



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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~ January 2025 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor:

Dear Cradock Family:

We are in the New Year and the future of Cradock Baptist is something that all of us need to spend time in prayer as to where our allegiance lies. With dwelling membership caused by people moving away and the Lord taking the saints home, we need more than ever to pull together and question our faithfulness to the ministry of Cradock Baptist. Tithes and offerings are down and we need to decide if Cradock Baptist has a viable ministry in the Cradock area. I for one do believe that the Lord is not finished with Cradock Baptist as we proclaim God's Word that is not popular today. Matthew 10:22 says: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake, but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Mathew is reminding us that we all have the responsibility to proclaim the Word by sharing what Christ has done in our lives. We do not do the saving, that is the Holy Spirit's job, but we are to share the love of Christ in how He has changed our lives and gives us a reason for living now and for the future. I believe we proclaim the Word every Sunday and broadcast it on Facebook, as well as to the neighborhood by our outside speaker and FM broadcasting. But to keep the ministry going we need to pull together and commit ourselves to the ministry of Cradock Baptist. It will take all of us working together and bringing friends and relatives to support our ministry both by taking an active role and by our giving of our tithes and offerings.

So I am asking you to commit to the ministry of Cradock Baptist by sharing our abilities and praying for the Church and God's guidance. With the Lord's help anything is possible, but we need to be faithful to this ministry if we are going to survive! Ministry does not happen by just one commitment person, it requires all of us working and praying together to fulfill the Lord's purpose for this church.

On a note of the steeple, I spoke with the adjuster and he said the pricing that Brotherhood Mutual is seeking is in the contractor's hands and we hope this can go forward very soon! I would also ask you to make this a matter of prayer also as we do not know exactly where the cost will come out and whether Brotherhood will cover all of it or we are left with a questionable sum to finish the project.

Thus your tithes and offerings are of importance now and for the future. Remember, you cannot out give the Lord that He will not give double and more back to you. He wants to Bless us, but we must be committed to Him first!

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 - December 31, 2024:

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$78,156.38
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$97,619.31
Net Operating Total:	- \$19,462.93
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$19,462.93
Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$97,619.31

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$25,739.23
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$22,761.75
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$61,421.40

Endowment Fund Balance: \$123,632.38

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



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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 wonderful winter full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,
Vernon Butler,
Chairperson



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Church Notes...



Please pray for the Bremer Family ...



Sarah Ann Sclater Bremer

84 years loved

Sarah Ann Sclater Bremer, 84, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 15, 2024. Sarah was a gifted and hard-working medical laboratory technician. She was employed at Portsmouth General Hospital, Maryview Hospital, and many local physicians' offices. She was a lifelong member of Cradock Presbyterian Church, active with the Cradock Lions Club and the Ladies of the Moose.

Sarah is survived by her son, Richard Sclater Bremer, and his wife, Rebecca Sue Bremer, and their children, Richard Shelton Bremer and Wesley Javan Bremer; son, James William Bremer, and his wife, Theresa Green Bremer and their family; son, James Luke Bremer; daughters, Ashley Ann Bremer, Amanda Marie Bremer, and Bethany Lee Bremer. Sarah was predeceased by her parents, Anne Elizabeth Shelton Sclater and William Perkins Sclater, and her brother, William Perkins Sclater, Jr.

A private graveside service was held at 11 am Thursday, December 26, 2024, at Fork Union Memorial Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest next to her parents. A memorial service will be held in our area after the first of the year. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's As-



**Friday, January 24, 2024 ~ Film Title & Time to Be Announced
at Cradock Baptist Church**

Bring a Friend for Lots of FUN!



JANUARY

3 Warren Byrd
6 Russell Johnson
11 Pete Byrd
11 Mike Mercer
13 Cody Johnson
15 Ellen Meade
15 Teena Nix Wise
20 Tammy Andrews
22 Rich Boyce
30 Kirsten Bracy

FEBRUARY

10 Inez Weaver
11 Amber Sprayberry
14 Gavin Anderson
14 Phyllis Kraatz
16 Vickie Carter
19 Dave Phillips
20 James Mullen
22 Richard Boyce, III

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!

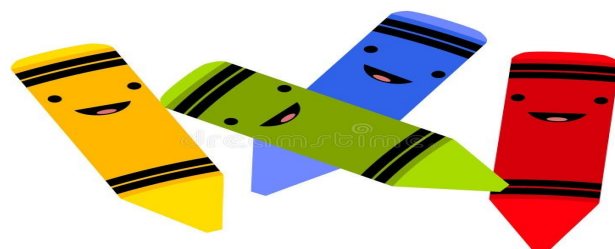


FEBRUARY

14 James & Venus Mullins

*May God bestow a special wedding anniversary blessing
upon the couple celebrating!*

*Kid's Coloring
Fun Page...*





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MAILING LABEL



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