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In a world confused about what love really is, it's crucial for us to understand and uphold the Bible's definition of love. A great place to start is with the most famous passage on the topic:

(1Corinthians 13
(KJV)

Pastor's Reflections

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By Pastor David McIlwaine

Love in The Biblical Sense

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in



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iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The original languages of the Bible - Greek, Aramaic and Hebrew — have many different words for love. The unconditional love expressed in 1 Corinthians 13 is *Agape* in the Greek. Love comes in many forms, but biblical love is always circular. We love God and thus we love each other, therefore fulfilling Jesus' greatest commandments at John 13:34-35(NKJV) where it says: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Because God loved us and sent His son to die for us and not condemn us, we respond to that love by loving Him back and being loving to others we come in contact with as we go about our day. However, Our love for fellow believers goes further.

More often, though, we can show love in smaller ways. For example, if we say or do something that offends someone, we can demonstrate love by taking the initiative to restore peace. What if someone offends us? Are we "ready to forgive," or are we sometimes inclined to hold a grudge? The intense love produced by the holy spirit can help us to cover over minor transgressions, freely forgiving others "even as we are freely forgiven.

Love, in the Biblical sense, is an action, a choice that goes beyond any feelings, and sometimes in spite of them. We may need to take measures to prevent the whirlwind of daily activities from infringing on our personal time with God.



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Selfishness



CINDY'S KORNER



Selfishness is the attitude of being concerned with one's own interests above the interests of others. Believe it or not, all of us are bound to be selfish at one time or another but the amazing thing is that a truly selfish person may not even know they are being selfish. Some people think selfishness is a good thing and that if you follow the example of Christ and put the needs of others above your own, there is no benefit for them. But all who would live a godly life, one in which we are becoming more each day like our unselfish Savior, need to view selfishness as something to deal with seriously.

The Bible tells us to “Let nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:3-4 NKJV).

Did you notice that the Apostle Paul compared selfishness to “empty conceit”—a term that could be translated “vanity” or “arrogance.” It refers to an overly high opinion of oneself. It's wise to distinguish between self-love and selfishness. There is nothing wrong with respecting ourselves, protecting ourselves, and taking care of ourselves, that's the biblical thing to do. Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”

We know this is not a good quality to possess because we see it in bible examples: The Apostle Paul wrote that in the last days selfishness will appear as self-love, self-seeking, and selfish ambition at an unprecedented level. Some will not reciprocate loving deeds, not seeing what they receive but only what more they can get. Selfishness is having too much concern with one's welfare or interests and too little or none for others. We often refer to this type of person as self-centered, self-absorbed, and self-serving.

Combating selfishness requires genuine humility. Being humble involves having a true perspective about ourselves in relation to God. Prayer and a love of Scripture are necessary



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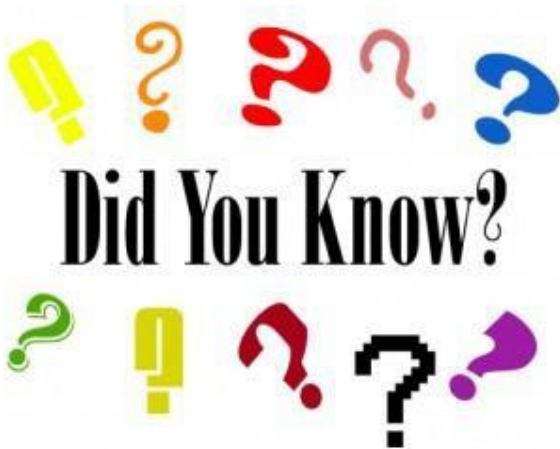
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necessary as well. "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness." (Psalm 119:36 KJV). Love covers a multitude of sins, including selfishness. If we are truly "devoted to one another in brotherly love" we cannot be selfish. Having the attitude of Christ, we will demonstrate tenderness and compassion for all those we meet.

Growing in Christ
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.



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Are You Moving Forward in Life?

Time waits for no one. For many people, making choices in life can be difficult. Why? Because change is a hard concept to grasp. Sometimes it can feel better to stay in a comfort zone than to move ahead in unfamiliar territory. However, nothing ever grows in your comfort zone, so the only way of moving forward in life is to get out of your head and embrace your fears. Indecision is an overwhelming place to be head and embrace your fears. Indecision is an overwhelming place to be. Why torture yourself? When we are faced with

many decisions it can be easy to feel paralyzed by fear, but the wrong decision is better than no decision at all.

Goals don't exist to be easy. Anything of value requires hard work, dedication, sacrifice, and discipline. If you are waiting for success to magically show up, think again. How can you possibly know what your limits are if you never take the chance to test them?

Don't do what is easy. Rather, stretch yourself and do what maximizes your potential as a human being. The hardest things in life are the most rewarding. When it comes down to it that's where the magic lies.

If you live based on “woulda, coulda, and shoulda”, you won't be moving forward in life. You can't go back and change the past. You must just keep moving forward.

Time waits for no one. It is a classic phrase with absolute truth. Our lives are shaped around our actions.

When we choose to move forward with our thoughts and actions we keep pace with time. Time only moves forward and our actions and thoughts should reflect the same. Holding on to the past offers a reflection of what life used to be. Time has one mission which is continuous movement forward without prejudice of any kind.





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HTBC NURSING HOME MINISTRY

HTBC Nursing Home Ministry was birthed March 2017. We currently have 6 members (Minister Sarah Wallace Waters, AJ Ferguson, Christina Ferguson, Steve Smith, Deaconess Arginel Cotton and Charlotte Friend). The members visit patients at Germantown Nursing Home every fourth and fifth Sundays. We provide praise and worship service.

The patients suffer with Alzheimer's and Dementia, some may believe the patients will not understand. However, we have learned and witnessed the joy the patients have about God. You can have Alzheimer's, Dementia or any health ailments, but God is always there for you. Sometimes our praise and worship service are the only time the patients have visits. We continue to interact with the patients, families and staff. Our goal is to share the love of HTBC, most importantly the love and word of God.

Submitted by,

Minister Sara Waters



WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH

- Pastor
- Assistant to The Pastor
- Chairman Deacon's Ministry
- Administrator /Church Clerk
- Assistant Church Clerk
- Office Assistant
- Holy Trinity Editor/Webmaster
- Pastor's E-mail Address
- Church Office E-mail Address
- Holy Trinity E-mail Address
- *Pastor D. McIlwaine*
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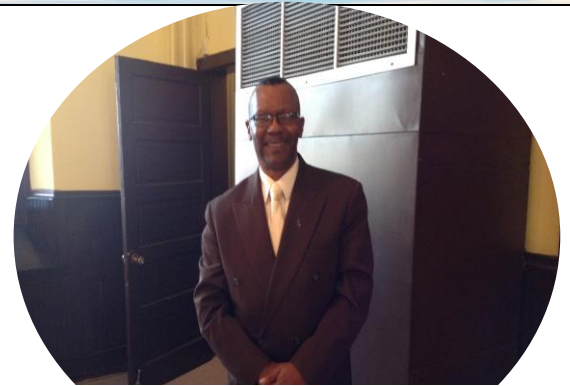
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SUNDAY SCHOOL- PASSING THE BATON



The Holy Trinity Baptist Church Sunday School went into its 127th year of existence. Its valuable ministry has continued to teach children and adults the word of God. The holy bible has been used as the basic source for study, with utilization of the King James. The good news and the international versions for complete understanding and comprehensive interpretation. Our Sunday School is the one ministry in the church that meets 52 Sundays a year. Only very severe weather conditions have caused any cancellations. Our basic theme has been: *“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye”* Psalm 32: 8

Hundreds of students have been diligent over the years, studying the word of God, and demonstrating the power of God in helping them accept Jesus as savior. Many became strong faithful Christian followers.

Deaconess Bettie B. Rountree has had the marvelous blessing of serving as superintendent of the Sunday School for 26 years. She brought with her to that assignment in 1992, the rich experiences she had as a student beginning at age of 7 in 1937, in this Sunday school, prayerfully *Deaconess Rountree* was moved to retire from her role, and God answered her prayer with a candidate with approval from our pastor, and the support of our Deacons & Deaconess. *Deacon Ricardo Vaughn* was appointed Sunday School Superintendent on May 27, 2018. Our Church Honors *Deaconess Rountree* for here valiant leadership and welcomes *Deacon Vaughn* to this new role. His dignity, concern and commitment to teaching God’s word in unmatched.

Submitted by,

Deaconess Bettie B Rountree

-TO GOD BE THE GLORY -



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HTBC NEW MINISTER – Sarah Waters



As I sit and remember my journey, I become emotional because I am so honored God chose me to spread His word throughout the Kingdom. This journey started many years ago and I can remember running and not accepting the calling God had placed on my life. My mother was a praying mother and I recall her calling me her little nun. You see I was raised as a Catholic and attended the Catholic school system. I learned about God not only at home but in school also. I know now that God revealed my reason for being to my mother when I was a young child. My mother called me her little nun, because as a Catholic female the highest level was a nun. I smile to think about all the prayers I know she had for me. She was my intercessor and such a spiritual, godly woman. As we all do, I wonder during my young adulthood. I left the Catholic faith and converted to Islam. I was a practicing Muslim for about 10 years before I met Pastor David McIlwaine. After speaking with Pastor, I attended Sunday service at HTBC because I wanted to hear and learn more about God's message in my life. I later joined HTBC and began to attend new members'



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HTBC NEW MINISTER- Sarah Wallace Waters cont'd

Sunday school, and Bible study. As I studied the Word of God, my spirit became hungry to learn more. I was asked to become a Sunday school teacher and at that moment I knew I needed to prepare myself.

I decided to attend Palmer Seminary, because I wanted to have knowledge in Theological Studies. I believed this would be a major help with teaching, but what I didn't realize is this would be where God began to transform my life. God called me to minister and I accepted with willingness in my heart to spread His word to all. I have completed all core classes within Palmer and I am entering my final year to obtain my clinical studies. I have earned my Bachelor Degree in Psychology at University of Phoenix. June 3, 2018 was the most amazing day in my life. God called me and I answered. I became a licensed Minister of the Gospel at HTBC. I was so overjoyed and emotional, because God chose me. I cannot fail as long as I continue to stand on the Word of God. May of 2019, I will earn my Master Degree in Theological Studies and my license as a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Pennsylvania. I will continue to spread the Word of God within my personal and professional life. You see, the vineyard is ready for services to the Kingdom business of God.

Submitted by,

Minister Sarah Wallace-Waters



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HTBC RENOVATIONS



Our church has completed a sanctuary renovation in the spring. The renovation updated our sanctuary, roof and other parts of our church. (we had been meeting in our fellowship hall).

We are grateful that the project is completed and have benefited from worshipping in our renovated sanctuary.



MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Deacon Ricardo & Deaconess Arnette Vaughn-----July 30,



HAPPY 9TH ANNIVERSARY

Brother Alexander & Minister Sarah Waters-----August 8,



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

ONE OF THE BEST GIFTS
WE CAN GIVE OURSELVES IS
TIME ALONE WITH GOD.



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BIRTHDAYS



Charlene
Deaconess Bettie
Alana
Ethel
Michelle

Friend
Roundtree
Guy
Hankins
Dillard

1st
8th
12th
21st
25th



Michael
Cheryl
Catherine
Peaches

Gaskins
Douglass
Nelson
Timbers

4th
6th
14th
15th



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Lynda
Minister Sarah Wallace
Amenia

Jackson	22nd
Waters	22nd
Davis	30th



Olaree
Daniel
Mother Margaret
Shameka
Charles
Marquan
Renee
Beverly

Burnett	4th
Comer 3rd	11th
Jordan	23rd
Green	28th
Davis	28th
Davis	28th
Davis	29th
Stevenson	30th





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



AS YOU LIFT YOUR EYES
TOWARD HEAVEN, YOUR
HELP WILL COME
AND YOU WILL LIVE A
VICTORIOUS LIFE!



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KIDS PAGE



WINTER WORD SEARCH



W	E	A	T	H	E	R	W	G	S	F	P	S	F	M
O	H	J	V	O	L	J	O	N	J	V	H	N	J	J
K	F	R	A	C	S	M	E	O	K	O	L	O	M	G
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S	Z	Q	M	W	Q	D	S	D	Q	M	F	A	D	A
N	I	A	K	S	B	I	U	W	A	K	F	K	I	K
A	N	S	L	I	D	E	I	S	S	L	U	E	W	S
M	G	W	J	C	D	L	L	A	W	J	M	D	S	W
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O	C	C	U	F	D	D	P	C	C	U	A	D	D	C
N	V	D	O	M	G	G	N	I	D	D	E	L	S	D
S	B	E	P	I	C	C	R	E	T	N	I	W	C	E
F	S	L	I	P	P	E	R	Y	R	T	A	H	H	R

See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |



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Words of Wisdom

If I say to myself, "I failed," God's Word says, "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world" (1 John 5:4).



If my thoughts are, "I am weak," the Lord says, "Let the weak say, 'I am strong' " (Joel 3:10).



The foundation for learning to walk with the Lord, for serving Him and for becoming a blessing to others begins with the humility to act on God's thoughts instead of our own



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



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

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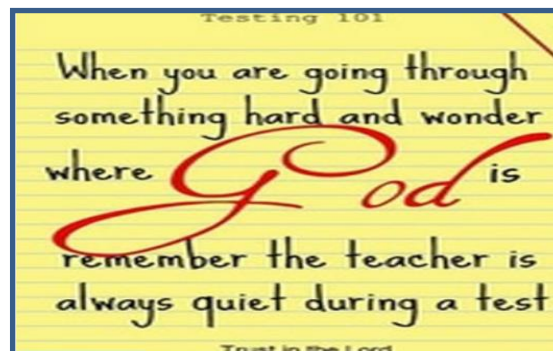
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Let us Pray for the Sick and Shut In



Mrs. Hortense Bailey,
Mrs. Elizabeth Covington
Ms. Sadie Johnson
Ms. Yvonne Fernandez
Mother Bernice Mays

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29 	30 	31	1 Youth Choir 11:00 am Praise Dancers 9:30 am
2 9:45 a.m. 	3	4 Voices of Victory @ 6:00pm 	5  Meeting at 12:00 p.m.	6 6:30 p.m. Sharp 	7	8 Youth Choir 11:00 am Praise Dancers 9:30 am. 
9	10	11 Voices of Victory @ 6:00pm 	12  Meeting at 12:00 p.m.	13 6:30 p.m. Sharp 	14 	15 Youth Choir 11:00 am Praise Dancers 9:30 am Banner of .Praise Chancel Choir @ 10:30 a.m.
16	17	18 Voices of Victory @ 6:00pm 	19  Meeting at 12:00 p.m.	20 6:30pm Sharp, 	21	22 Youth Choir 11:00 am Praise Dancers Rehearsal at 9:30 am
23 9:45 am 	24	25	26 12:00 p.m. 	27 	28	29



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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.

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- **Cindy McNeil, Webmaster**

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Odds ENDS

Think About This.....

If material things are what you're talking about when you say, "IM BLESSED" you have no idea what a BLESSING is



If you really want to do something, you will find a way. If you don't, you will find an excuse



Be sure to taste your words before you spit them out.



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