

## **BE SAFE**

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"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

#### Hebrews 11:6

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# Pastor's Reflections bastor, s Kellections

### LIVE BY FAITH NOT BY FEAR

COVID-19 has revealed a spirit of fear around the world. The financial markets have gone down, store shelves are going bare, schools are shut down, and sporting events are banning spectators and cancelling games.

People are afraid. The Bible tells us that fear started with Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God's commandment in Genesis 2:16 where he said "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." After they ate the fruit which God prohibited, they hid themselves because they were afraid.



#### **PASTOR REFLECTIONS cont'd**

However, their fear did not come from God. This was from Satan. Satan put fear into them when he mis-lead them (Gen. 3:1-6). That is still Satan's tactic against humans today. Even though the Bible tells us not to fear, we still have to deal with many kinds of fears such as; social fears and peer pressure, fears of failure, fear of death, and many more. Even Jesus disciples were struggling with fear when they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near them, they were even more terrified until they heard him say, "It is I; do not be afraid" At this, they welcomed Him into the boat and were relieved from their fear.

It was possible by trusting GOD having faith that GOD would protect and not harm them. When we are in trouble, we usually look for a way to get out of it with our own intelligence and experience. That may not work, that's why it's important to look to God for help and keep praying, building up your faith, knowing that God will answer your prayers. Talk to God about your fears. "Trust in him at all times, God is our refuge." God is telling us that He wants us to pour out our hearts to Him – Our hearts are safe with Him. He is a refuge, a shelter that our hearts desperately need at all times.

We are constantly being assaulted daily with lies, temptations, distractions and accusations. We live in a world that is experiencing a pandemic, food shortages, unemployment and more but in order to stand firm, we need our hearts healed of the pain and fear we are experiencing. Take a moment and sit quietly. Give God your heart and ask Him to speak to you then ask yourself "*Do you live in fear or by faith*?

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

"Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

JOHN 7:38



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#### **CINDY'S KORNER**



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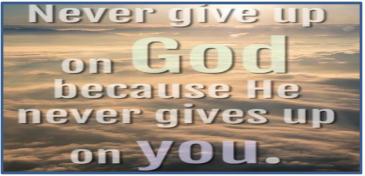
### PRAISE HIM IN THE STORM

Before COVID-19, we were so very busy with our everyday life and the anxieties that come with it. Since we couldn't or we wouldn't slow down, maybe God gave us the time to be still and pause. To learn how to have conversations with our loved ones and friends that we never took the time to do before.

The time that we are taking to pause could create spiritual conversations that may have been difficult to have with others in the past. This time can be used to check on family members and friends. They may need a phone call, someone to pick up their needed medicine, shop for them or just someone to pray with them.

Everyone is going through a storm in these trying times and as a country, we are facing a lot of anxieties that we are unsure of. Many realize that we are currently living in a time known as the "new norm." However, we want things to hurry and return back to the way it used to be. Although we are facing a lot of things that we may have never experienced in the past, don't forget God is still in control and he's going to help us through this terrible storm or whatever we are going through. At *Isaiah 41:13* he tells us " For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you do not fear, I will help you."

So, take this time and keep your hand in God's hand while you "slow down." Use the time you have been given to reflect on your life and draw closer to God. Think of others during this time and most of all Continue to *Praise Him in The Storm!* 





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### FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord,

"You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."



*Pastor David McIlwaine* has a podcast of his Sunday morning sermons online 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 or you can listen in iTunes under Holy Trinity Baptist Church



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Worship Service is on Zoom Sunday Mornings @ 10:00am

Children Sunday School Service is now on Zoom- Contact Elisha Richardson

# **FUN THURSDAYS**

Want to know what's going on in the church, just need to vent or see a friendly face. Join us on Thursdays @ 6:00 pm on Zoom....4466578160.

Here's a chance to check and see how everyone is doing.



Bible study will resume on Zoom Thursday Sept 24, 2020 @ 6:00pm.

As several leaders continue to meet on virtually thru Zoom and other means of communication....stay in touch with your group leader to stay connected.



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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd**



Deaconess Roundtree has our New Sunday School Books available. If interested please contact Deaconess Roundtree.



HTBC will be distributing school supplies on Sept 13th 2020 after our Prayer Vigil



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#### WHO'S WHO

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#### WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH

- Pastor
- Assistant to the Pastor
- Chairman Deacons Ministry
- **♦** Ministry
- ✤ Ministry
- Church Administrator
- Church Clerk
- Office Assistant
- HTBC Editor /Webmaster
- Pastor's Email Address
- Church Office Email Address
- Holy Trinity Email Address

- Pastor D. McIlwaine
- ♦ Bishop Boyce Jordan, Jr
- Deacon Anthony Ferguson
- Sarah Waters
- Engracia McIlwaine
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While we consider everyone, who walks through these doors to be our brothers and sisters in Christ, we also recognize the importance of joining the congregation. We believe that our church is a wonderful place to worship and a good place for fellowship and we are extending an open invitation to all who would like to join at this time

We hope to see you there.



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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



64th Wedding Anniversary
12th Wedding Anniversary
15 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
31 <sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Bishop Boyce & Mrs. Margaret	May 17th		
Jordan McIlwaine			
Mr. Malik & Mrs. Yvette Timbers	May 19th		
Deacon Preston & Mrs. Cindy McNeil	May 20th		
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Minister David & Mrs. Betty White	May 20th		





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PRAYER VIGIL





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#### BIRTHDAYS

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Pop Willie Newton Bianca Samuel Malik Timbers Freida Frazier Jalay Comer Angelo Smith Deaconess Darlene Comer	May 1 <sup>st</sup> . May 1 <sup>st</sup> . May 5th May 11th May 12th May 23rd May 24th	Charlotte Friend Deaconess Bettie Rountree Alanah Guy Ethel Hankins Intercessor Michelle Dillard Bishop Boyce Jordan	June 1st June 8th June 12th June 21st June 25th June 27th
Michael Gaskins	July 4th	Olaree Burnett	Aug. 4th
Trustee Cheryl Douglass	July 6th	Michael Beauburn	Aug. 10th
Catherine Nelson	July 14th	Deaconess Ardgnel Cotton	Aug. 11th
Yvette Timbers	July 22nd	Mother Margaret Jordan	Aug. 23rd
Lynda Jackson	July 22nd	Charles Davis	Aug. 28th
Minister Sarah Walters	July 27th	Marquan Davis	Aug. 28th
Dacia Clark-Nedd	July 30th	Renee Davis	Aug. 29th
Amena Beaubrun	July 30th	Shameka P. Green	Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup>



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**KIDS PAGE** 



## **33 Things of Holy Spirit**

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**NEWS/BITS & PIECES** 

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

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 *htbcmedia@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 around *August 28, 2020* and for those who have no internet service you can pick up a copy in the Sanctuary *August 28, 2020*.





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SICK AND SHUT-IN



### Let us Pray for the Sick and Shut-In



Ms. Yvonne Fernandez Mrs. Mamie Hill Mrs. Geraldine Meekins Mother Catherine Nelson

Please notify the Church Office at **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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### FROM THE WEBMASTER



http://www.holytrinitybaptistorg

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: <u>HTBCmedia@gmail.com</u>. Thank you and may God bless you.

Cindy McNeil, Webmaster/Editor

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