



Holy Trinity Baptist Church Newsletter

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“Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, -

Ephesians 4:13-15

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

By Pastor David McIlwaine

ARE YOU GROWING IN CHRIST?

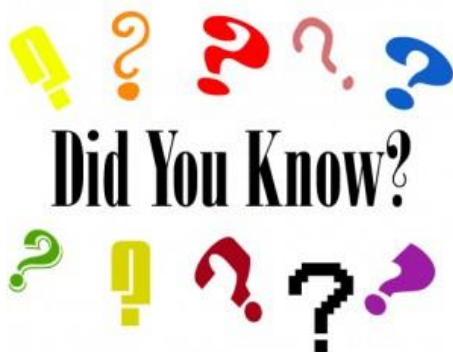
Have you noticed that we live in a world that is obsessed with keeping us from aging? The cosmetic industry in the United States alone is a 55 billion dollar business, and its main purpose is to hide the fact that we are getting older.

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS (cont'd)

Sometimes, I look at my young family members, and I say to myself that I wish they would never grow up. When children are young, they are so precious and I just want them to stay that way. However, they will someday leave home as adults and I am just going to have to embrace that fact. However, while we all are aging, some of us never seem to grow up.

The Bible says, "*Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature*" (**I Corinthians 14:20**). The Apostle Paul says to be infants in evil which means to basically be ignorant to the sins of this world. He also says to not be children in your thinking or to make sure that you keep growing in your understanding of God. For many of us, we may not have grown in Christ in the way we would have liked. We can often let life's circumstances keep us from fulfilling the work that God has in store for us. In the book of Hebrews, it says, "*Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil*" (**Hebrews 5:13-14**).

The Apostle Paul is basically saying that when we are just babes in Christ, we often allow the desires of the world to keep us from understanding Christ's righteousness, and as we have a constant relationship with God and his Word, we will be trained to desire his ways. My prayer is to allow God's Holy Spirit to do his work in us, and that there will be a change in us that shows that we are ultimately growing up in Christ.



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.

CALENDARS, SCHEDULES AND ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS



CINDY'S KORNER



Recently I found myself needing to calendar to schedule into the future. I use Microsoft Outlook for all my scheduling, but I do not know how to advance to a specific date, so I simply hold down the forward arrow. As I always do, I was speeding through the months and years. They were disappearing before my eyes. I remember thinking to myself that is how life feels. Sometimes the days and months pass by so quickly; that I often feel like someone is holding down the fast-forward button on my life!

I was reminded of that this morning during my quiet time. Each day I wake up with an agenda. I have lots to do, lots of deadlines to meet. Yet, things rarely go as planned, and I find myself frustrated over interruptions and changes to my plans. When I considered those frustrations, I realized something else to be true. I constantly need an attitude adjustment.

I felt frustrated over interruptions and obstacles; the only real solution is to change my attitude. With that in mind I thought of and read Philippians Chapter 2:3-8. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant.....(v. 5-7).

Image that. If anyone every had the ability to change things, Christ could have. Yet instead of changing the situation, he submitted himself to the will and plan of his Father. He “humbled himself even further by dying a criminal’ death. Why? The answer of course is love. Paul put it this way, “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ dies for us.” (Romans 5:8).

So, the only real solution to tame attitude change is to have a servant’s heart that is motivated by love. Not just when things are easy or convenient. We need it “Always” because love is {always} patient, love is {always} kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It {always} protects, {always} trust, {always} hopes, and {always} perseveres” 1 Corinthians 13:4-7).



**HOLY TRINITY IS MOVING
FORWARD**



Prayer is based on the redemptive love of God—on His grace and mercy. It is God's invitation to ask for help. "Call to me," the Lord says, "and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know"

(Jeremiah 33:3).

It is not just enough to move, you must also move according to God's directions, if you must get to your destination. You must also know where you are going. God gave the Israelites the definite map of the land they were going to possess. From the hill country of the Amorites - the Jordan Valley - Negev - Lebanon - Euphrates. God was specific. You must have a target or goal before you make any move at any point in life.

It is time to take a leap of faith. Be present in the moment and look with a renewed sense of self and clearer perspective at the opportunities that are waiting for us to explore if we only open our minds to perceiving them.

No one can make the necessary changes that each of us need to make in our lives but ourselves it's time to act now so that we can truly move forward and reap the benefits of all that we have endured along the way.

Soon we will be free from all that kept us hindered, shackled and confined and be liberated from the burdens we have been carrying upon our backs for far too long. Sometimes the darkest moment is right before the piercing light Better days are ahead don't fret, all is a part of the process. Just like that old saying you can't have a rainbow without the rain. Hold fast to the knowingness that sometimes we must go through it.

HOLY TRINITY IS MOVING FORWARD cont'd

There's no easy way around it. We are always stronger than we give ourselves credit for! The only way you can make things happen is if you're willing to take a chance, make mistakes and be willing to be ridiculed by the "righteous" while you learn from your mistakes.

There will be those who will criticize, control, be righteous or ridicule you for your decisions. However, it is you who decided to make things happen while they sit back and say what they need to say.

The truth is, if you are too cautious about moving forward, you run the risk of waiting on something that may never happen.

The only way you are going to move forward is to DECIDE. Decision is different from just being interested, because it means you that cut off everything and just move forward, regardless of the criticisms or anyone telling you that what you did wasn't smart.

There is a difference between being interested in doing something, and committing in making something a reality. Those who are interested may not have that motivation for long. However, when you decide, you are committed. You don't wait. You make things happen, just as long as you never do it at the expense of others or even to your own health and integrity.

Decide and Commit. Let the others say whatever they want to say about what you do. It tells more about them and not about you.

Life is about change. Nothing stays the same and yet we often try to avoid change. We need to embrace change in order to grow. Change does not have to be difficult or scary.

A lot of the time, we are held back by fear. We try to hold on to the things we have and often miss opportunities. Sometimes we need to take stock of what we have and to realize some of the things have served their purpose and we no longer need to hold on to them.

You have to stop worrying about the things you are giving up. If you truly need them, they will come back to you. If you let go now you are clearing the way for new opportunities.

Another fear that holds us back from growing and changing is the fear of risk. We worry about the things that could go wrong and let it stop us from trying. Be aware of the risks and take steps to minimize them but do not become afraid to move forward.

HOLY TRINITY IS MOVING FORWARD (cont'd)

Focus on what you have to gain. Focus on where you want to go and how you will get there. Keep in mind the grand prize. This can sustain you through the doubts and fears. This can give you the motivation to move forward.

There are no promises of victory but every move you make is either forward or backwards. We are here to learn and to experience life. Do not let fear hold you back from living your life to the full.

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY!"



Congratulations

Malik Geathers
&
Amirah Guy

YOUTH MINISTRY
AMBASSADORS



CELEBRATING OUR PASTOR'S 3rd ANNIVERSARY

We thank God for Our Pastor and First Lady. On April 19, 2015, Pastor David & First Lady Gloria McIlwaine celebrated their, 3rd Pastoral Anniversary at Holy Trinity Baptist Church. The anniversary was spread out unto a three day event. The pre- Pastoral anniversary began on Thursday, April 16, 2015 and the main event was Sunday April 19, 2015. We had a glorious time, good food and good fellowship. We were blessed by our guests, family and friends. We look forward to another year of praise and worship.



Church Annual Jamboree

Jamboree

The weather was perfect and the food was delicious. Saturday, June 13, 2015. Holy Trinity Baptist celebrated its Annual Jamboree. We had a good time, while everyone enjoyed the fun, food and activities. It was a great time of Praise and Worship. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported our annual Jamboree! **See you next year.**



Holy Trinity Baptist Church held its annual church picnic on Saturday, August 01, 2015. There was a lot of food and games, it was nice to have the church family and friends come together and fellowship with one another. Oh what a good time we had.



*We are not human beings learning to be spiritual;
we are spiritual beings learning to be human*

Voices of Victory



"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing you in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs as you sing with grace in your hearts."
(Col 3:16)

Congratulations to the Voices of Victory Choir on their 4th Anniversary on Sunday, February 01, 2015.

They showed up and showed out!**Hallelujah!**



Praise Dancers



Praise dance is a powerful way to connect with God and one another. This is perhaps especially true for young people, who are often more comfortable expressing and exploring their faith through dance rather than with their own words. Holy Trinity Baptist Church is blessed to have a glorified praise dance team who is moved by the spirit of gospel music

Youth Ministry



The Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone for your continued support. We had an amazing time at Dorney Park.



CHILDREN
are a Gift from the
LORD.
Psalm 127:3

Dorney Park – Youth Ministry August 2015



The Trip was mainly for the Youth Ministry of Holy Trinity Baptist Church. But there were extra tickets so family and friends were allowed to go. What an Adventure...I haven't been to Dorney Park in over 20 years.

The bus arrived @ Dorney Park about 10:30 some drove their own cars. Basically everyone arrived at the same time. We all had to park in a separate areas but that was okay. We were able to get in a lot faster because we already had a ticket in our hand. After parking, there were no signs as to where to go, so we followed everyone else and walked about 1/2 mile to the main gates of the park. Upon walking to the gates first comes the line for the bag check. If you didn't have a bag you could walk right in...A trip like this would be to avoid bringing a bag, that would speed up the process of getting in.

First, we walked around Dorney Park just checking things out. It's a lot different than it was when I was a kid...I walked around the park all day asking people did they have bumper cars...they looked at me like I was nuts.. As to say no one rides bumper cars anymore. We eventually caught up with some of the youth that went on the trip they were playing some of the games and won several basketballs. Me being the pro that I am in basketball I ask one of the youths to let me dribble the ball, we started playing with the basketball fake shooting, like there was a basketball hoop out there.. I then told one of the youth to try and take the ball from me...of course he did...boy I must be getting old because all that running around took my breath away, I thought I was going to die LOL I had to be still for a couple of minutes....then one of the youth had a nerve to ask me to go on a water ride, was he kidding I could barely walk and catch my breath...but it was fun playing ball with them and watching them enjoy themselves..

The youth had a ball on the rollercoasters and the water rides. Some were screaming to the top of their lungs and some couldn't stop crying because they were scared. The ones that were crying I bet they won't get on those rides anymore....Just kidding.... (LOL)



Dorney Park- Youth Ministry cont'd

Water Park was a nice attraction...it felt like I was on the beach.... Funnel cake was off the chain...a bit expensive for fried dough but it was worth it...because it was good.

The bus left Dorney Park around 6:30pm...The people who drove actually stayed a little longer. It was a very nice day.. But I bet by the time the parents got home they were ready to take a nice long nap...I know I was....Sleep never felt so goooooood.....

Way to go Holy Trinity!



We welcome our new members

Bianca Samuel

Tamara Samuel

Sharon Wallace Samuel

Shauna Guy



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

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 1, 2015

ANNIVERSARIES



Bishop Boyce & Mrs. Margaret Jordan
 Deacon Preston & Sis. Cynthia Mc Neil
 Deacon Ricardo & Deaconess Arnette Vaughn
 Brother Alexander & Sis. Sarah Waters

May 6th
 May 19th
 July 30th
 August 9th

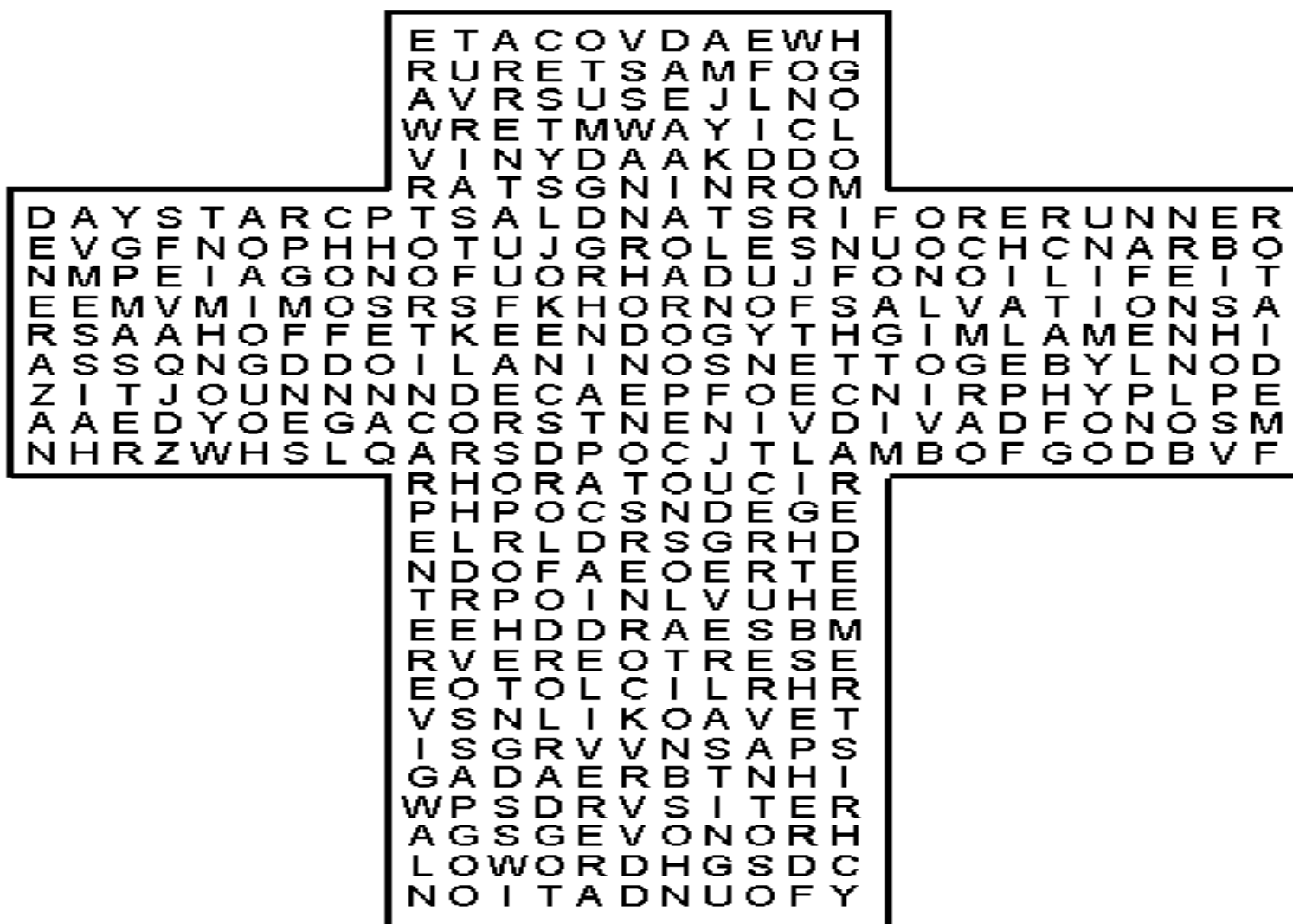


WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH

- Pastor
- Assistant to the Pastor
- Associate Minister
- Chairman Deacons Ministry
- Chairlady Trustee Ministry
- Church Clerk/Administrator
- Office Assistant
- Holy Trinity Editor / Webmaster
- Pastor's Email Address
- Church Office Email Address
- Holy Trinity Email Address
- Pastor D. McIlwaine
- Bishop Boyce Jordan, Jr.
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But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate
 Almighty
 Alpha and Omega
 Amen
 Apostle
 Beloved Son

Door
 Emmanuel
 Everlasting
 Faithful and True
 First and Last
 Forerunner

Lawgiver
 Life
 Light
 Lion of Judah
 Lord
 Lord of Lords

Redeemer
 Resurrection
 Rock
 Savior
 Servant
 Shepherd

Poem



I TURN TO JESUS

Sometimes I get discouraged,
 And a tear comes to my eyes.
 Sometimes life doesn't seem fair,
 And I can't understand why.

Sometimes I want to give up,
 When things aren't going right.
 Sometimes it seems like a waste
 Of time;
 Not really worth the fight.

Those times are when I turn to
 Jesus,
 He listens to my prayers,
 And suddenly the way is easier,
 The problems not so hard to
 Bear.

He is a comfort when the way
 Is rough.
 Through His word I find relief.
 I'm reminded that He's ever near.
 On His name I have believed.

He doesn't promise earthy treasures,
 If we follow in His way.
 He does promise to fulfill our needs,
 Each and every day.

So let me walk a little closer, Lord.
 I know You love me so.
 When problems are overwhelming,
 I have a Friend who knows.

By Sharon K. Shubert





JUNE

Charlotte Friend	1st
Deaconess Bettie Roundtree	9th
Lois Bundy	12th
Alannah Guy	12th
Ada Nelson	21st
Ethel Hankins	25th
Michelle Dillard	27th
Bishop Boyce Jordan Jr.	27th



JULY

Michael Gaskins	4TH
Catherine Nelson	14th
Vernon Brown	18th
Lynda Jackson	22nd
Cheryl Douglass	6 th
Sarah Wallace-Waters	22 nd
Amena Davis	30 th

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



Olaree Burnett	4th
Beatrice Tucker	13th
Mother Margaret Jordan	23rd
Trustee Beverly Stevenson	30th



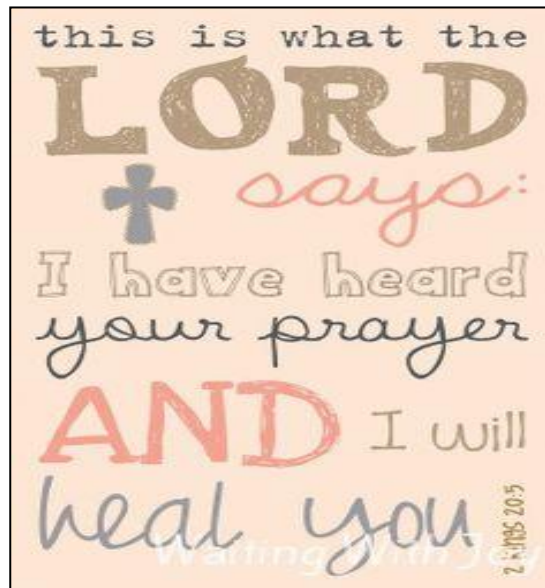
Ernesta Thomas	1st
Annette Johnson	6th
Malik Geathers	8th
Charlene Brooks	12 th
Delores Peters,	12th
Yvonne Fernandez	16th
Mother Pauline Grier	16th
Arnette Vaughn	27th
Daniel Comer	30 th

Let us Pray for the Sick and Shut In



. Robert Bundy
 Mrs. Helen Fraizer
 Mrs. Hortense Bailey,
 Mrs. Ernestine Douglass
 Mrs. Lois Bundy

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





Thanks to the Pastor’s Care Ministry, Official Board and the entire Church Family for making our Pastor & First Lady Gloria McIlwaine 3rd Anniversary a big success
To God Be The Glory!

Thanks to all who supported our Annual Fuel rally.

Voices of Victory Choir would like to thank Our Church Family and friends for supporting us on our 4th Anniversary Work ship Service. May our God continue to shine on you with Blessing from above.

The Youth Ministry would like to thank all of the church Family for the love and support shown to our youth.

Pastor would like to thank everyone for their generous donations.



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 *September* issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about *September 20, 2015* and will be available to those who have no internet service can pick up their copies in the Sanctuary on *September 20, 2015*.



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)

MEMORY VERSE



**For by grace you have
been saved through
faith. And this is not your
own doing; it is the gift
of God
Ephesians 2:8**





From the Pastor's Desk:

It is with a very heavy heart that I come to you informing you of the cancellation of our normal Mid-Week Prayer Service and Bible Study as well as our Sunday Morning Worship Service on

Sunday, September 27, 2015.

This is due to the travel restrictions imposed by the city of Philadelphia for the weekend of September 25th thru 28th.

In order to accommodate in excess of one million people who are expected to attend the World meeting of Families and the Papal visits in the area.

Please be advised that we will have Praise & Worship and the Preached Word on the following evening:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 AT 6:30PM

BE BLESS!

Pastor David Mc ilwaine

***** Noon day prayer and bible study will resume mid -week prayer 09/30/15 and bible study Thursday,*** October 1, 2015 at 6:30pm**



Holy Trinity Baptist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 	2	3	4	5 Youth Choir 10:30 a.m. Praise Dancers 12:00 p.m. 
6 9:45 a.m.  SUNDAY SCHOOL	7	8 	9	10	11	12 Youth Choir 10:30 a.m. Praise Dancers 12:00 p.m. 
13  SUNDAY SCHOOL	14	15 	16	17	18	19 Youth Choir 10:30 a.m. Praise Dancers 12:00 p.m. 
20 9:45 a.m.  SUNDAY SCHOOL	21	22 	23	24	25	26 Praise Dancers Rehearsal at 12:00 p.m. 
27 9:45 a.m.  SUNDAY SCHOOL	28	29 	30 Midweek Prayer  Meeting at 12:00pm			

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Wednesday
October 7, 2015
Meeting @ 6:00pm
Holy Trinity Baptist Church



Pastor David McIlwaine –
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church *Revival*
October 9, 2015 @7:00pm
1415-19 Wharton Street
Philadelphia, PA. 19146



Holy Trinity Men's Choir
3rdth Anniversary
---October 25 2015 @ 3:00pm
Holy Trinity Baptist Church

Announcements and Upcoming Events



Chancel Choir Annual Sermon , Sunday,
November 1, @ 3:00pm



Sunday School Fruit Baskets for Sick & Shut In ,
November 15 2015



THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 26 2015 5@ 11:00am
@ Holy Trinity Baptist Church

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*

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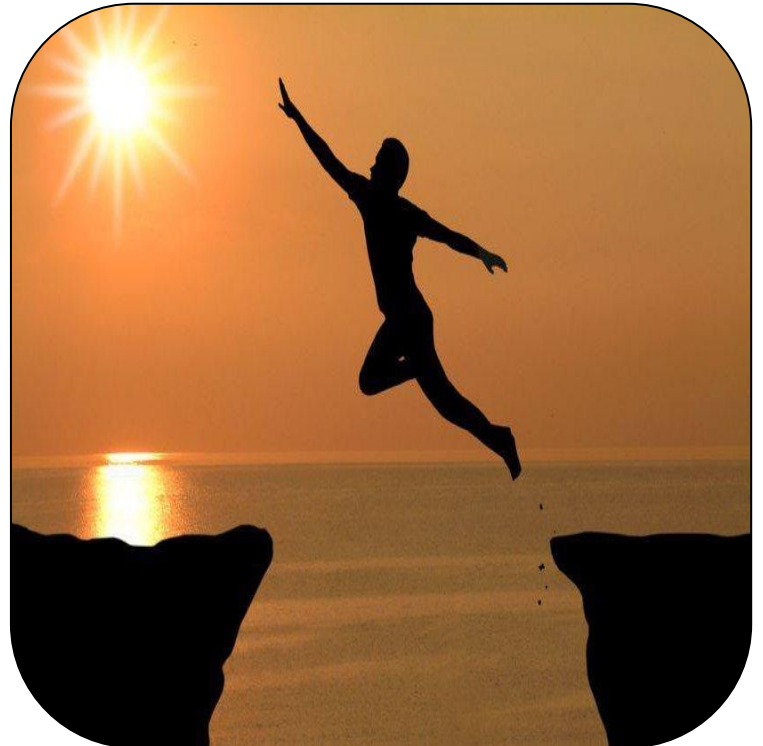
Think About This.....

Faith is seeing light with your heart
when all your eyes see is darkness

If God is all you have you have all you
need

Don't think of things you didn't get after
Praying

Think of the countless blessings God
gave you without *Asking*.



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