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“However, we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the power beyond what is normal may be God’s and not that out of ourselves. We are pressed in every way, but not cramped beyond movement; we are perplexed, but not absolutely with no way out.”

2 Corinthians 4:7, 8

Pastor's Reflections **PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS**

By Pastor David McIlwaine

Like many people today, I find myself carrying a cell phone and relying on it for many things. I’m not saying that’s a good thing, but I need it for many reasons. The only problem that I have with electronics is that my battery is quickly drained and I have found myself in places where it is inconvenient, even impossible, to recharge it.

Recently, though, I was facing a very long day. It started early, and I knew it would end late. I also knew that I would not want my phone to be without power so before I left home, I made sure that my battery was fully charged and I had my spare charger with me. I left home feeling good that I would have sufficient power to get me through the day.

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You know, some days are like that. They are packed with so many things to do and at times we can become overwhelmed and our power can be drained just like a battery. But wouldn't it be nice if we had an extra battery for ourselves?" Not for my phone but for me! I knew that at some point during the day I might find myself running out of steam or my power drained but wouldn't it be good if you could take a quick break during the day and pop in a new energy source? Not the so-called energy that comes from caffeine-packed drinks, but new, fresh energy, like at the beginning of each day.

You know, sometimes we're facing more than just a busy day. In fact, it could be that the thought of the days, months or seasons ahead of us can be overwhelming. Just watching what is happening in the world may cause fear instead of joy as we face a new day. But what did Jesus tell us? *"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33 NLT.)

Thank God that our hope is far beyond this world, because we know he will put an end to the problems and difficulties of this life. Be reminded of the fact that the One who created and sustains the universe offers to sustain and strengthen us – give us a new battery so to speak. We can confidently put our hope in God and be assured that we will have sufficient power and strength to get us through, because He promises, *"He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even young ones will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."* (Isaiah 40:29-31 NIV).

Have faith that no matter what our circumstances or what is going on around us God will always renew our strength and ***"Charge Us With Life!"***



CINDY'S KORNER

Patience

Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience.

James 1: 3

Many times I lack patience, gentleness and self-control when I get frustrated over trivial things. Recently I was reminded of the scripture in John 15:8 that says, **"This is to my Father's glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."** How convicted I was to realize that mature believers have a right relationship with God that will bear the fruits of patience, gentleness, and self-control in their lives. While

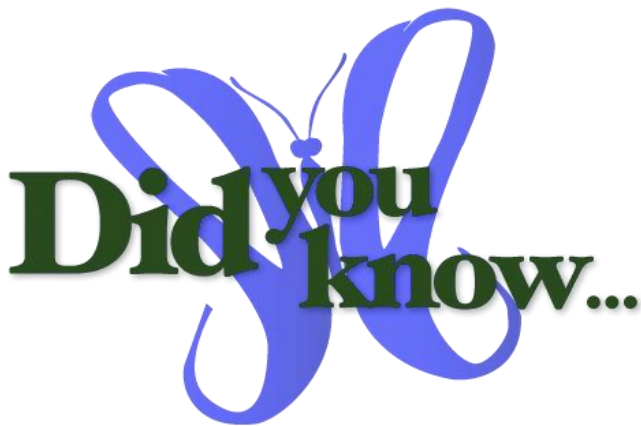
Cindy's Korner cont'd

reading Galatians 5:22-23 where Paul is listing the fruits of the spirit, I realized that perhaps in the past I had overlooked the meaning of the words "of the Spirit". This indicates that it is the spontaneous work of the Holy Spirit in us that produces these character traits in our lives and that we cannot obtain them by ourselves. If we want the fruit of the Spirit to grow in us and produce these fruits, we must know him, love him, remember him, and imitate him. After reading this scripture passage again I began to realize that I must deepen my relationship with my Father, love Him more, dwell on him and live my life every day like the example he gave me.

Luke 9:33 says, "*If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*" I must daily commit my sinful tendencies to God's control, daily crucify them, and moment by moment draw on the Spirit's power to overcome them.

Being God's disciple means putting aside selfish desires daily and following him. I must admit that I didn't realize there was so much involved in practicing patience, which is a product of a fruitful life. It is so simple and yet so demanding. I know that God is glorified when his people come into a right relationship with him and begin to bear much fruit in their lives.

*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.

The Transformation Class



"Be not conformed to the world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

(Romans 12:2)

Is God Your Transformer?

The definition of "transform" means: to cause to change or to convert

Keep that definition in mind as we remember the TV show for kids called, "The Transformers". In this show, large robots would transform or change into different things so that they could do battle with their enemies. Their character or condition changed from what they started out as. They were converted.

The Bible tells us that we should be "transformed." We must be changed. By having the mind of Christ. God's spirit has the power to transform a person's mind, so that it begins to resemble the mind of Christ. (Romans 12:1, 2) The holy spirit produces in a person such qualities as "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, mildness, self-control." These qualities—which the Bible calls "the fruitage of the spirit"—mark a truly spiritual person. (Galatians 5:22, 23) In short, a spiritually-minded person is one who was transformed and is now guided by God's spirit.

Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness", The Bible teaches us, reproves us, corrects us, and trains us in righteousness. The Word of God transforms us. It also shows us that this change should be reflected in our speech as well as our behavior. Our speaking and our actions have to be consistent with the Word of God. This is the mind of Christ. Christ never spoke or acted in a manner not consistent with God's Word. We have to stop one kind of behavior and attitude, and replace it with ANOTHER kind of behavior or attitude.

God's Word has the power to transform us. But it will not be effective for us if we are not reading, studying, and (most importantly) hearing and speaking the Word! It is the Word of God that renews our minds and truly

Transformation Class cont'd

transform our lives. And this renewal or transformation is a process, an ongoing process. We must be transformed daily in our thinking and our actions.

When our minds are changed by the Word of God then we are transformed by the spirit so we will not conform to the world. "Transforming – it's definitely more than meets the eyes!"

Welcome Our Newest Transformation Class**WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH**

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| ➤ Pastor | ➤ Pastor D. McIlwaine |
| ➤ Assistant to the Pastor | ➤ Bishop Boyce Jordan , Jr. |
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JAMBOREE

Our Jamboree was a huge success again

Thanks to everyone who came out and contributed to our annual Jamboree
Take a look at some of our pictures



2013 JAMBOREE PICTURES

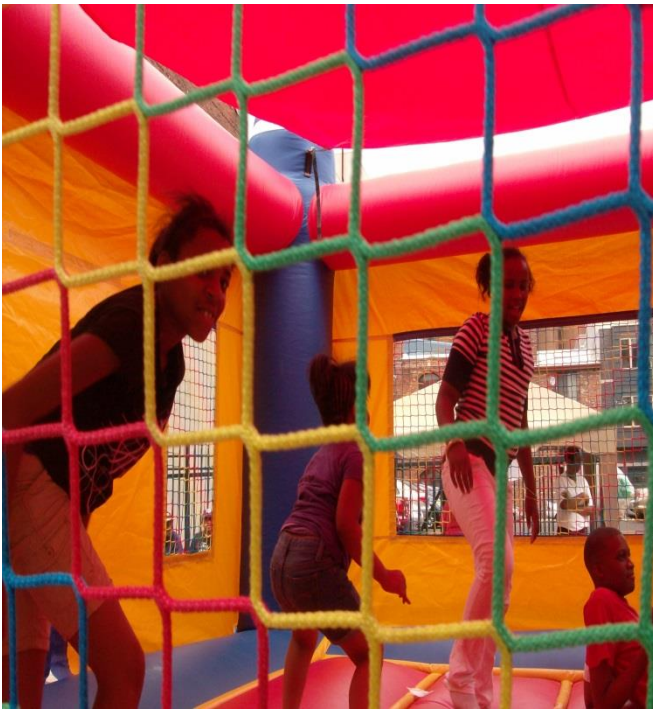


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Opportunity to serve

GOD has blessed each one of us with gifts and talents that we can use to build up our Church. Ministries will resume there fall schedule in September

2013 JAMBOREE PICTURES



HOLY TRINITY IS ON THE MOVE



Phillipians 3:12-14 NIV 12 *Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.* ¹³ *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,* ¹⁴ *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*





It's a time of new beginnings! Why not use this time to get closely acquainted with the "lover of your soul?" Spend time in God's word daily. Make everything a matter of prayer as opposed to worrying and fretting over things of which you have no control anyway. Spend time worshipping the One who created everything instead of worshipping His creation. Why not determine to let go of some of the things in your life that are holding you back from moving forward in your walk with Christ? This will not happen unless you determine to do so!

Thankfully, God's mercies are new every morning. It is never too late to get closer to our Creator. Pick up your Bible and read it! It is a wonderful book that will help you to grow into the person God designed you to be. Instead of looking to others for prayer, begin to seek God on behalf of others! If you've never fasted, perhaps it's time to do so! As you lay aside distractions you will find yourself desiring more and more of God's presence in your life.

Spring is an awesome time to stir up the gift of faith that is in you and move forward. Don't look back on the old days but move forward in you and boldness without excuse!

We are Moving Forward



-  Willie J. Newton
-  Arnette Vaughn
-  Anthony Harper
-  Benjamin Larry Newton

I heard the voice of the **LORD** saying
 "WHOM SHALL I SEND? WHO WILL GO FOR US?"
 Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."
 ISAIAH 6:8

Evangelize With Us!



The evangelist is one who is given the mandate to evangelize the world with God's good news. This mandate is not an option for the follower of Christ, nor is it the sole territory of a few idealists who choose to be different; God wants all believers to be part of this ministry.

God has called us into this ministry that seeks and saves souls by taking the gospel of Christ to people's location. We have been given a great gift from God in his grace. As believers or Christ followers we have been given the gift of eternal salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Those who have accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior have also gone through a transformation in their life because there is no way you can ask Jesus into your heart without it changing you as a person.

As Christians we tend to keep our faith to ourselves and try not to stray too far from other Christians. We do this because it is comfortable to keep it to ourselves. It is safe. We will not face any ridicule or rejection from

Evangelize With Us! Cont'd

non believers. If we just keep it to ourselves and only let other Christians know our true identity we think we can create some kind of safe retreat from the world where we will not be harmed.

We are called to be like the Apostle Paul. Talk about conversion experience and being transformed. Paul went from persecuting Christians to being a great evangelist who through his travels and assistance from the Holy Spirit was able to transform the lives of many people. When I think of being bold, I think of Paul. So, I say with Boldness, "HERE I AM SEND ME!

A lot of us took time and volunteered Evangelizing thru out the south Philadelphia area. We had a glorious time. We met and spoke with a lot of people who were willing to listen and try to find out who we were. The fellowship with one another was a joy. We're looking forward to going out again and spreading the word.

Holy Trinity is on the move...and we're taking South Philadelphia by storm.



Baptism

Jasmine Carpenter, Dakota Comer, Daniel comer, Chamara Cotton, Marquann Davis, Geraldine Beatley, Brianan Gist, Sabrenna Head, Sarah Wallace-Waters, Anthony Harper

"Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." **Luke 3:21, 22**

Baptism strengthens the relationship between you and God, which includes greater communication. This greater communication increases the clarity to hear him better and know the deeper things of the heart of Love.

The relationship God desires to make with each person is beyond that. No matter what your religion, faith, culture or background, if you recognize the core of God as the personification of Love, you will be able to hold

Baptism cont'd

all things up to that, and you will know what is of God or not. Religion is often used as a fence, whereas God prefers the freedom of open pastures. Houses of prayer and fellowship are wonderful - when they are focused on Love. God does not want us to follow one another; he desires each one of us to be the mystic, to be able to hear Love in our own hearts, to follow him. So be careful not to throw the baby out with the bathwater - do not throw God out because you are disappointed in those who say they represent him. Your spiritual peace of mind, fulfillment and joy of purpose is bigger than that.

You are called to let the gifts of the Spirit work in you. You are called to being an example. By the way you act towards your family and others, you become a living testimony. When you are kind, humble, compassionate, and forgiving, you are a testimony of what a baptized person is called to be. When you are humble and pay Him a visit at the temple where you find lasting nourishment for your soul. When you earn an honest pay, when you give without expecting, when you tend to the sick or weak, when you feed the hungry, when you respect life, you are a witness of what being baptized means. It means you are willing to imitate Christ, to sacrifice your wants and desires to serve others. Baptism is a gift, as you don't have to do anything or pay to receive it. It only requires that you open your heart and soul. Baptism gives us hope, that if we live a Christian life, we will find the doors of heaven wide open for us, along with a choir of angels to welcome us, for all eternity!

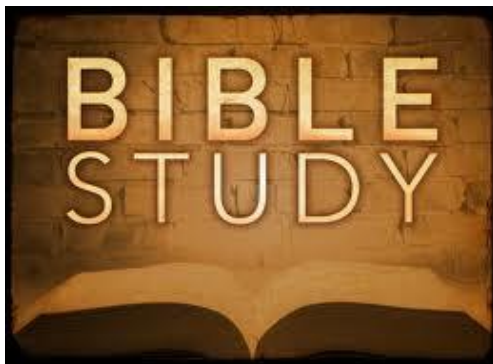
*Thank
you*

The Church is The People!

Many thanks to those who volunteered in the clean up at Holy Trinity Baptist kitchen!

As you can see, in spite of the heat, much was accomplished
What a difference you've made!!!

Pastor David & Gloria McIlwaine



Bible for Life

Prepare your hearts and minds now to deal with lessons that will make you want to come back Thursday after Thursday!

Every Thursday night at 6 p.m.

Taught by Pastor McIlwaine

Pastor's Luncheon

Pastors work hard to serve and minister to their congregations all year long so it was such a treat for our Pastor to recognize the hard work that the Pastor Care Committee do for him. He showed his appreciation by treating the committee to a very special lunch where we had a wonderful time of good food, good conversation and excellent fellowship! Take a look at our photos.



**For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them.”
Matthew 18:20**

Annual meeting



Annual Business Meeting

Do you want the inside scoop on your church

Come out on

Wednesday September 25, 2013 @ 6:00pm

To Get all in the Church's Business

A word from the Pastor Care Committee

Many thanks to those who
participated in
selling the Holy Trinity Baptist Church T-shirts

Thank you for your Commitment

HOLY TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH SCHOOL RALLY



September 8, 2013



Olaree Burnett, Aug. 4
 Briana Gist, Aug 6th
 Daniel comer, Aug 3rd
 Beatrice Tucker, Aug. 13
 Mother Margaret Jordan, Aug. 23
 Charles Davis, Aug 28th
 Marquan Davis, August 28th
 Trustee Beverly Stevenson, Aug. 30

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 August issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about **August 30, 2013** and will be available to those who have no internet service can pick up their copies in the Sanctuary on September 1, 2013.

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 Mcllwaine.



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

HE IS ALWAYS THERE BY ANNONYMOUS

We can't foresee the turning of the tide
When problems beset us and tears are cried.
Sometimes life deals from the bottom of the deck
Filling us with worry and leaving us a wreck.

The enemy seeks to devour and destroy,
Using deceptions to eliminate our joy.
While walking through the valley, our heads hung low,
The mountain top seems so high, our footsteps slow.

How many times have we traveled this road
To battle the frustrations of troubles bestowed?
Yet when we come to our darkest hour
God demonstrates His infinite power.

It doesn't matter how bad things might seem,
He always comes through, our faith to redeem.
God will not fail us in our times of pain.
He'll never forsake us, by our side He'll remain.

So when we find ourselves at a total loss
Or when the valley seems too wide to cross,
Just remember you're in His love and care,
Look over your shoulder, He's always there!



CAN YOU GUESS THE NAME OF THE SONG AND WHO SINGS IT!



Sometimes discouraged, but not defeated Cast down, but not destroyed
There's times I don't understand But, I believe it's _____
I've had struggles and disappointments There's times I've felt so alone
Some of my friends they let me down But, I still believe it's _____

Answer- turning around for me
by Vashawn Mitchell

GOD'S FOOTPRINTS

By: Lisa J. Brown

He walks in the footprints of God
His shoes are greatly worn
From the time he was a child
Heaven knew a pastor had been born
A new church to be founded
Empty pews to be filled
Lost souls to be saved
A humble man to do His will
He walks in the footprints of God
Choosing the straight and narrow
He cares not for his own glory
He is content in the Master's shadow
So he lifts his hands in praise
Falls to his knees in prayer
Embraces every opportunity
The Lord's words to share
He walks in the footprints of God
Heaven's door his destination
Never minding the unpaved roads
That lead to eternal salvation



Have you ever come to one of those moments in life when you are at a loss for words to describe your blessings? When that happens remember to read Ephesians 3:20 where it says: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us to him be 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



Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

~ Psalm 34:8 (NIV)



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Daniel & the Lions Anagram



abeellmss _____

aejlosu _____

hmostu _____

aberv _____

alsw _____

ilnos _____

adepry _____

cdelos _____

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Holy Trinity Baptist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Bible Study at 6:30 Sharp	2	3 Youth Choir Rehearsal @ 10:30 a.m. Praise Dancers Rehearsal at 12:00 p.m
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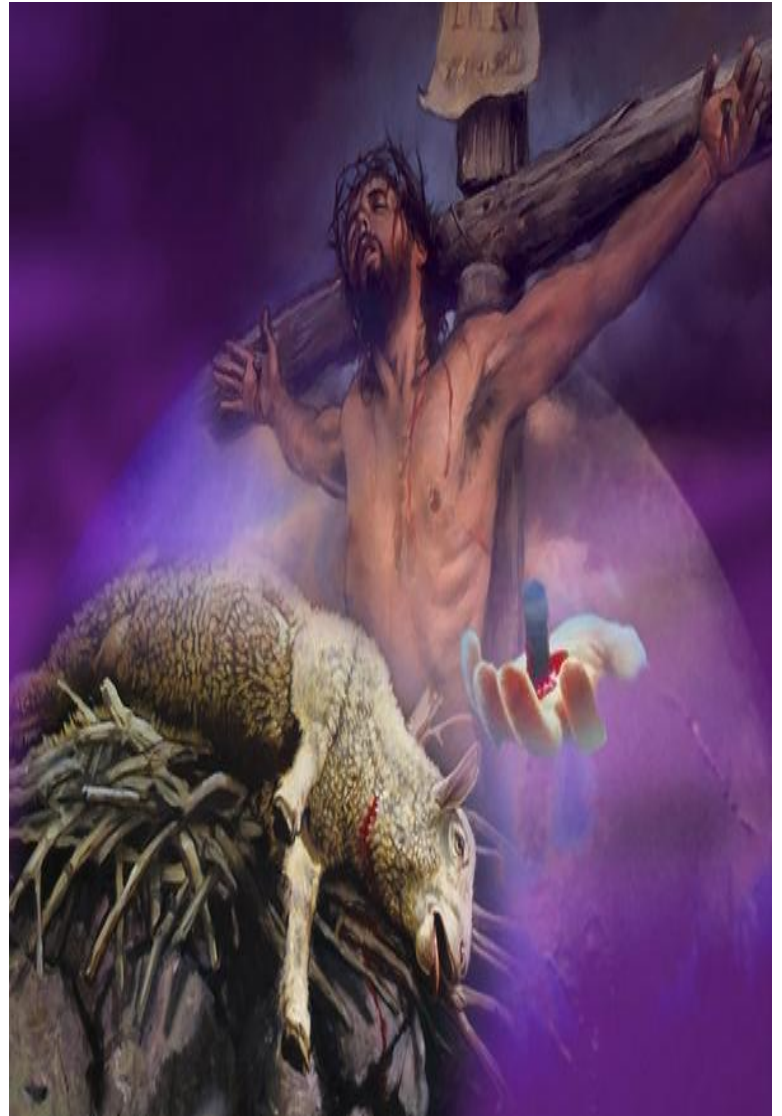
The Visitor

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up near and the driver got out and said, "I always park there! **You took my place!**"

The visitor went inside the Sunday School, found a empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat **You took my place!**" The visitor was somewhat distressed by the rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him "That's where I always sit! **You took my place!**" The visitor was even more trouble by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was Praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet, Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "**I TOOK YOUR PLACE,**"



GOD BLESS YOU



FROM THE WEBMASTER



www.holytrinitybaptist.org

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





Think About This...

"When one door of happiness closes,
another open: but often we look so long at
the closed door that we do not see the one
which has opened for us."

~ Helen Keller

"Each morning when I open my eyes I say to
myself: I, not events, have the power to make me
happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it
shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't
arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm
going to be happy in it."

~ Groucho Marx



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