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He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

(Micah 6:8)

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Pastor's Reflections

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By Pastor David McIlwaine

A Time to Walk: Faith in Action as Followers of Christ

In our journey as followers of Christ, "A Time to Walk" calls us to embody our faith through passionate worship, frequent prayer, selfless service, generous giving, and sharing our testimonies. This holistic approach to living out our faith not only strengthens our relationship with God but also impacts those around us.

Worshiping passionately connects us deeply with God, allowing us to express our love and reverence. Through heartfelt songs and sincere praise, we open our hearts to His presence, fostering a profound sense of spiritual intimacy.



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Praying often keeps us aligned with God's will, providing guidance and comfort. It is in these moments of quiet reflection and earnest petition that we find strength and clarity, drawing closer to our Creator and seeking His wisdom for our lives.

Serving others reflects Christ's love in action. Whether through small acts of kindness or significant gestures of support, our service demonstrates our commitment to living out the gospel, touching lives and making a difference in our communities.

Giving generously, whether of our time, resources, or talents, reflects the abundant grace we've received from God. It is an expression of gratitude and trust, acknowledging that everything we have comes from Him.

Finally, sharing our stories of faith encourages and inspires others. Our testimonies of God's faithfulness and transformative power can lead others to seek and experience His love.

In this time to walk, let us embrace these practices, growing in faith and shining Christ's light brightly in the world.





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Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

How the Bible Transformed My Life

The Bible has been a transformative force in my life, guiding me through challenges and uplifting my spirit in ways I never imagined. Growing up, I faced many obstacles that tested my strength and faith. But it was through the words of the Bible that I found hope, resilience, and a deeper sense of purpose.

The stories of perseverance, faith, and divine love resonated deeply with me. Proverbs 3:5-6 became my anchor: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” This verse taught me to trust God’s plan, even when the path ahead seemed uncertain.

The Bible provided me with a sense of belonging and identity. It reminded me that I am fearfully and wonderfully made in God’s image, deserving of love and respect. Through scripture, I learned the importance of forgiveness, both for others and myself, allowing me to let go of past hurts and embrace a future filled with possibilities.

In moments of doubt and fear, the Bible’s promises gave me strength. Philippians 4:13, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” became my mantra, empowering me to pursue my dreams and overcome obstacles with confidence.



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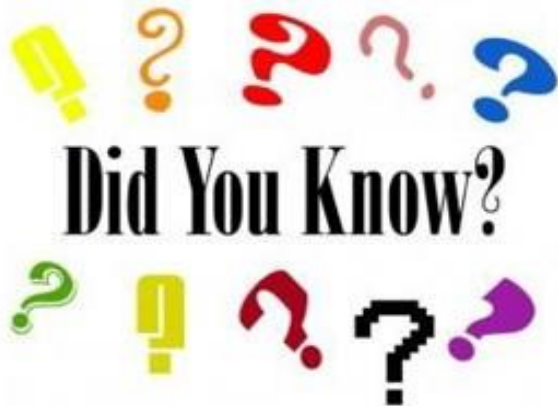
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CINDY'S KORNER cont'd

Today, the Bible continues to shape my life, offering wisdom, comfort, and a profound connection to God. It has transformed my outlook, instilling in me a deep sense of peace and joy that I carry with me every day. The Bible is more than just a book; it is a living testament to God's unwavering love and guidance in my life.

Growing In Him
Cindy



Podcast of **Pastor David McIlwaine** Sunday morning service is now available for your listening pleasure. These Podcast are free and you do not need any special equipment, just a computer with speakers. If you would like to take your podcast with you on the road, you can transfer them to your iPod or any MP3 player. You can access the podcast via our website: <http://www.holytrinitybaptist.org> by clicking on the media icon in podcast.



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WERE MOVING FORWARD

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 3:14)



Embracing Spiritual Growth: Moving Forward in Christ

Spiritual growth is a continuous journey of deepening our relationship with Christ, and moving forward in this journey is essential for every believer. Embracing spiritual growth means recognizing that our faith is dynamic, not static, and that there is always room to grow closer to God and become more Christ-like in our daily lives.

Moving forward in Christ involves several key aspects. First, it requires a commitment to regular prayer and meditation on God's Word. By immersing ourselves in scripture, we allow the Holy Spirit to transform our minds and guide our actions. This daily practice strengthens our faith and equips us to face life's challenges with grace and confidence.

Second, moving forward in Christ calls for active participation in a faith community. Fellowship with other believers provides support, encouragement, and accountability.

Through shared worship, Bible study, and service, we grow together in love and understanding, reflecting Christ's love to the world.



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MOVING FORWARD CONT'D

Finally, embracing spiritual growth means living out our faith through acts of service and compassion. As we serve others, we demonstrate the love of Christ and fulfill His command to love our neighbors as ourselves.

This outward expression of faith not only blesses others but also deepens our own spiritual maturity.

In summary, moving forward in Christ is a lifelong journey of prayer, community, and service. By committing to these practices, we continually grow in our faith, becoming more attuned to God's will and more effective in our witness to His love and grace.

WHO'S WHO

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| ❖ Senior Pastor | ❖ Pastor David McIlwaine |
| ❖ Chairman Deacon's Ministry | ❖ Deacon Anthony Ferguson |
| ❖ Minister | ❖ Engracia McIlwaine |
| ❖ Minister | ❖ Terrance D. Green |
| ❖ Evanlegist | ❖ Linda Dougherty |
| ❖ Administrator | ❖ Ms. Dee S. Peters |
| ❖ Assistant Church Clerk | ❖ Deacon Terrence D. Green |
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PASTOR'S 12TH ANNIVERSARY



Celebrating 12 Years of Pastoral Leadership:

A Journey of Praise and Worship

As we gather to celebrate the 12th Pastoral Anniversary of our beloved pastor, David McIlwaine and First Lady McIlwaine we are reminded of the countless blessings and unwavering dedication that have marked this incredible journey. Over the past twelve years, our pastor has not only been a spiritual leader but also a guiding light, a source of strength, and a beacon of hope for our congregation.

The sermons, and steadfast commitment to serving God's purpose have touched the lives of many. Under their leadership, our church has grown into a vibrant, faith-filled community where love and fellowship flourish. Through the power of praise and worship, we come together to honor the remarkable achievements and tireless efforts of our pastor.

This anniversary is not just a celebration of years but of the countless moments of spiritual growth and renewal. Each sermon delivered, each prayer offered, and each song sung in worship has brought us closer to God and to each other. Our pastor's vision and dedication have inspired us to walk in faith, embrace our purpose, and uplift one another.

As we celebrate this milestone, we express our heartfelt gratitude and joy, knowing that our pastor's journey with us has been divinely guided. Through praise and worship, we honor their unwavering faith and look forward to many more years of spiritual enrichment .



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ANNUAL MINISTRIES ANNIVERSARY



Celebrating Our Deacons, Deaconesses, and Trustees: A Joyful Anniversary

As we joyfully celebrate the anniversary of our dedicated Deacons, Deaconesses, and Trustees. These devoted individuals have been the pillars of our church, exemplifying unwavering faith, love, and service. Through their tireless efforts, they have nurtured our spiritual growth, offered steadfast support, and guided us with wisdom and compassion.

As we gather in praise and worship, we give thanks for their remarkable contributions. Their commitment to serving God and our congregation has made a profound impact, inspiring us to live out our faith with passion and purpose. Psalm 100:2 reminds us, "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." Today, we lift our voices in gratitude, celebrating the blessings they bring to our lives.

Let us honor our Deacons, Deaconesses, and Trustees, acknowledging their selfless service and the light they shine in our church. Here's to many more years of faith, fellowship, and spiritual growth together.





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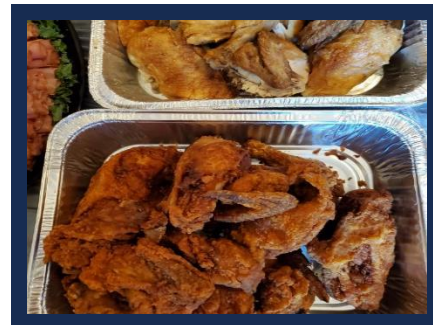
BIBLE STUDY

Bible study last class for the winner

The final day of Bible study was a wonderful celebration for everyone involved.



Everyone gathered with a sense of accomplishment and spiritual growth, sharing heartfelt testimonies of how the study had impacted their lives. Our final session for the winter was marked by lively discussions, uplifting songs, and moments of prayer and reflection. Afterwards a potluck feast followed, where everyone enjoyed homemade dishes, that showcased the diverse culinary talents of the group. Adults engaged in meaningful conversations, and laughter echoed throughout. As the day concluded, there was a collective feeling of gratitude and a renewed commitment to carry forward the lessons learned.



Bible Study feast



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CHURCH JAMBOREE

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Our Church Jamboree last weekend was a success, bringing together our community for a day filled with joy, laughter, and togetherness. Held on the church grounds, the event was blessed with perfect weather, making it an ideal setting for a variety of activities. The games were a hit among all ages, from musical chairs to jumping rope. The aroma of delicious food filled the air, with a spread that included everything from barbecue ribs, fish, hotdogs, sausage, water ice to some good old refreshing ice tea. The fellowship was the highlight of the day, as old friends reconnected, and new friendships blossomed. Laughter and conversation flowed freely, creating an atmosphere of warmth and unity. Our Church Jamboree truly showcased the strength and spirit of our community, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating next year's event.





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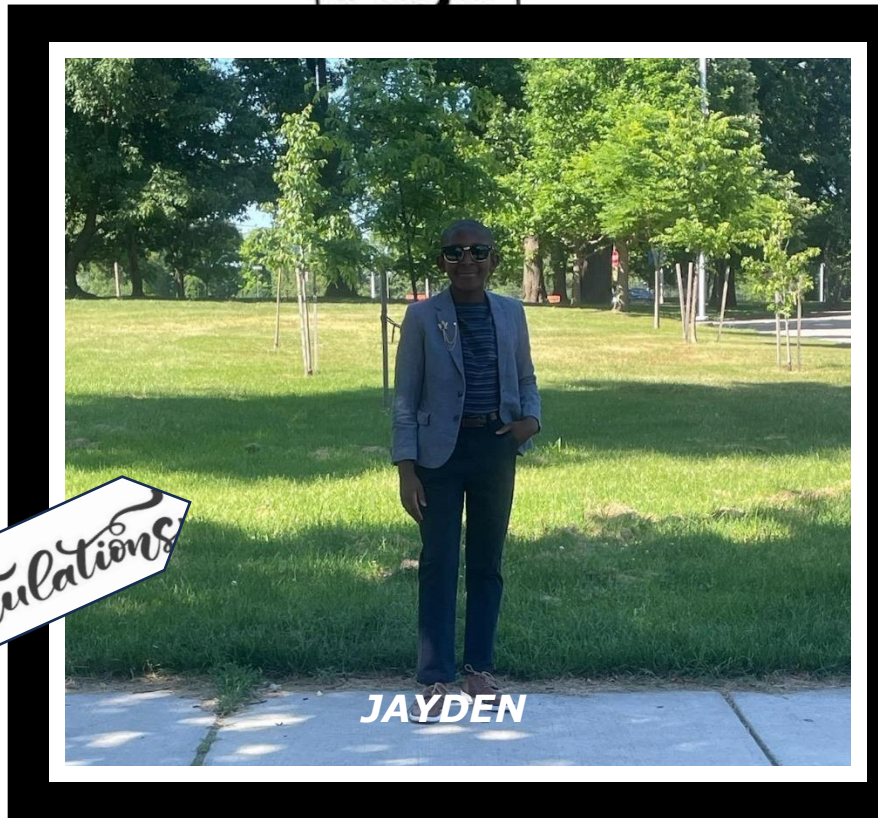
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KIDS PAGE



Jayden Green graduated from Inquiry Charter School with honors he will be attending GAMP SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS. Jayen has also graduated a with having straight A's in August he will be leaving for India with the Philadelphia Boys' Choir.



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Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.

— Ephesians 4:32

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WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy
Anniversary!*

Trustees Daniel & Darlene Comer – February 11, 2024



HAPPY 44TH ANNIVERSARY

Pastor David & First Lady Gloria McIlwaine – April 23, 2024



HAPPY 16TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Yvette (Peaches) Timbers – May 17, 2024



HAPPY 19TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Deacon Preston & Cindy McNeil – May 19, 2024



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BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY

Elaine	McIlwaine	6TH
Deacon Moses	Cotton	10TH
Anthony	Ferguson Jr.	14th
Dakota	Comer	28th

MARCH

Elisha	Richardson	5th
Steve	Williams	6th
Ramira	Davis	8th

APRIL

Deacon Preston	McNeil	2nd
Helen	Waters	3rd
Jayden	Green	20th

MAY

Bianica	Samuel	1st
Fredia	Frazier	11th
Angelo	Smith	23rd
Deaconess Darlene	Comer	24th



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WORDS OF WISDOM



Words of Wisdom

Trust in divine timing not
your own



Prayer connects the soul to its
purpose



Grace flows where forgiveness is
embraced



Seek piece within, and share it
outward.



Faith lights the path through life's
darkness.



If you have an article or any Ideas you would like included in the next issue of the Newsletter please submit it to Cindy at htbcmmedia@gmail.com. Please note that as editor of the newsletter *Cindy McNeil* will have final say as to what will and will not appear in each issue. The *May* issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about *June 30, 2024* and will be available to those who have no internet service can pick up their copies in the Sanctuary.



If you need to reach the Pastor and wish to contact him by email, please send your concerns or questions to: pastordmcilwaine@gmail.com



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WORSHIP

CHURCH SUMMMER HOURS

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School at 9:00am
Children Sunday School at 9:00
am

Worship Service

Sunday worship service @ 10:00am

Church Office Hours

The office is open Tuesday's
from 10:00am-3:00pm

Phone message and emails will
continue to be checked
regularly.

Bible Study will resume in September 2024

Thursday's 6:00pm -7:30pm
6:00pm- Praying time

Zoom – 4466578160

Password: 1818

Giving

If you would like to make your gifts
and offering online, you can by
using our cash app:

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Holy Trinity Baptist Church

While we consider everyone, who
walks through these doors to be our
brothers and sisters in Christ, we also
recognize the importance of
joining the congregation. We believe
that our church is a wonderful place to
worship and a good place for
fellowship and we are extending an
open invitation to all who would like to
join at this time.

We hope to see you there.



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SICK & SHUT IN

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT IN



Mother Helen Waters
Ms. Charlene Brooks
Mother Bettie Roundtree
Mrs. Beverly Stevenson
Mrs. Sharon Samuel



Please notify the Church Office at 215-546-5400 upon entering the hospital, home confinement or in the case of death. Also, contact us following discharge from the hospital.





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FROM THE WEBMASTER



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If outdated information is on our church website, please understand that I can only change information that I am made aware of. If members do not advise me of changes to their ministry groups, ideas, projects etc. then I cannot keep the Church Newsletter and Website properly updated. Additionally, if you have information that you would like added to the website and/or newsletter please send me your information and I will gladly add it as soon as possible. You can send *Cindy McNeil* information at: htbcmmedia@gmail.com. Thank you and May God bless you.

Cindy McNeil- Webmaster

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