Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

(John 15:15)

GOD GIVES US REST

Do you ever feel like you need a break? We seem to live busier lives today than at any other point in history. Many people take advantage of the holidays throughout the year to take a day off of work, however, these simple gestures from our government certainly was not intended to adequately give us the rest we need from a year’s worth of work. What it does show is that we just can’t keep going on with life without a periodic break in our daily routine.

Did you know that God has also given us a rest day, and he has out-done our country’s national days of rest? God’s rest day is once a week called the Sabbath. It is God’s declared
time which allows his children to have sufficient rest in order for us to have some time in peace. God certainly knows that most of us are not only overworked, but emotionally and spiritually we are exhausted from the abuse and the guilt that comes from living in this sinful world.

Jesus said, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28). Do you sometimes feel, that the problems you have are just too difficult to endure? If you feel that way, you are not alone. Some of God’s faithful servants in the past felt the same way.

They relied on God for strength. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength (Isaiah 40:29).” Sadly, though, some of God’s people today feel that the best way to endure the problems they have in life is to stop serving him for a while. They feel that serving God is a burden rather than a blessing. So they stop reading the Bible, going to the meetings, and talking about his grace, goodness and mercy. This is exactly what Satan hopes they will do. Isn’t it great that God desires us to rest as he handles our worries and anxieties? God made us in a way that when we are resting, we are allowing our body, mind and soul to heal, and the Sabbath is one way to do as Jesus told us when he says, “come to me, all you who are weary and burdened.”
How Was Your Day?

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

(Matthew 6:25-27 KJV.)

One morning this week when the alarm rang, I felt like turning it off and going back to sleep but that wasn’t an option. Within a few minutes of getting up, I was already overwhelmed thinking about the issues of the day ahead and, I was also thinking about the day before. It had really been one of those terrible days. In fact, you have to wonder what happened the day before, you wake up and can’t find your shoes! Admittedly, I failed to pray before going to bed. I just wanted the day to be over. Waking up with unresolved issues from the previous day is a real joy-killer. What could be less productive and more burdensome than thinking about a day that is gone? It’s something you can’t change and senseless to worry about, but it happens.

I often relax by indulging in crossword puzzles, for some reason, I decided to play the game while having a cup of coffee that morning. I was a little surprised at the first word I noticed on the grid: P-R-A-Y-E-R. I don’t know about you, but I am constantly amazed at the millions of ways God speaks to us. Are we listening? What encouragement it is to know that even though I had chosen to carry yesterday’s burdens into the next day, God was there reminding me of His presence and readiness to help. The answer that would bring help and the only way to find relief, could be summed up in one word. PRAYER!
CINDY’S KORNER CONT’D

Someone once said: “Each day has its burdens, its care and perplexities; and we are always ready to talk about them. Thankfully we have a loving Savior ready to hear all our requests and to be a help in every time of need.”

Sometimes, I’m afraid and always seem to stumble through a day forgetting that God is ready, willing and able to help me. I am thankful for the many ways He reminds me of His presence. And I’m thankful for the encouragement He gives me, even when it is least deserved.

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.
WERE MOVING FORWARD

*Holy Trinity* is on the move….We’re moving toward bigger and better things, we have come a mighty long way. What a difference.

It is true that man has a plan, but God orders our steps. A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven (*John 3:30*).

You can’t go through life without hitting bumps like regrets, disappointments, and tragedies. When you do, it’s easy to get stuck there. God wants you to move on toward the future he has a planned for you. It’s a future filled with hope – but to get there, you’ve got to turn your focus forward and looking through the windshield and not the rearview mirror.

God is by your side all the time. Trust in His power, wisdom, and love when He urges you to keep going into the future. Don’t stay in any place God is calling you to leave. Be willing to follow where God is leading you.

*Remember the Scripture.*

The **LORD** God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

*Habakkuk 3:19 (KJV)*

There are times when you feel weak and afraid. But when you know that God, the Greater One, lives on the inside of you, you don’t allow your feelings to derail you.

You don’t discount your feelings, but you don’t allow your feelings to discount God. He is your STRENGTH! You have **ALMIGHTY GOD** on your side.

**KEEP IT MOVING**
MOVING FORWARD CONT’D

When we began to serve God, we make changes that affect every part of our life. This process does not end when we get baptized. The Bible tells us: “Continue to be made new in your dominant mental attitude.” (Ephesians 4:23, 24) Because we are not perfect, we need to keep making changes.

When we make the effort to grow spiritually, Holy Spirit will help us to change the way we think. Little by little, we can learn to think as Christ did. (Romans 15:5).

WHO’S WHO IN THE CHURCH

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PASTOR’S 6TH ANNIVERSARY

We had a foot stomping Holy Ghost shouting good time at our Pastor David and First Lady Gloria McIlwaine’s 6th Anniversary. We thank God for the privilege He has given us to be alive and have a good time with our Pastor.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. *(Romans 8:28 KJV)*

We can remember when Pastor David & First Lady Gloria joined our church since then they have become part of us and we praise God for that.

They have been a blessing to each and every one of us. Pastor McIlwaine is such a wonderful Pastor he always prays and encourage us and above all he always motivates us to always cling on to Jesus for the daily provision.

-TO GOD BE THE GLORY -
PASTOR 6TH ANNIVERSARY CONT’D

DINNER

DINNER
MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 4th Annual Men’s Prayer Breakfast

This year Men’s Prayer Breakfast was a tremendous success from start to finish. The theme of this year’s fellowship was “The Supernatural Man.” The preacher of the hour was Pastor Larry Vaughan from Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in New Castle Delaware.

Deacon Ricardo Vaughn was instrumental in arranging the order of service. Our own Bishop Boyce Jordan Jr. was worship leader, Deacon Anthony Ferguson did the prayer, and Deacon Boyce Jordan III did the welcome address. Special thanks to Ian Tucker for delivering the scripture reading. It is always a blessed occasion when men come together to praise the Lord and leave inspired and motivated to do God’s will. Pastor Vaughan’s message was titled “It’s not about your position, it’s about the mission.” Everyone was filled by the extravagant breakfast that was served as well as by the word of God, thanks to the Culinary Ministry, they not only served food for the men but also served that week for a “going home” service for Mother Parson and an afternoon service the following Sunday. Pastor David McIlwaine encouraged the men to continue to be leaders in their church, home and community.

Submitted by,

Ricardo Vaughn
MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST CONT’D

MEMORY VERSE

give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
The love of the LORD endures forever.
(psalm 136:1)
HONORING OUR OLDEST MEMBER MOTHER BERNICE MAYS

Ninety-eight years ago, Holy Trinity Baptist Church oldest living member, Bernice Mays was born. (January 26, 1920.) Today, we want to honor and recognize her. She continues to be a special blessing to her family and friends. From a very young age, Bernice has sought to be a faithful servant, prayer warrior, and disciple of Jesus. She has spent her life serving in both the community and at church. For thirty years, she sang on the Chancel Choir and she also plays the piano. Bernice was baptize at the age of eight, she’s been a member of Holy Trinity Baptist Church since 1928.

Bernice and her husband served the Lord together in multiple ministries here at HTBC (Holy Trinity Baptist Church.) Her Husband is now decease. Bernice keeps on stepping making sure she gets to church every Sunday. When asked how do you have the strength to keep getting up every Sunday making it to church?

Bernice says, I give praise to God for all he has done for me. I’m so glad I have been a follower of Jesus and his Word all these years.” To God be the Glory

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34
Memory Verse: Morning with Our Word Here.
DRUMMER

DRUMMING TO THE HEART BEAT OF GOD—Dacia Clark-Nedd

When we think of drums we often think of it as a man’s instrument. The sounds can be troublesome; creating an intense rhythm that takes a tremendous amount of energy. Not only does playing drums require arm strength, but hand strength as well. Far be it for a woman to choose not to stand in the spotlight.

When you see a woman behind the drums, a feeling of wonder, confusion, and awe is born but Dacia could hold her own.

Playing the drums always appeared to be male dominated but Dacia has created her own space. She started playing the drums at New Kingdom Baptist church. When asked what made her want to play drums? She replied: “playing the Drums was natural for me.” She started when she was 9 years old. Someone asked her can she play a beat, unsure if she could do it, she started playing and everyone was listening and enjoying the music, that’s when she knew she had a gift and that gift to play drums came naturally.

After making a favorable impression she was asked to become the church drummer for Kingdom Baptist Church. Dacia is a self-taught drummer who now plays at Holy Trinity Baptist Church when needed for our Wordship service.

“NOT BAD FOR A LADY”
MISSIONARY MINISTRY

On January 15th 2018, members of HTBC's Missionary Ministry participated in a day of service with the non-profit organization, City Year Philadelphia. Members of the Missionary Ministry worked with other volunteers to paint beautiful and educational murals at Frankford High School. Missionary members had a wonderful time giving back and are excited to serve those in need in 2018!
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY
Trustee Daniel & Darlene Comer-----February 11, 2018

HAPPY 38TH ANNIVERSARY
Pastor David & First Lady Gloria McIlwaine- April 26, 2018

HAPPY 62ND ANNIVERSARY
Bishop Boyce Jordan & Margaret Jordan---May 6, 2018

HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY
Malik & Yvette Timbers----May 17, 2018

HAPPY 13TH ANNIVERSARY
Deacon Preston & Cindy McNeil---May 19, 2018
BIRTHDAYS

**JANUARY**

- Pastor David McIlwaine 2nd
- Sister Doretha McIlwaine 2nd
- Deaconess Ardgel Cotton 5th
- Trustee Patricia Whack 6th
- Deaconess Cora Ferguson 17th
- Carol Taylor 25th
- Bernice Mays 26th

**FEBRUARY**

- Elaine McIlwaine 6th
- Caleb Garbutt 10th
- Deacon Moses Cotton 12th
- Anthony Ferguson Jr. 14th
- Dakota Comer 28th
BIRTHDAYS CONT’D

Elisha Richardson 5th
Steve Williams 6th
Ramira Davis 8th
Sadie Johnson 27th

Deacon Preston McNeil 2nd
Helen Waters 3rd
Elizabeth Covington 13th
Deacon Boyce Jordan 3rd
Jayden Green 20th
Lady Gloria McIlwaine 22nd
Mamie Hill 28th
Ian Tucker 29th
BIRTHDAY’S CONT’D

Pop Willie Newton 1st
Bianica Samuel 1st
Malik Timbers 5th
Rose Garbutt 9th
Fredia Frazier 11th
Angelo Smith 23rd
Darlene Comer 24th
Alexander Waters 29th

the LORD has done GREAT things for US
& we are filled with JOY

Psalm 126:3
## Kids Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

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Words of Wisdom

God has a reason for allowing things to happen. We may never understand his Wisdom, but we simply have to trust His will.

If you kneel before God you can stand before any man.

God decides what we go through in life. But WE decided how we go through it. In anything and everything the best plan begins and ends with prayer.

God is working in ways you could never understand. Never lose hope.

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 May issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about June 3, 2018 and will be available to those who have no internet service can pick up their copies in the Sanctuary on June 3, 2018.

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

Mrs. Hortense Bailey,
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Ms. Yvonne Fernandez

Please notify the Church Office 215-546-5400 upon entering the hospital, home confinement or in the case of death. Also, contact us following discharge from the hospital

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**9:45 a.m.**
- 6:30 p.m. Sharp

**9:30 am**
- Banner of Praise

**10:30 a.m.**
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.
FROM THE WEBMASTER

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........

When you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.

Faith is not knowing what the future holds, but know who holds the future.

Thinking

What you think is what you do
What you do is who you are
What you are is who you become
What you become is how you live
How you live is how you will be remembered

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