



CRADOCK BAPTIST CHURCH

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~ February 2025 Newsletter ~

A Note from Our Pastor:

Dear Cradock Family and Friends:

We live in a world that character seems to not matter. As Christians we are called to a higher standard, a standard that represents Christ, for if we do not live that others may see Christ in us, how will they know that we are different and do not follow the ways of the world. In *Philippians 2:14-15*, Paul is addressing the church in Philippi and reminding them to live a life that stands out from the crowd. Then and probably only then will people ask us why we live differently than most of society. (Verses 14-15) "Do everything without grumbling and arguing, so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world."

Now I am not saying this is easy, but we are to be the models of Christ, so we stand out and live by Christ standards. We need to be examples of love that is pure and not given for favors but given just because Christ first loved us and we are to reciprocate. He died for us, forgave us, accepted us, overcame death for us, and has provided for our future, if we simply allow Him to be the Lord of our life. That leaves us with the question of: "What have we done for His Glory?" Paul tell us we are one body of believers, so why is it so often that we cannot get along with each other.

David wrote in *Psalm 15:1-3*: "Lord, who can dwell in Your tent? Who can live on Your holy mountain? The one who lives honestly practices righteousness, and acknowledges the truth in his heart – Who does not slander with his tongue, who does not harm his friend or discredits his neighbor." If we can live as Christ wants us to live, what a difference we can make with everyone we meet and have a relationship. Then and only then can we make a difference in this world and store up treasures in Heaven and our Lord will say, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Not much news on the steeple, as it is in the hands of the contractor. Hope to give you an update soon.

In His Service,
Pastor Dave





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

- Matthew 6:21

Financial Information for January 1, 2025 - January 31, 2025:

Church Financials:

Income (tithes and offerings):	\$5,535.25
Expenses (utilities, salaries, et cetera):	\$11,265.94
Net Operating Total:	- \$5,730.69
Summary Income exceeded expenses by:	- \$5,730.69
Annual Expense Budget:	\$95,726.50
Year to Date Actual Expenses:	\$11,265.94

Church Banking Account Balances:

Checking Account:	\$29,037.93
Certificate of Deposit Value:	\$22,988.37
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$61,444.01

Endowment Fund Balance: \$126,037.47

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



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 wintertime full of blessings from our Lord!

Sincerely,
Vernon Butler,
Chairperson



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Church Notes...



Please pray for The Trevathan Family...



Louise M. Trevathan
December 23, 1934 - January 8, 2025
90 years loved

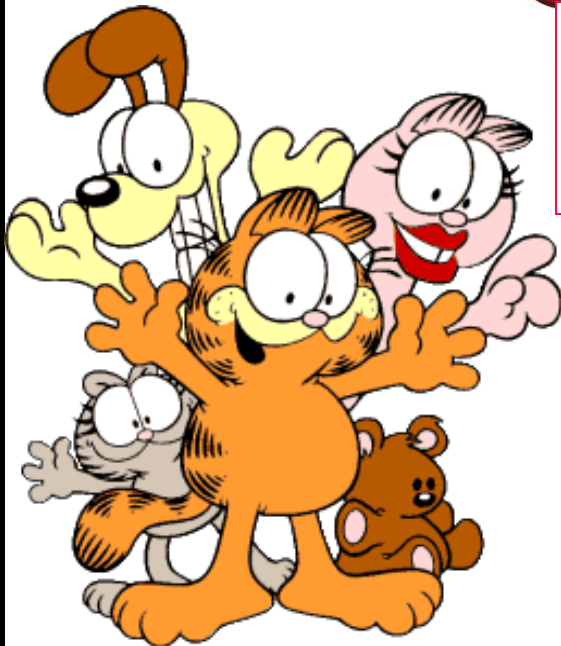


Join us for our
feature presentation
of
The Garfield Movie



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Friday, February 21, 2025 ~ 6:30pm



- * Free Snacks!
- * Join us for FUN & FELLOWSHIP!
- * Bring a FRIEND!

Church Notes...



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



Join Us for Our Shrove Pancake Supper...



Come one, come all! Celebrate Fat Tuesday at Cradock Baptist Church by attending our *Shrove Pancake Supper* on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. Dinner will be served from 6:30pm until ??? The menu includes pancakes (of course!), sausages, and beverages! This is a free event, but if you would like to make a donation, you are most welcome to.

All are cordially invited to our

Ash Wednesday Service

*on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 4:00pm
at Cradock Baptist Church*





FEBRUARY

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 JayJay Hoffler
22 James Bailey
24 Ester Ward-Cassell

MARCH

2 Kevin Warner
6 Phyllis Carruthers
8 Virginia Savage
12 Cindy Branton
12 Linda Willoughby
14 Billie Sue Taylor
19 Stephanie Savage
20 Dan Coronado

May God bestow special birthday blessings to those celebrating!

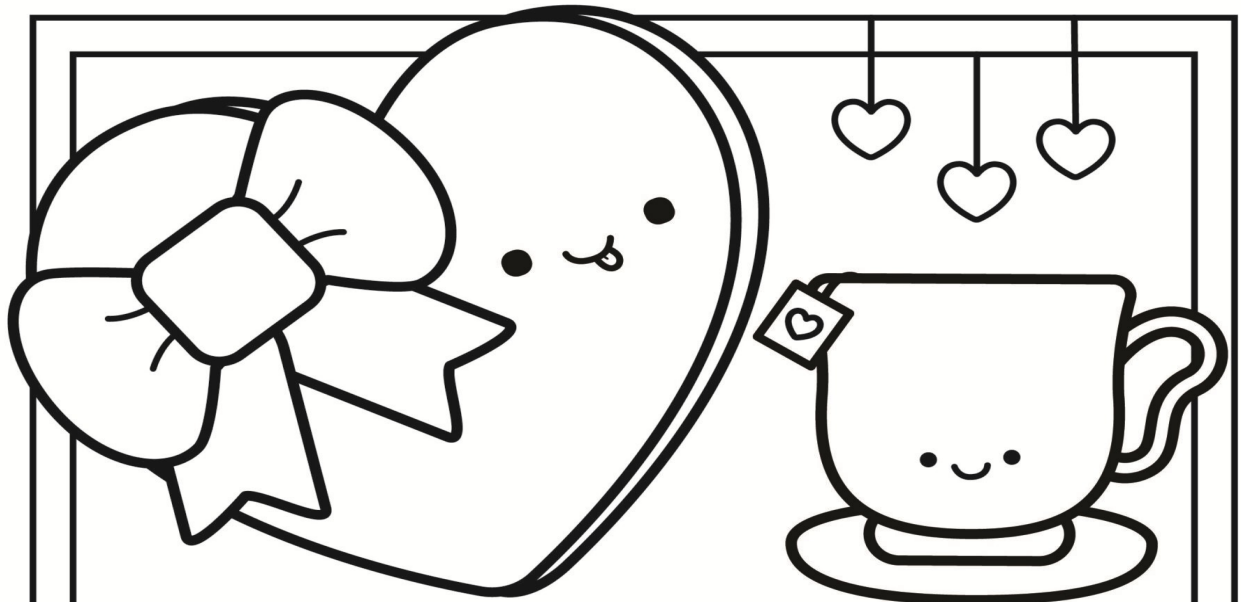


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14 James & Venus Mullins

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

*Kid's Coloring
Fun Page...*



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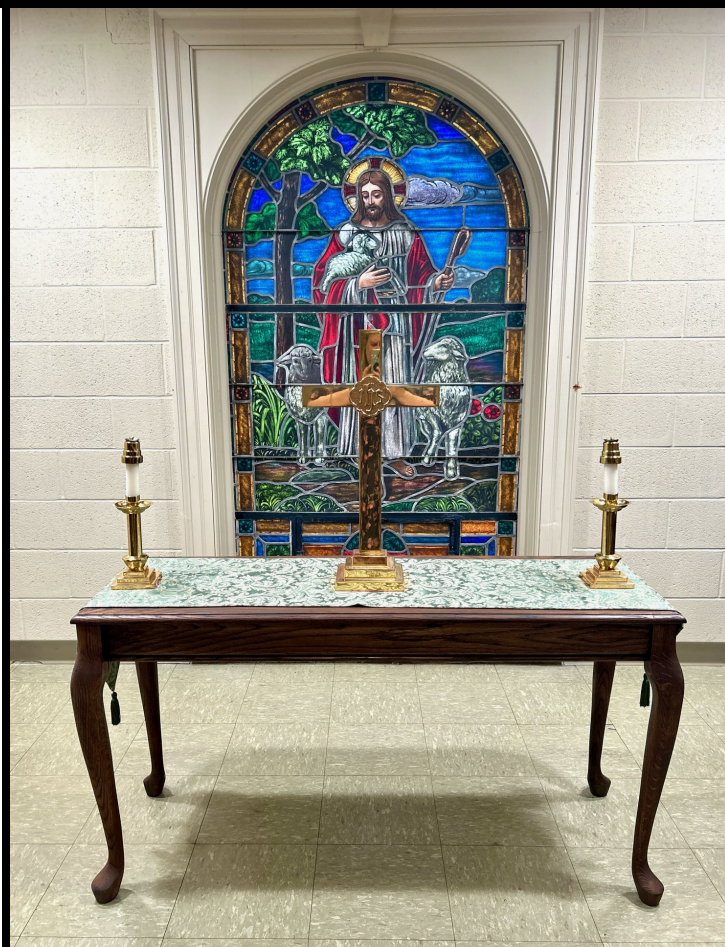




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2 STAMPS

MAILING LABEL



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