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"Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me." (Psalm 25:1-2)

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# Pastor's Reflections **Lastor**, s **Bellections**

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Ever have a problem that seems to hang over your head? I'd be surprised if you answered "no" to that question, because troubling issues seem to be a part of life and sometimes they can become our focus. I'm certainly not immune! When I feel like that, I find comfort in the Psalmist David's thoughts. Unlike me, David experienced some very real life-threatening situations. But like me, he was



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a sinner and a human being filled with emotion. One of the things I like about David is that he never seemed to keep his feelings all bottled up inside of him. He very honestly expressed sadness, fear, disappointment and all kinds of emotions. But, better than that, he always turned his thoughts to God. He never chose to stay deep in his feelings but always declared God's goodness, faithfulness and power.

David's words remind us that God is faithful and will always keep His promises. (Psalm 146.3 nkjv) tells us, "Do not put your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help."

So maybe our problems are not really the biggest issue at hand. Maybe it's one of trust. After all, everyone puts their trust in something or someone and the Psalmist David expresses his trust in God the following way:

But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me. (Psalm 13:5-6 nkjv)

Now Know I that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. (Psalm 20:6-7)

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. (Psalm 56:3-4)

Need more? Just open the Book of Psalms and start reading! I have no doubt you will find comfort and encouragement. So, in whom or in what do we place our trust? May God give us the strength to trust Him each day.





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# **Cindy's Korner**



#### Strength and Perseverance

Change is never easy. Even when the change is positive it can cause great turmoil in your life and family. Change is also inevitable. There is an old saying that nothing is certain in life accept death and taxes. I would venture to add change to that list. If we are alive and breathing we can expect change to come. We don't have to freak out and freeze up when change comes because we can learn how to handle the change and keep moving forward.

The last 4 years have been a growing season for me personally and professionally. I know many of you can relate. I know that if you are not going through a season of growth and change in your life right now you are just leaving one or you are just getting ready to enter

Like I said before, change is inevitable. We have to learn how to handle it and keep moving forward towards our goals and destinies.

Everyone has been through difficult situations that are the defining moments of their life. Where will they go, and how will they get there? There is hope and it is safe in the arms of Jesus. Let the love of Christ set you free. Everyone deserves a chance to be free. Everyone deserves a second chance to move forward with their life.

There are times in our life when we must let go or nothings is going to change. It is called surrendering. Seems odd that by letting go of what is dominating our thoughts and controlling our mind that things finally change. It is a process that has brought me peace time and time again. When someone discovers how to let go of all the negative thoughts they can begin to move forward instead of remaining stuck.





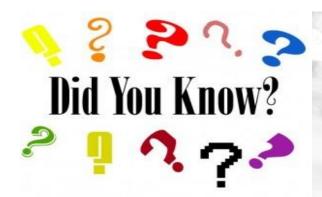
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# Cindy's Korner cont'd

Peace is obtainable. Peace is within our grasp. "Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27). Christ has broken the chain of bondage so that everyone can have freedom. Freedom to live the life that we never thought possible. He has changed my life in every way and gave me something to hope for and something to look forward too. He has forgiven me and made it possible for me to move forward. I can't begin to imagine my life without Him. It is because of this intimate relationship that I have with Him that no circumstance and no situation is unbearable for me anymore. I put my trust in Him and I trust Him for everything. My every need.

I am not saying that I don't have bad days and that I don't face struggles. That's not what I am saying at all. I am saying that I have strength and perseverance to face anything because my hope comes from the Lord.

# God's Grace Goodness & Mercy!



Podcast of *Pastor David Mcllwaine* 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: <u>http://www.holytrinitybaptist.org</u> by clicking on the media icon in podcast.



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Holy Trinity is Moving Forward



To overcome stagnation start moving; surge forward. We can only overcome emptiness by using the creative word of God to our empty situations. Jesus told us that what we'd bind on Earth would be bound in heaven. Everything that Jesus did, every single miracle was witnessed as a result of using the tongue. Ignorance should be dealt with by spending time with God. Fear can be easily overcome by simply doing what you're afraid of. Take risk!

Change your way of thinking otherwise this message will have no effect on you. God's will and desire is that we progress in every area of our lives. If we possess a different attitude, we'll live like those in the early century who thought they were doing God a favor for being poor. Why would God say that I'd receive a double portion (nkjv Isa. 61:7) if he wasn't concerned with my progress?

Many people make a mistake of "waiting on the lord" whereas God is waiting for them to change their way of thinking and doing things. God is waiting for action that he might react! Do you want change in your life? Initiate it today and see God's implementation. All these enemies originate from us; we must be willing to be separated from them.

As you change your mind remember, take God seriously because he's not a man to lie or change mind, trust Him because he's not as limited as man is, and play your role as he cannot do it for you. Martha and Mary removed the stone, Jesus raised Lazarus! There's always your part and God's part. Know your role and play it, let God handle his. Change occurs where two actions are involved.

God has already proved to us that He loves us more than we can even understand. "If God be for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)





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# **ANNUAL FUEL RALLY**

Watch Night Service will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2016 Service begins @ 10:00pm



Officer Installation will be held Sunday, January 8, 2017 (Morning Worship Service)

Annual Fuel Rally Sunday, January 22, 2017 (Morning Worship Service)



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Pastor would like to thank those who came out and supported him at Davis Temple Baptist Church, Sunday October 16, 2016.

Thank you to all who came out and supported the Chancel Choir and the Holy Trinity Baptist Church Men's Choir Annual Anniversary Worship Service.

Thank you to all who participated in the Sunday School Fruit Baskets for the Sick & Shut In Members.



# WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH

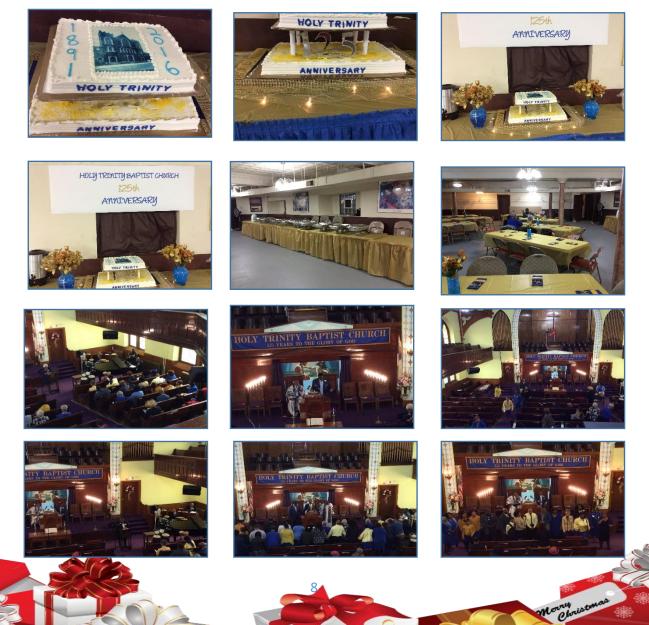
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# Church 125 Anniversary

The Day of Celebration was incredible: From the beginning of the Worship Service to the end of the day. It was a very exciting year for all our members and those who visit our Worship Service at Holy Trinity Baptist Church. We continue after standing on solid ground for 125 years to strive on with love and devotion, for our Church and our Church family!





# Welcome this far by God Grace Goodness and Mercy.

#### New Beginnings

As most of us welcome the New Year, should we be excited and anxious with the possibilities of the many new beginning and renewed faith in God?

Perhaps we are even reminiscent of days gone by, of friends and family near and far, even those that are no longer with us. However, there is still so much more to look forward to.

This year, let us take a "Leap of Faith," by starting a new in God and his plan for our lives. There are so many things we put off; but can we afford to put God off any longer? As we begin this year, let's make our daily mission in life and goals count.

We can first do this by accepting God's discipline in our lives: Listen to advice and receive discipline, that you may become wise by the end of your life.

Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. (Proverb 19:20 kjv)

Accepting God's discipline for our lives should be our top priority, for our salvation.

Take time in this year to re-evaluate ourselves. Look to no other than our Lord and Savior for guidance and support. Stop giving credit to man, give Glory to God for we have come this far by God's grace goodness and mercy.

Take time out to realize how far God has brought you and what he is continuing to





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# Grace Goodness and Mercy cont'd

do in your lives. Take time to lend a listening ear to those that are troubled all the while giving praise to God for being able to help someone in need.

Take time, be patient to those that hurt us, be more forgiving and understanding. The approach and attention you give to a situation may mean a positive versus negative outcome. You might be just the person to change someone's life. Think of the blessing in that.

## Anniversary Celebrations:



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These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. <u>John 15:11 KJV</u>

# Birthdays for the Months of September, October, November and December



MOTHER HORTENSE BAILEY - 100 YEARS YOUNG



**SEPTEMBER 5TH** 

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		<u>OCTOBER</u>		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Ernesta Thomas	1st	Ahjae Friend	8th	Elsie Burnett	3rd	Darcell Comer	2nd
Annette Johnson	6th	Trustee /Deaconess Loraine Evans	11th	Cynthia McNeil	6th	James Smith	2nd
Malik Geathers	8th	Deacon Ricardo Vaughn	17th	Amearah Guy	17th	Terrence Green	9th
Charlene Brooks	12th	Angela Brown	18th	William Reed	18th	Jasmine Vaughn	14th
Dee Peters	12th	Ernestine Douglass	26th	Benjamin Newton	19th	Deacon Anthony Ferguson	<b>31</b> st
Mother Pauline Grier	16th	Jerome Outland	28th	Victoria Holmes	29th	Christina Ferguson	<b>31st</b>
Deaconess Arnette Vaughn	27th			Irma Prioleau	30th		
Trustee Daniel Cormer	30th	Wishing you and your family a Happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come.					



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#### November

Deacon Moses & Deaconess/Trustee Ardgnel Cotton	November 2nd
Brother Terrence D & Shameka P. Green	November 24 <sup>th</sup>

## December

Deacon Anthony & Deaconess Cora Ferguson ------December 29th



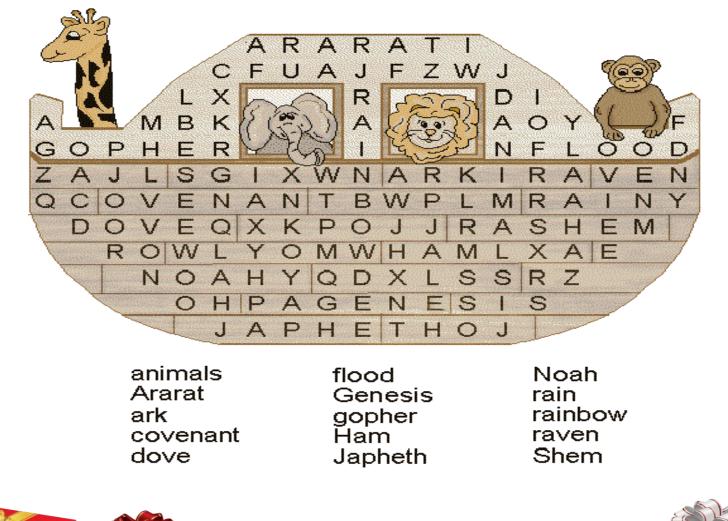
Matthew 19:4-6 "And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."





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# or you and Your Family

# Let's up Pray for the Sick and Shut In **Members**



Mrs. Hortense Bailey Mrs. Ernestine Douglass

Please notify the Church Office 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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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 holytrinitybc2@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 *December* issue will be available for on-line reading and printing on or after *December 31, 2016* and will be available to those who have no Internet service will be able to pick up a copy in the Sanctuary on *January 2, 2017*.

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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# 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: Holytrinitybc2@gmail.com . Thank you and May God bless you.

> - Cindy McNeil, Webmaster Please follow us







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Think About It.....

Have faith that God won't send you anything you're incapable of handling. You can decide that the word fear is an acronym for... False Evidence Appearing Real.

Prayer is not a spare wheel that you pull out when in trouble; it is a steering wheel that directs us in the right path throughout life."

God never sends you into a situation alone. God goes before you he stands beside you he walks behind you whatever situation you have right now be confident. God is with you. In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

Sometimes God calms the storm, sometimes he lets the storm rage and calms the child.

God speaks to those who take time to listen and he listens to those who take time to pray

If life get to hard for you to stand *Kneel* 







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