



# Holy Trinity Baptist Church Newsletter

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**Matthew 14:30 says:**  
 “But looking at the windstorm, Peter got afraid and started to sink.”  
 What Peter needed was faith, not fear. But when he focused on the storm, with its wind-whipped, crashing waves, he became afraid. He lost his focus on Jesus, the one who could keep him from sinking.

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## Pastor's Reflections

By Pastor David McIlwaine

In this issue we launch into an ocean of faith by asking the question **“Will You Walk The Water With Christ?”** The Apostle Peter’s heart raced when in answer to this question Jesus held out his hand and invited him to step out of the boat onto unstable water and a violent windstorm. Peter walked on the water until he took his eyes and his mind off of Jesus and focused on the chaotic seas all around him then he started to sink.

When he saw the Lord coming he called out to Jesus. The Bible tells us “he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me” (Mark 10:46- 47)! Then he heard the voice of Jesus calling him to his side and immediately responded. What happens next is a message of hope for you and your family. Faith is trust in God. Faith is not a power that once you get it you can do anything. No! **Faith is about a relationship with Jesus.** As we learn to trust him more with our lives, our faith increases. We have a better relationship with Jesus, more trust in

him, and more faith in our hearts. When Peter realized it was truly Jesus walking on the water near their fishing boat, he said, Lord, since it is you “tell me to come to you on the water. “Come,” Jesus said” (Matt 14:28-30). In other words, Peter trusted and loved Jesus with all his heart and that was his motivation to get out of the boat. Peter’s faith came through his trust in Jesus. He knew Jesus as a friend and his Lord. The message is for those who feel a bit weak in faith is that ...

***“The walk of faith is a growing relationship with Jesus.”***

As we study Peter’s water walking experience we find that even when we walk by faith, there are many temptations to take back control of our lives from the Lord. On board a sinking vessel it was “every man for himself.” Or don’t look for help from anyone but yourself. When the storms of life strike, there is the temptation to think “I must take care of myself and my family.” For Christians, Jesus Christ is always there for us. So continue your “Walk On The Water With Christ” and never doubt that if we trust him enough to put one foot on the water he will help us with the other one and never let us sink.



CINDY’S KORNER

## **WILL YOU GET YOUR VISION ADJUSTED?**



It’s great to have an adjustment in our vision. That is even more important when it comes to seeing God clearly, because when we do, we are led to worship. There’s a story in John, Chapter 9, about a man who was born blind. Remember? Jesus saw the man, made some mud from saliva, put it on the man’s eyes and told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. And just like that, the man was healed and able to see. I wonder how many times I’ve read that and never stopped to imagine what that must have been like. If a slight adjustment in an eyeglass prescription helps me to see more clearly, what did this man experience? He had never seen anything. His eyes were opened for the first time. Can you imagine? When hit with a number of questions and some animosity on the part of the inquirers, he exclaimed, “One thing I do know, I was blind but now I see!” (John 9:25). And when Jesus revealed himself to the man, the man worshiped him (John 9:38)

How about the story of the Apostle Paul? In his past, Paul (formerly known as Saul), was a devout Jewish leader who persecuted people who believed in Jesus, at least until that day on the road to Damascus. I find it interesting that at the moment he met the Lord, he became physically blind. Yet even in his blind state, he could see. We know this, because the Lord said that while Saul was praying, he had a vision (Acts 9:11-12). Not long thereafter his sight was restored, and he was baptized. And following his experience, he became a worshiper of

the one true God. The man who previously persecuted people became Paul intent on serving God the best way he knew which resulted in his continuous labor to open the eyes of all people with whom he came in contact. How about our stories? Most of us have not had to deal with the challenge of physical blindness, but perhaps we can all recognize the times in our past when we have been spiritually blind. Sometimes, for a multitude of reasons, our vision becomes cloudy. Trying circumstances narrow our ability to see and emotions can blindsides us in the blink of an eye. And whether on a road leading to Damascus or on the freeway headed to work, likely we've all had an experience which causes us to say "How could I have been so blind?"

It takes a fresh experience with Jesus himself to open our eyes. Whether the Lord uses a sermon, a conversation with a friend or just a small whisper to our hearts, only he knows how to help us to see clearly once again. And when that happens, I believe we are led to worship, because only we know the extent of the miracle that has occurred in our own heart. I don't know about you, but I am happy to say that I can relate to the man in the book of John, because "One thing I do know is that, *I was blind but now I see.*"

*Joyfully Yours,  
Cindy*



**Did you know...**

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.

## THE OVERCOMERS



“On the other hand, we exhort YOU, brothers, admonish the disorderly, speak consolingly to the depressed souls, support the weak, be long-suffering toward all”.

(1 Thessalonians 5:14)

We believe that God works through people; and He gives us his words to share with one another when we ask Him in prayer to do so. Many of us have been through a variety of trials including grief, depression, illness, and death. Some new members of Holy Trinity participated in a very exciting class this summer – The Overcomers Class. After having learned so much and being thankful for the time and knowledge shared the class felt up-built and excited, ready to move forward in sharing encouragement through God’s word.



## WHO’S WHO IN THE CHURCH

- Pastor
- Assistant to the Pastor
- Associate Minister
- Chairman Deacons Ministry
- Chairlady Trustee Ministry
- Church Clerk
- Secretary
- Holy Trinity Editor / Webmaster
- Pastor’s Email Address
- Church Office Email Address
- Holy Trinity Email Address
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- Bishop Boyce Jordan, Jr.
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## HOLY TRINITY IS ON THE MOVE



*Don't be afraid to keep moving on, For what was now has gone.*

*God wants us to accomplish so much more, But we need to "Move Forward" in the Lord.*

With this in mind Holy Trinity is making strides in a number of different things. Our Pastor has instituted days of evangelizing which will help us to re-position ourselves in the south Philadelphia community. Forward strides are being made in preparation to get our **Food Bank** up and running and we are making progress. We have also concentrated on spiritual growth by taking advantage of mass media such as **Facebook, Itunes, our Website, Newsletters and Brochures**. Have you noticed that more members are regularly attending the monthly meetings? Keep up the good work. We are also being lead to deepen our practical and personal commitment to the vision of our church. This fall we will be discussing and processing the vision together, assuring that we are unified and that the foundation that God has laid for us is firm. Then we will be taking advantage of opportunities to start "MOVING FORWARD IN OUR FAITH" We are going to build a great church on God's Word, because Psalms 127:1a says "**Unless the Lord Build the house, they labor in vain who built it**". Together we can continue to Move Forward In The Lord!



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- ✚ Carl M. Talbert
- ✚ Margaret Jordan
- ✚ Anna Latham
- ✚ Preston Mc Neil
- ✚ Moses Cotton
- ✚ Rena Mitchell
- ✚ Karen Douglas Cotton
- ✚ Chamara Cotton
- ✚ Darell Comer
- ✚ Amarro Comer
- ✚ Elottoa Comer

**May your Journey with Christ be blessed!**



**Come Celebrate Our 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Day  
Men of Prayer, Men of Praise, Men of Power**

**Sunday, October 14, 2012**

**At 11:00 a.m.**

# HERE I AM SEND ME



## Evangelize With Us!

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
Then I said, "Here I am Lord, Send Me" - Isaiah 6:8

Yes! Many of us took part in the Evangelizing work in August, 2012. Although it was hot outside we volunteered our time and energy to Evangelize in the South Philadelphia area and what a Joy! We met and spoke with a lot of people who were happy to be invited to attend service at Holy Trinity. The Fellowship with one another was such a joy that many look forward to going out in the neighborhood again. **"Ain't no stopping us now – we're on the move!"** so plan on joining us next time.



## HICKORY, DICKORY DOCK DON'T FORGET TO TURN BACK YOUR CLOCK



**Daylight Savings Time Ends November 4, 2012**



- Olaree Burnett, Aug. 4
- Beatrice Tucker, Aug. 13
- Mother Margaret Jordan, Aug. 22
- Trustee Beverly Stevenson, Aug. 30
- Trustee Daniel Comer September 30
- Ms. Annette Johnson Sept. 6
- Mrs. Ernesta Thomas Sept. 1
- Charlene Brooks Sept. 12
- Ms. Cathlene Brooks Sept 12
- Mrs. Delores S Peters Sept 12
- Ms. Yvonne Fernandez Sept 16
- Ahjae Friend, Oct. 8
- Trustee Lorraine Evans, Oct. 11
- Sierra Kriby, Oct. 16
- Angela Brown, Oct. 18
- Ernestine Douglass, Oct. 26

*If there are any omissions or errors in the Birthday Celebration, please contact the Church Secretary at 215.546.5400*



Thank s to all for the gifts of love that was shared with me and my family. It was a huge blessing to us and we are truly thankful.

~ Pastor David & Gloria McIlwaine.



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 [holytrinitybc1@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinitybc1@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 Deadline for the January 15<sup>th</sup> Issue will be December 20, 2012. The January issue will be available for online reading and printing on or around January 15, 2013, and for those who have no internet service you can pick up a copy in the Sanctuary January 27, 2013.



If you need to reach the pastor and wish to contact him by email, please send your concerns or questions to: [pastordmcilwaine@gmail.com](mailto:pastordmcilwaine@gmail.com)



## HOLY ALPHABET

Although things are not perfect, **B**ecause of trial or pain,  
**C**ontinue in thanksgiving, **D**o not begin to blame, **E**ven when  
the times are hard, **F**ierce winds are bound to blow, **G**od is forever able, **H**old on to what you  
know, **I**magine life without His love **J**oy would cease to be, **K**eept thanking Him for all the things  
**L**ove imparts to thee, **M**ove out of "camp complaining" **N**o weapon that is known, **O**n earth  
can yield the power **P**raise can do alone, **Q**uit looking at the future **R**edeem the time at hand,  
**S**tart every day with worship, **T**o "thank" is a command, **U**ntil we see Him coming, **V**ictorious in  
the sky, **W**e'll run the race with gratitude, **X**alting God most high, **Y**es there will be good times  
and yes some will be bad but, **Z**ion waits in glory where none are ever sad.

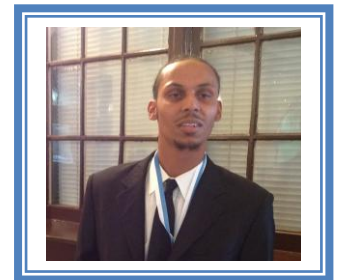


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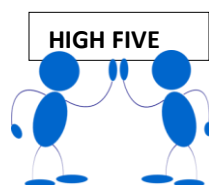
*Congratulations*

to **Michael Roundtree**  
for getting accepted into  
Community College of  
Philadelphia



## JAMBOREE

Thanks to everyone who came out and contributed to our annual Jamboree!

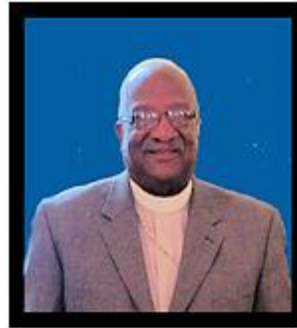


THANK YOU....THANK YOU..... THANK YOU!  
The students who participated in our Holy Trinity Scholarship Program wanted to extend a warm thank you to all who made their lives a little easier while attending school.



## COOK OUT AT BISHOP JORDAN'S

Members of Hoy Trinity wanted to thank **Bishop Jordan** during the summer at this home. Although it was hot laughter made it all fun and there was so much food – over he pulled out all the stops and presented us with ever tasted. Wow! What a day. Your warm heart and appreciated.



for hosting a fantastic cookout outside, the dancing and Just when we thought it was the sweetest watermelon we thoughtful acts was very much



## MOTHER SYDNEY - CELEBRATING HER LIFE

Congratulations to Mother Sydney for celebrating 104 years of life! We would like to continue to honor Mother Sydney for not only her years of life but for the many services she contributed to while attending Holy Trinity Baptist Church and especially for her gifts of music. Early in the year of 1917, Mother Sydney's family moved to Philadelphia and joined Tasker Street Baptist Church. Mother watched the organist play each organ and the movement of his Sydney made a musical decision "Dancing Feet for the Lord."

At the age of 10, her parents excited her especially since red good student and her first position as the Church Pianist Her musical gifts from God gave her a Sydney felt blessed to have served Musical Concert and as Baptist Convention for over 35 years.



Sydney's interest in music increased as she Sunday at church. He operated the pipe feet was like dancing feet to her. Mother right then that she wanted her feet to be

purchased an upright red grand piano. This was her favorite color. She became a very advancement in playing hymns led her to her for the Primitive Baptist Church in Philadelphia. career of having "Dancing Feet for God." Mother the National Baptist Convention in their Opening Organist/Director for the Pennsylvania State

Now at 104 years of age she can say with gladness, "***I was blessed with both dancing feet and dancing fingers***". They were God's gifts to me and I freely gave them to others. May the work I've done speak for me because I thank God for his gifts says Mother Sydney. To God Be The Glory!



## EVANGELIST D. JOHNSON

Sister Roundtree gave a beautiful introduction for Evangelist Johnson. She explained how Evangelist Johnson is a member of Holy Trinity Baptist Church and has served faithfully for over 64 years. She gave her life to God many years ago and has been truly tested in her walk with the Lord.

Over the years Evangelist Johnson's genuine love for people has led her into serving on many of the ministries within Holy Trinity Baptist Church. She not only gave of herself through preaching and teaching, but she yielded her spirit to God's spirit, which placed her in a position to be taught and ministered to as well. In her journey to be taught she has gained many degrees such as:

B.A. Degree – **Born Again**; F. B. Degree – **Fine Baptist**; Ph. D. Degree – **Pass Having Doubts**. Evangelist Johnson's life is a living testimony that if you keep God First, and continue to lift up the name of Jesus Christ, all of his blessings will be yours and day by day this is being done.

Evangelist Johnson remembers well the scripture that tells her to "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15 ESV). She recognizes that she is handling God's word and her reliance is on him to present it right. May God continue to bless her!



## WALKING DEACONS

One of the greatest privileges in our Baptist tradition is the opportunity to serve as a deacon. The deacon is the backbone of the local church and has been throughout our history. The invitation to be a deacon is a signal stamp of approval by the congregation. It is also a call to service in the congregation and in the wider church. Deacons are not governors or rulers of the local congregation, but are its servants. We welcome our newest Walking Deacons:

**Boyce Jordan, III; Lorraine Evans; Annette Kirby; and Moses Cotton**



As of October 2012, Our Ushers Ministry will have a new name.  
They will be called the Ministry of Hospitality.  
To God Be The Glory



## Let us Pray for the Sick and Shut In



Mrs. Corneillia Artist  
Mr. James Douglass  
Mother Jessie Whaley  
Mrs. Hortense Bailey,  
Mrs. Ernestine Douglass  
Ms. Rosalie Johnson  
Mrs. Esther Moody  
Ms. Lucille Smith

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



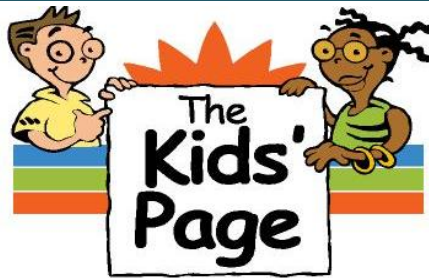
### MEMORY VERSE



"But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the LORD* does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the

LORD looks at the heart."

- 1 Samuel 16:7



# Name that animal

Play a fun drawing game about animals mentioned in the Bible.

### What you need:

- Bible
- Paper strips
- Chalkboard and chalk (or dry erase board, pen and eraser)
- Timer or stopwatch

### What you do:

1. On each paper strip, write a Bible verse that mentions an animal (see list below for ideas).
2. Form teams. Take turns looking up each verse and drawing for your team, getting one point for each correct guess.
3. Time each player. Take turns among teams.

### Possible verses:








Numbers 22:21 (donkey); Deuteronomy 32:11 (eagle); 2 Samuel 17:8 (bear); Job 8:14 (spider); Job 39:13 (ostrich); Psalm 20:7 (horse); Psalm 58:8 (slug/snail); Proverbs 6:5 (gazelle, bird); Proverbs 26:11 (dog); Proverbs 30:25 (ant); Proverbs 30:28 (lizard); Isaiah 7:18 (fly, bee); Jonah 4:7 (worm); Matthew 10:16 (sheep, wolf, snake, dove); Matthew 10:29 (sparrow); Matthew 23:37 (hen, chick); Luke 13:15 (ox, donkey); Luke 13:32 (fox); 1 Peter 5:8 (lion).



# AMAZING ANIMALS

God created a rich variety of animals to live on the earth.

Directions: Write the name of each animal next to its picture. Then fill in the correct letters to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

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“How \_\_\_\_\_ are your \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 O \_\_\_\_\_ ! In \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 you \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_  
 of your \_\_\_\_\_ .”

Answers: leopard, dove, donkey, worm, fish, camel, butterfly, ant  
 “How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all: the earth is full of your creatures.” (Psalm 104:24, NIV)

# OCTOBER

## Holy Trinity Baptist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Choir Rehearsal	3 Midweek Prayer Meeting at 12:00 p.m.	4 Bible Study at 6:30 Sharp	5	6 Youth Choir Rehearsal @ 10:30 a.m.  Praise Dancers Rehearsal at 12:00 p.m.
7 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.	8	9 Choir Rehearsal	10 Midweek Prayer Meeting at 12:00 p.m.	11 Bible Study at 6:30 Sharp	12	13 Praise Dancers Rehearsal at 12:00 p.m.
14 Evangelist D. Johnson  62 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Day	15	16 Choir Rehearsal	17 Midweek Prayer Meeting at 12:00 p.m.	18 Bible Study at 6:30 Sharp	19	20 Praise Dancers Rehearsal at 12:00 p.m.
21	22	23 Choir Rehearsal	24 Midweek Prayer Meeting at 12:00 p.m.	25 Bible Study at 6:30 Sharp	26	27 Praise Dancers Rehearsal at 12:00 p.m.  Sr. Missionary Foreign Program
28	29	30 Choir Rehearsal	31 Midweek Prayer Meeting at 12:00 p.m.			

## YOUTH MINISTRIES



The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.  
- Jeremiah 1: 4-8

Summer months were particularly challenging as people tend to have church attendance a bit lower on their list of priorities than during the Fall, Winter and Spring. This can be for a variety of reasons, the primary one being various vacations and family outings, yet I want to encourage you to **"stay the course"** and continue to plan and prepare for your ministry as if the multitudes were showing up!



## 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: [Holytrinitybc1@gmail.com](mailto:Holytrinitybc1@gmail.com). Thank you and may God bless you.

- **Cindy McNeil, Webmaster**

Please follow us



## **WORDS OF WISDOM: I ASKED GOD**

**I asked God to take away my pain. God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.**

**I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. His spirit was whole, his body was only temporary.**

**I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned.**

**I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.**

**I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.**

**I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.**

**I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.**

**I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.**

**~ Author unknown**

## ANNUAL MEN'S DAY



***MEN OF HOLY TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH***

On Oct 14, 2012, the Men of Holy trinity Baptist Church Celebrated their Annual Men's Day. While Pastor David McIlwaine gave a very exciting and energetic message about renewing the mind of not only of the men of Holy Trinity but all men, this was a wonderful opportunity for the Men of Trinity to conduct the services all day. The men lifted the Lord in praise with the marching songs "We Are Soldiers in the Army" and "We Come this Far By Faith" These are not only beautiful songs that describe the Men Of Holy Trinity's attitude but they were sung beautifully and touched the hearts of all in attendance.

The Men's Ministry members were proud of the work that they accomplished to make the Annual Men's Day a time of rejoicing and thanksgiving and received certificate as evidence of their good works. We are grateful to God for the Men of Trinity and hope and pray that they will answer the challenge to be godly men in this day and time. All men young and old are encouraged to become part of this wonderful and active group which meets every Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Congratulations Men Of Holy Trinity!





October 14, 2012, not only did we enjoy the Annual Celebration for the Men of Trinity, we also enjoyed the ceremony honoring four of our wonderful spiritual sisters for their dedication and hard work.

The recognition and the flowers were given to these members because of them devoting their lives to service through the church. They expressed pride in their work and their faith and we would like to express our pride and love as well as thankfulness to them for their work. Thank you Ladies for your hard work... You are appreciated!.



**Congratulations to  
Moses Cotton & Ardenel Heaven**

**On Their Recent Engagement!  
Best Wishes To You Both.**





**Think About This...**

“Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.”

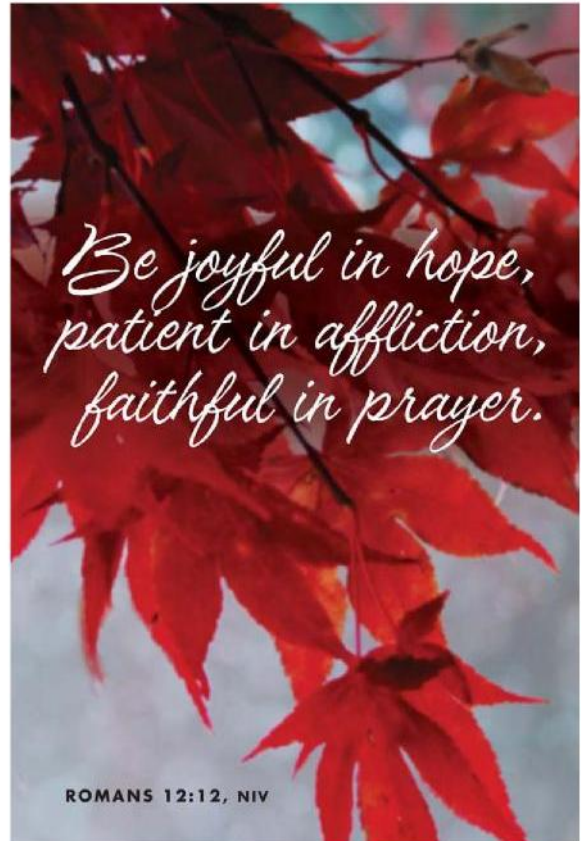
—Martin Luther

“So when life throws you a curve, remember that the shortest distance between a problem and a solution, is the distance between your knees and the floor

—Unknown Author

“After all, the one who kneels to the Lord can STAND UP to anything!”

—Unknown Author.”



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**DATED MATERIAL**

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