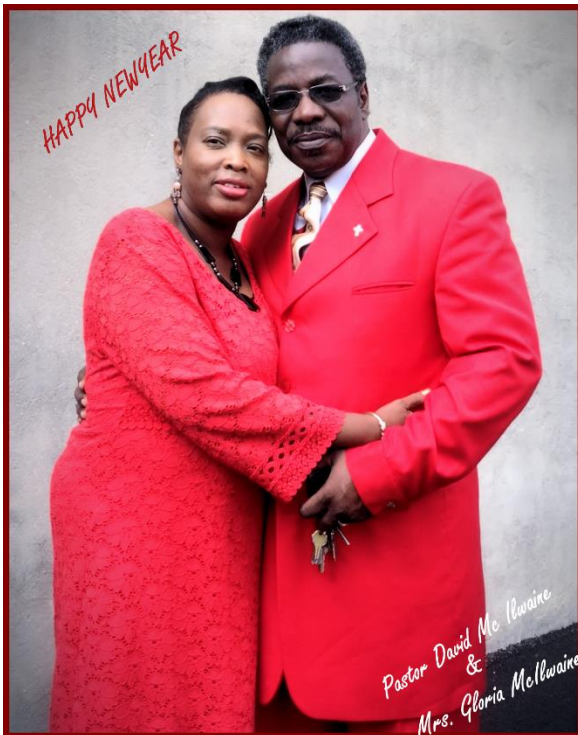




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Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 KJV

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

By Pastor David McIlwaine

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5: 18). Giving thanks is easy at least for some of you. Life is sweet. Business is good. You're happy. You feel good. You like your job. You have no problem with God. You're focused. Giving thanks should be easy because we have so much to be thankful for. We are in Christ Jesus, and God's will for us is to be very thankful people.

Pastor's Relections cont'd

(1 Thessalonians 5: 18). Note, this verse says give thanks in everything NOT to give thanks for everything. Today, regardless of what problems you may be facing, try to find something to be thankful for. There has to be at least one thing everyday you can give God thanks for. Yes, things in your life may not be what you planned. You may be mourning a loss of a loved one, possibly out of work and financially strapped, or someone close to you is very ill, but God is by your side even though you may not realize it yet.

It's easy to dwell on all that is bad in your life. Sometimes the feelings of despair and depression are so deep and overwhelming you become paralyzed and trapped. No matter what you do you can not break the cycle of depression. I encourage you to take the first step and focus on the goodness of God rather than what's not good in your life. As soon as you change your way of thinking and begin giving thanks to God, it paves the way for God to move on your behalf. Do this everyday and make this a part of your daily routine.

That's why it says "this is God's will for you." He wants you to draw close to Him to receive His love and strength by offering thanks. That's why we must always have the attitude that says, "God, despite what's happened, I choose to remain grateful. I may be in poor health, but Father, thanks for being my strength. Thanks for giving me great family and friends." Or, "I may be struggling in my relationship, but God, thanks for being there for me. Thank you for giving me another day.

Whenever you give daily thanks in everything, you'll see God's power move for you personally, and things in your life will begin to turnaround and you'll be far better off than before.

Have a very Happy New Year.



CINDY'S KORNER

Prayer



The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective"

James 5: 16

The prayer armor is for every believer, every member of the Body of Christ, who will put it on and walk in it for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds of the enemy (Satan, the god of this world, and all his demonic forces). Spiritual warfare takes place in prayer. ([II Corinthians 10:4](#); [Ephesians 6:12](#)) Prayer does not cause faith to work, but faith causes prayer to work. God wants us to understand that when we pray we must believe already that we have recieved what we are asking for. We must see that which is, even when it is not yet manifest. This is FAITH! Faith is not praising God

Cindy's Korner cont'd

after He has done something, but praising Him beforehand, acknowledging that we believe with God ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE! This is why Jesus made that statement because the people were saying how can a man fulfill what God wants? Jesus told them with man it is impossible, but not with God. Our faith must be in Him, not in ourselves. Too many of us believe in our own abilities and talents instead of leaning on God. We lean too much on the arm of flesh, instead of leaning on the arm of Spirit. We have yet to attain and utilize the mind of Christ that Paul teaches us about. Paul said that he is judged of no man, and he that is spiritual judges all things. Why? Because the one that is spiritual operates in the mind of Christ and therefore judges righteously.

Many people believe in prayer, but not many pray. It is the most simple, but most powerful way to reach God. It is the easiest and hardest of all things. Remember 'Prayer can do anything that God can do.'

*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.

Deacon Moses Cotton



““What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

James 2:14-17

Winter is a fun time of the year. That is, if you are not freezing from cold. During this season,

Each year, **Holy Trinity Baptist Church** sponsors a coat drive.. Deacon Moses Cotton has the privilege of being in charge of the Coat Drive . Kids packed Holy Trinity church on Sunday Morning, not only to hear the word but they were there to get a gift that is meant to warm up their holidays:. A free coat. We had over a 100 coats. We wish we had more, because we see the need is so great.

The kids are always so excited and grateful for the gift of warmth as the season heads into the winter. We would like to say thank you to all the volunteers who help out with the coat drive. God bless everyone at Holy Trinity Baptist Church.







I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH

- Pastor
- Assistant to the Pastor
- Associate Minister
- Administrative Assistant
- Chairman Deacons Ministry
- Chairlady Trustee Ministry
- Church Clerk
- Secretary
- Church Editor / Webmaster
- Pastor's Email Address
- Church Office Email Address
- Holy Trinity Email Address
- Pastor D. McIlwaine
- Bishop Boyce Jordan , Jr.
- Evangelist Dicy N. Johnson
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A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain, But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, But by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.



And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who ^a have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Deaconess Bettie B. Roundtree Sick & Shut –In Fruit Baskets

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HOLY TRINITY IS ON THE MOVE



¹² *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

Joashua 1:9

The only constant is change. If there's one thing we can count on in our life it is that whatever is going on now, will change. We live in an ever-changing universe. Everything in our world, is changing.. The seasons change as do governments, businesses, cultures, the sun, moon, stars, and, of course, us.

It is our nature to resist change of any kind. I don't know about you, but I find this a bit strange. We are trying to resist change in an ever-changing world. Unsuccessfully, I might add. The fear of change and fear of the unknown is so strong in some people that they will remain in abusive relationships, unhealthy environments, dead end jobs and self-destructive situations, rather than face the unknown. If you want to have a successful, happy and productive life, you must learn to **accept**, even **welcome** and **embrace** change.

I know it can be difficult. We become comfortable with the status quo, going along and feeling fine and all of a sudden bam! something upsets our comfortable world. It can be something as serious as the loss of a loved one or a job or home. It may be a minor upset like raining when your on vacation. Whatever the situation, change or circumstance we must learn to handle it or we may be powerless by it.

Some people respond to change with fear, worry and uncertainty - O Lord, what is going to happen now? Fear paralyzes us from taking appropriate action and magnifies our problem. The Bible makes it clear that worry is counterproductive. Others respond to change with doubt; they cultivate a spirit of unbelief and are unable to see God at work. We engage in morbid self-examination, looking for that hidden sin in our lives that is the cause of all our problems. We can also respond to change with indifference - I don't care! Whatever happens, happens!

We need to deal with change in a positive way. We should have confidence - we recognize that change must happen and we adapt to change. We must have faith - we see God at work and we trust that He is working out everything for our good; we speak life into the situation. The Bible is full with various hopeless situations until God turned up in response to a person's faith. We must commit to prayer. We must be determined to pray through and praise through because we know the God that we serve. The Bible tells us that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. We are to bless the Lord at all times and to give thanks in everything.(James 5:16, kjv)

Embrace Change cont'd

We need to be open to the empowerment of the Holy Spirit - God is a God of progress and movement; He will cause change and He will give us the wisdom and the capacity to deal with it. We must be adaptable and flexible -we must not be rigid, but we must recognize that life requires changes. We never compromise on our principles, but we make adjustments so that we can positively deal with change. We must also have commitment - we will be available, faithful, steadfast, immovable, doing whatever needs to be done.

The best way I know of to deal with change is to embrace it.

We are Moving Forward

- + Renee Davis
- + Irma Prioleau
- + Cheryl Douglass
- + Alexander Waters
- + Ricardo Vaughn
- + Arnette Vaughn
- + Willie Newton
- + Benjamin L. Newton

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

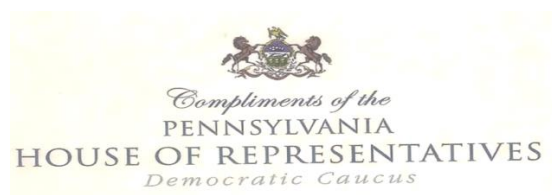
Titus 3:5 (NIV)

Religious Leaders Support the Affordable Care Act

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

John 3:16-18 (NIV)

A group of prominent African-American Pastors and faith leaders have pledged to build support for the [Affordable Care Act](#), and help facilitate enrollment. Approximately eight million uninsured African-Americans stand to benefit from the law. The Affordable Care Act provides Americans, of all nationalities, access to much needed quality health care.





Walking to raise Lupus awareness

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

Lupus is an autoimmune disease, which means that the body's natural defense system (immune system) attacks its own tissues instead of attacking foreign substances like bacteria and viruses. This causes inflammation. Inflammation causes swelling, pain, and tissue damage throughout the body



So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

Matthew 19:6



Holy Trinity Baptist Church 122nd Anniversary Celebration

Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!"

Luke 4:35 & 36

Holy Trinity Baptist Church celebrated its 122nd Church Anniversary on December 1, 2013. The theme for this year's celebration was "**Taking Authority**". A worship services was held with the pastor David Mc ilwaine giving a sermon , Praise and Workship providing music.

Members had a chance to hear testimonies about the history and worship services that was held at Holy Trinity in years past. Sunday, December 1, 2013 was a day of worship, fellowship, remembrance & renewal. Celebrating the past anticipating the future.

Worship services were held at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker was Pastor Edward Sparkman of Shiloh Baptist Church. We celebrated everything that God has done in and through Holy Trinity Baptist Church over these last 122 years

Following the 11:00 a.m. services the church family and guests enjoyed a fellowship at the church

Our Church History

Holy Trinity Baptist Church was formed in the Spring of 1891. Shortly after the Church was organized, a call to Pastorate was extended to Reverend R.W. Christian, who accepted, taking charge at once.

The first place of worship was in Kater Hall, on South Street subsequently the site of the Royal Movie Theater. Shortly thereafter, the present site, upon which an old two story public school building was located, was purchased at a cost of \$7,500, remodeled for Divine Service and occupied in the fall of 1892. By 1893, Holy

Church Anniversary cont'd

Trinity's membership had grown to 300 members. In November, 1893, Reverend Christian resigned.

In 1894 Reverend Granville Lewis Peyton Taliaferro, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was called to the Pastorate. During the early part of Reverend Taliaferro's administration, Holy Trinity was recognized as an established

Baptist Church. Between 1894 and 1900, Church membership increased from 300 to 600 members. On October 26, 1900, Holy Trinity was incorporated in the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania and in 1901, construction of the present Church edifice was begun and according to the news reports, the construction of the new Church edifice was considered a major achievement in the Philadelphia's African-American community at the time. After 17 years of faithful service, Reverend Taliaferro resigned in 1911 and in 1916, Reverend Taliaferro passed on to his heavenly reward.

Born of a Mississippi slave, Reverend Wesley Faulius Graham or "Pop Graham" as he was affectionately known, lead Holy Trinity Baptist Church from 1911-1932. He possessed an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and a brilliant mind. From the beginning of Reverend Graham's stewardship in 1911, the Church membership took new life and forged ahead. Seven years later, in 1918, Church membership grew to over three thousand. Holy Trinity and it's Pastor had such a reputation from coast to coast that if you weren't seated by 10:30 a.m. for the Sunday morning service, you would probably be standing throughout the service. During Holy Trinity's early years, the African-American Church continued to be the most important institution in the African-American community, not only as a place of worship but also as a center of political, educational, civic and economic leadership and development. In the tradition of his predecessor, Reverend Taliaferro, Pop Graham was not only a great Pastor but also an active and respected civic community leader and entrepreneur.

After almost twenty-one years of devoted service, Pop Graham's health forced him to relinquish his active duties as Pastor. The Church membership, however, formally elected him "Pastor for Life".

On June 13, 1932, with the passing of Reverend Graham, Holy Trinity was joined in it's grief by many other Philadelphians and once again Holy Trinity was without Pastoral leadership for three years during which the Church was managed by the Deacons and the Trustees.

On the third Sunday in July, 1935 Reverend Charles Roy Jones, accepted the Pastorate. Not only did Reverend Jones handle Church finances excellently, he was a fine Christian minister who came from a family of ministers. One of the most memorable occasions in the history of the Church was the Sunday on which three generations of the Jones family preached. Another noteworthy event during Reverend Jones' administration was Holy Trinity's hosting the Pennsylvania State Baptist Sunday School and BYPU Convention in 1940. This was a major undertaking by the entire Church family requiring a year in preparation. Because of personal illness, and the illness and death of a son and his devoted wife, Reverend Jones' activities were curtailed during the last few years of his administration. Holy Trinity elected to give Reverend Jones a much needed vacation to a place he had always wanted to see, California. A few hours before he was to return home from California on June 7, 1961, God called him from labor to reward, leaving the congregation shocked and grieving. Reverend and Mrs. Jones were blessed by being the parent of a large family. Two sons and two grandsons were also called to the ministry.

Church Anniversary cont'd

On July 10, 1962 after the death of Reverend Jones, the Holy Trinity Congregation selected Reverend Cecil Dubois Gallup of Greenwich, Connecticut for the Pastorate. He accepted the call and began full leadership on November 4, 1967. Under Reverend Gallup's leadership, Church members have actively supported the Church and its activities, including outreach into the surrounding community. In January, 1989, upon the celebration

of Reverend Gallup's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, Mayor Wilson Goode presented the Philadelphia Bowl to him in recognition of his Christian commitment and leadership. This is the highest honor of the city.

On April 29, 2012, the mantle was passed to **Pastor David McIlwaine** as its 7th Pastor by the *Holy Trinity Baptist Church* family. He is an anointed man of God who is filled with the Holy Spirit. He is excited about the gloriousness of God, and is committed to introducing others to His Master and King. We anticipate many wonders for our congregation as we **Move Forward** in this our **122nd^t Anniversary**. We are standing on His Promises today and have an opportunity to devote our lives anew to studying His Word and to renewing our commitment to serve Him Forever!!



Church Anniversary Pictures





Kelli Jones, Jan 1st
 Pastor David McIlwaine, Jan 2nd
 Doretha Mc Ilwaine, Jan 2nd^h
 Natalie Rogers, Jan 15th
 Rodolfo Perez, Jan 19th
 Frank Taomina, Jan 28th
 Forrest Jones, Jan 28th
 Audrey Jones, Jan 28th
 Cedric Cobote, Jan 29th
 Sean More, Jan 29th

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 January issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about **January 1, 2014** and will be available to those who have no internet service can pick up their copies in the Sanctuary

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



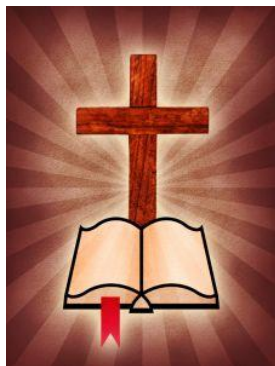
Let us Pray for the Sick and Shut In



Mr. Robert Bundy
Mr. James Douglass
Mother Jessie Whaley
Mrs. Hortense Bailey,
Mrs. Ernestine Douglass
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



Be strong! Be courageous! Do not be afraid of them! For the Lord your God will be with you. He will neither fail you nor forsake you.

~Deuteronomy 31:6~

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Holy Trinity Baptist Church

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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





SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them

~ Harold J. Smith

"When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life or the life of another."

~ Groucho Marx



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