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Church Notes...



Please pray for the Flier Family ...

Loretta Chavis Filer

May 9, 1938 - October 11, 2024

Loretta Chavis Filer, 86, passed away in her home on October 11, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was born to the late Harvard L. and Gertrude Chavis. She was preceded in death by her son, Aaron Filer; and three sisters, Harvalene McClernan, Carol Gavrell, and Dorothea Walder. Left to cherish her memory: her husband, Ray L. Filer; six children, Ruth Davis Vaughan (Gary), William Davis, Jr.; David F. Davis (Tami); Alan Ray Filer (Annette), Robert D. Davis (Scott), and Daniel J. Filer (Tanya); three sisters, Francine Chavis, Donna Chavis-Legerton, Thedus Chavis; two brothers, Larry D. Chavis and Harvard D. Chavis; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 12pm to 1pm on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at Snellings Funeral Home. The funeral will begin at 1pm in the Chapel and conclude at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Condolence may be made to the family at snellingsfuneralhome.com. (Loretta is the mother of Bill Davis, who is a member of our Church.)

Robin Class News...

Please pray that our Robin Class campers, attending the *Eagle Eyrie Retreat for Special Needs* will have a wonderful time, as they learn more about and deepen their relationship with God. May He bless the campers and chaperones on their journey to and from Lynchburg!

Our Annual Truck or Treat Halloween Celebration...

Halloween will be here before we know it and we need your help to make this year a safe and joyous celebration our children!

Ways to help:

- * Donate a bag or two of individually wrapped candy
- * Make a momentary donation
- * Volunteer
- * Decorate your vehicle for the children to visit on Halloween night



Donations can be given to Erin Bracy or dropped by the office by October 29, 2024 please. For any questions and/or to volunteer, please contact Erin at 757-404-0695.

Be sure to come out for the fun on October 31st from 6:00pm - 8:00pm



FREE



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Cradock Baptist Church
96 Afton Parkway
Portsmouth, VA 23702

Sunday ~ September 22, 2024 ~ 4:00pm

Join us for our feature presentation of
~ The Garfield Movie (2024) ~

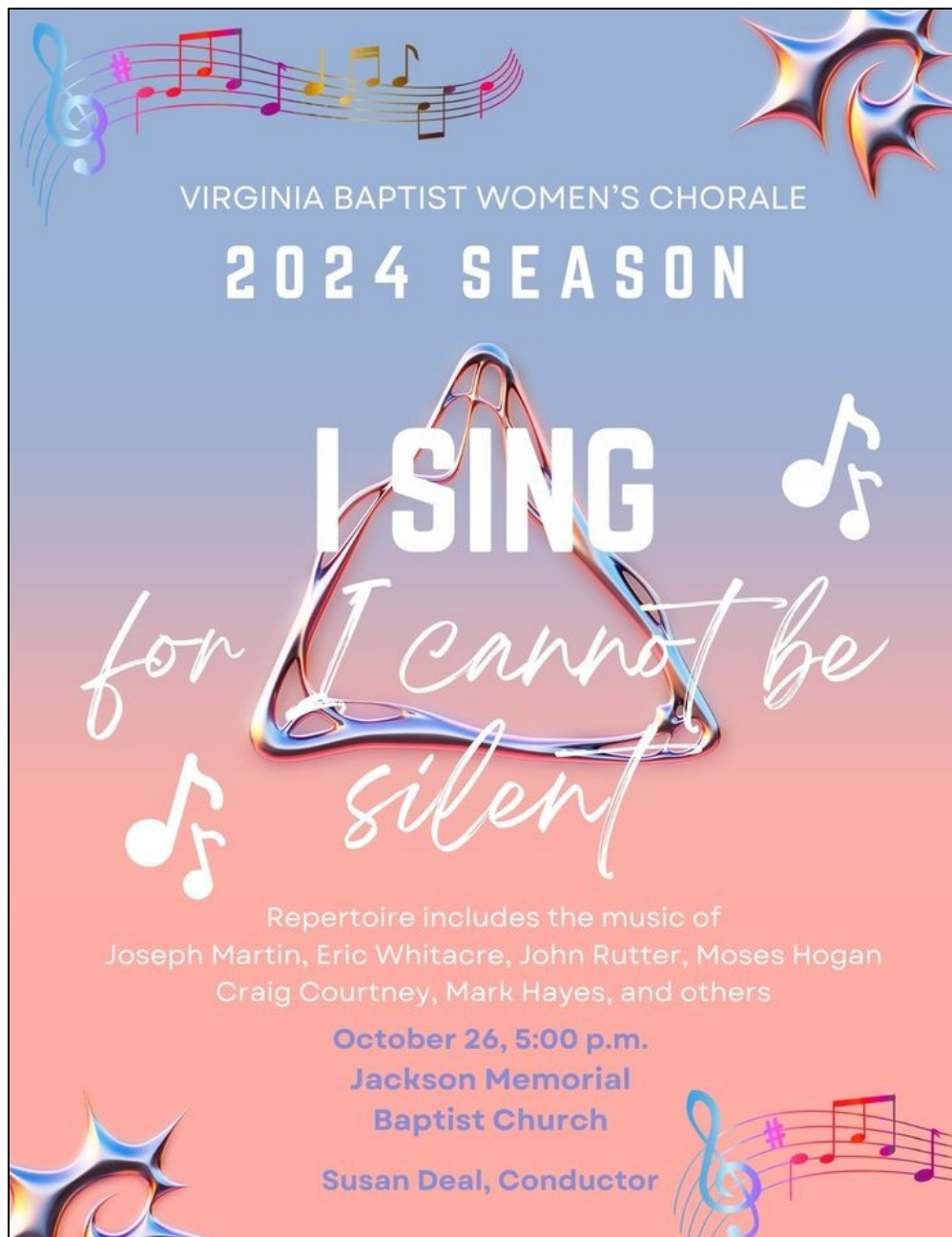
Free Popcorn & Juice

Join us for FUN & FELLOWSHIP!

Bring a FRIEND!



Please join us for
The Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale Concert



VIRGINIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S CHORALE
2024 SEASON

I SING
for I cannot be silent

Repertoire includes the music of
Joseph Martin, Eric Whitacre, John Rutter, Moses Hogan
Craig Courtney, Mark Hayes, and others

October 26, 5:00 p.m.
Jackson Memorial
Baptist Church
Susan Deal, Conductor

Jackson Memorial Baptist Church
4316 Bruce Road
Chesapeake, VA 23321



OCTOBER

2 Autumn Redd
5 Micky Evans
19 Vernon Butler
29 Jennie Evans
31 Ruby Smith

NOVEMBER

6 Carl Ringer
10 Linda Mathews
10 Marcia Kittrell
11 Dawn Sprayberry
12 Jenny Allsbrook
15 David Faulkner
18 Chris Allsbrook
18 Ken Matthews
19 Jay Jay Hoffler
22 James Bailey
24 Ester Ward-Cassell

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!



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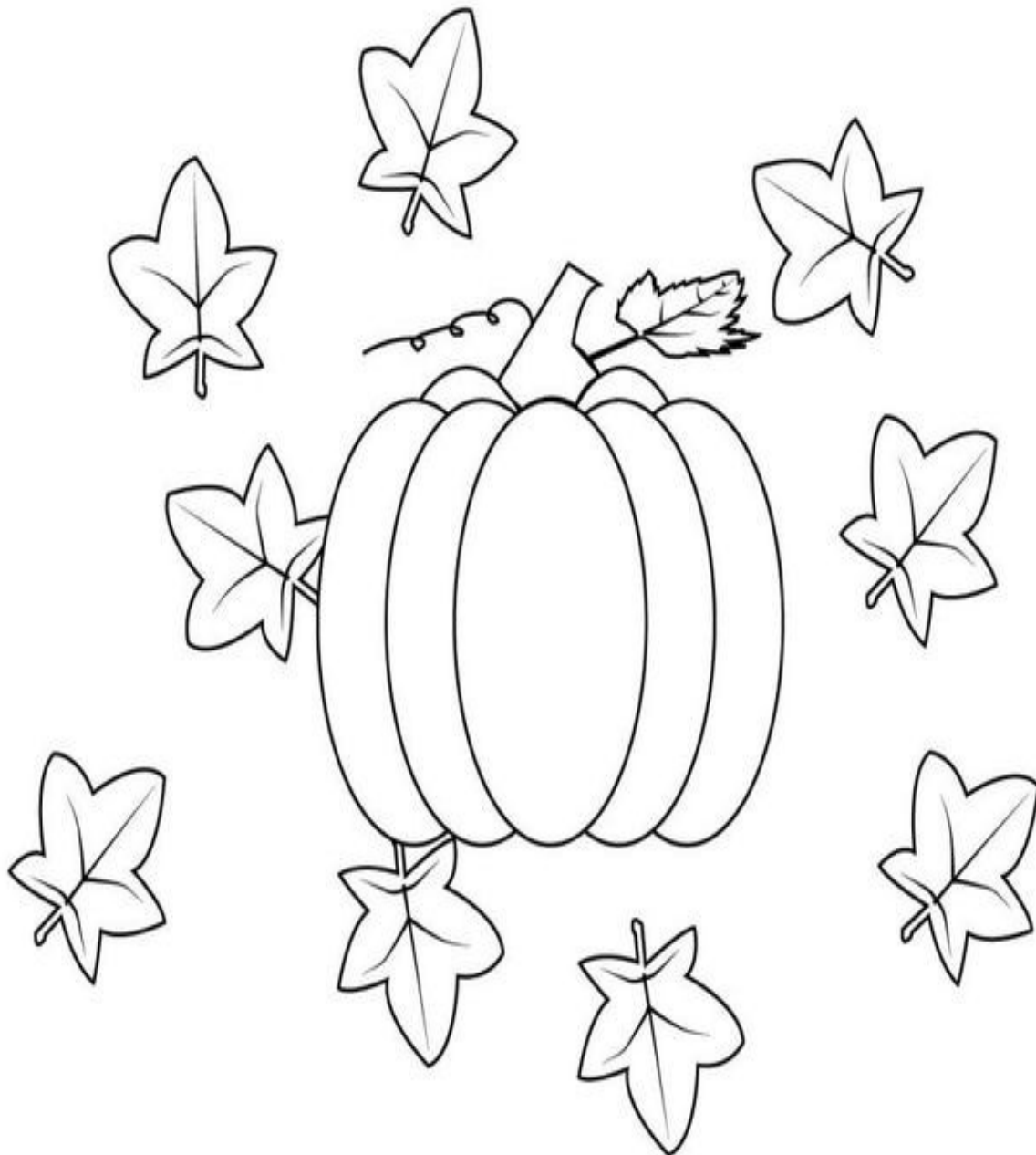
1 Ernest & Esther Ward-Cassell
15 Dave & Jackie Phillips

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

*Kid's Coloring
Fun Page...*



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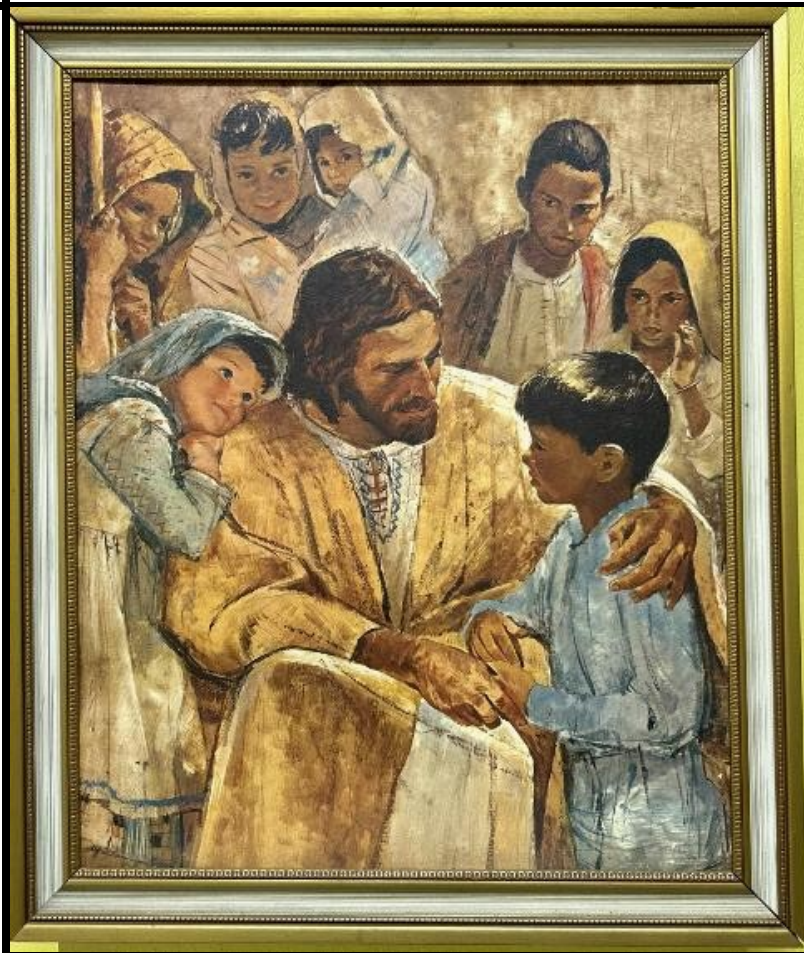




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2 STAMPS

MAILING LABEL



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