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“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”

1 Corinthians 13:1



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Pastor's Reflections

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Having a Servants Heart

I'm not really good at using electronics however, I needed a calendar that would sync with my phone and computer. That being said, I chose Microsoft Outlook. While setting up my calendar, I didn't know how to advance to a specific date, so I just held down the forward arrow. As I did this I was speeding through the months and years on this electronic calendar. They were disappearing quickly. I remember thinking to myself that this is how life feels sometimes. Like the days and months pass by so quickly, it feels like someone is holding down the fast-forward button on life!

I was thinking of that this morning during my quiet time. I was also thinking that no matter the day, there is one thing I find to be true. Each day I wake up with a lot on my schedule, a lot of deadlines to meet. Yet, things rarely go as planned, and I find myself getting



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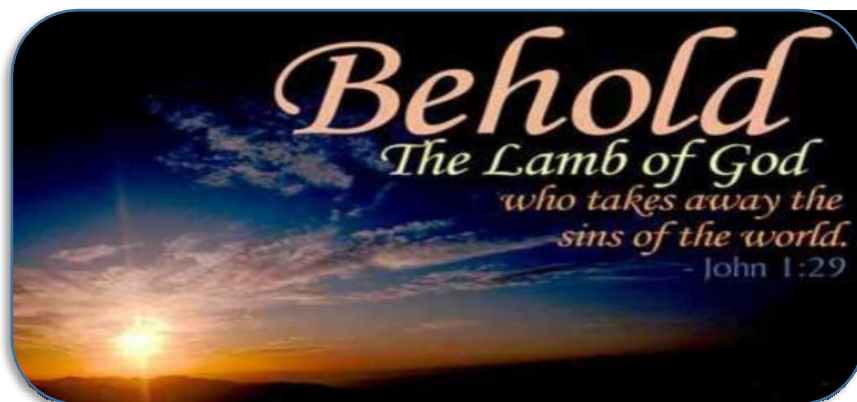
frustrated when I'm interrupted. As I considered my frustrations, I realized something else to be true. I needed an *"attitude adjustment."* When I feel frustrated over interruptions and obstacles, the only real solution is to change my attitude. I can't change anything else but I can change my attitude. Thinking of that during my quiet time, I read Philippians 2:6 (KJV).

"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God"

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: If anyone ever had the ability to change things, Jesus could have. Yet instead of changing the situation, he submitted himself to the will and plan of his Father. Instead of freeing and saving himself, he "humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death." Why? The answer of course is love. *"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8). So, the only real solution to an attitude change is to have a *"servant's heart"* that is motivated by love. Not just when things are easy or convenient but always! Because, 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 rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7 KJV).



MEMORY VERSE





CINDY'S KORNER



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I Was Blind But Now I See

“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal

Matthew 6:12

I know of a man that after a number of years, he recently had his eyes examined. He knew his eyesight had changed because he could see better without wearing his glasses. As it turned out, his distance vision had improved, but he still needed glasses for driving, so he got new ones. What a difference that makes! It's so nice to put on sunglasses

and really be able to see or better yet, feel safer while driving at night. Never underestimate the need to clearly see!

It's great to have an adjustment to our vision. That is even more important when it comes to seeing God clearly, because when we do, we are led to worship. Here are some examples. There is a story in John, Chapter 9, about a man who was born blind. Jesus saw the man, made some mud and, put it on the man's eyes and told him to go to Siloam and wash. And just like that, the man was healed and able to see. I wonder how many times I have read that and never stopped to imagine what that must have been like. If a slight adjustment in an eyeglass prescription helps me to see more clearly, what did this man experience? He had never seen anything. His eyes were opened for the first time. Ever! Can you imagine? When hit with a few questions and some animosity on the part of the inquirers, he exclaimed, “One thing I do know, I was blind but now I see!” (John, verse 25). And when Jesus revealed himself to the man, the man worshiped him (verse 38)

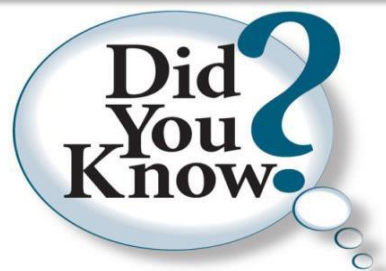


CINDY'S KORNER CONT'D

How about our stories? Most of us have not had to deal with the challenge of physical blindness, but maybe we can all recognize the times in our past when we have been spiritually blind. Sometimes, for several reasons, our spiritual vision becomes cloudy. Trying circumstances narrow our ability to see and emotions can blind us in the blink of an eye. And whether on a road leading to Damascus or on the freeway headed to work, likely we have all had an experience which causes us to say, “How could I have been so blind?” Sometimes, it takes a fresh experience with Jesus himself to open our eyes. Whether the Lord use a sermon, a conversation with a friend or just a small whisper to our hearts, only he knows how to help us to see clearly again. And when that happens, I believe we are led to worship, because only we know the extent of what has occurred in our own heart. I don't know about you, but I am happy to say that I can relate to the man in the book of John, because I can honestly say, **“One thing I do know, I was blind but now I see!”**

Growing in Christ

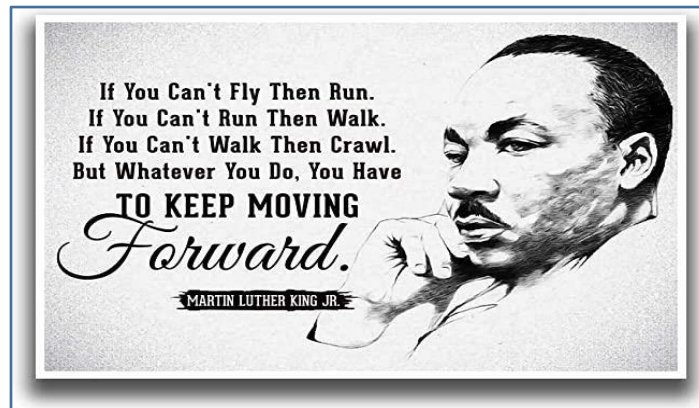
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Pastor David McIlwaine has a podcast of his Sunday morning sermons online for your listening pleasure. These Podcast are *free*, and you do not need any special equipment, just a computer with speakers. If you would like to take your podcast with you 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*. *Holy Trinity is now on Zoom....member ID- 4466578160 password 1818*



MOVING FORWARD



We have all lost our way and felt helpless. It is the worst feeling in the world. There is nothing worse than we begin to give up on ourselves. No matter how hard things may seem right now there is hope. All things change and nothing stays the same. " There are no hopeless situations only people who become hopeless about them" At some point we ask, 'What is the point?'

What is the point of despair? What is the point of it, God? To keep moving hopefully forward anyway. 'What point is there, to stay in the place of powerlessness or pity? I can do more in you as you bear your pain hopefully, choosing to trust I am still, and always, in control,' says my Lord, 'Keep moving forward, anyway.' The pain won't kill you...but it will help you to grow...if you keep moving forward.

There are times like now when I wonder how to respond. When there's no explanation for what has taken place. I'm left wondering, without answers, not even knowing the right questions to ask. Situations like these are littered throughout life.

Everyone has been through difficult situations that are the defining moments of their life. Where will they go, and how will they get there? There is hope and it is safe in the arms of Gods. Let the love of God set you free. Everyone deserves a chance to be free. Everyone deserves a second chance to move forward with their life. There is a purpose beyond the pain, a justice beyond the travesty, a love beyond the fear, and we will see all these



MOVING FORWARD cont'd

and more, if we just keep moving forward.

This is all about taking the Lord's side and remembering that in taking our own side we choose wrong.

It seems hopeless to go against ourselves, but to bear the pain of reality while we keep moving forward is the greatest wisdom.



Pastor would like to thank you for all your prayers and support for First Lady Gloria McIlwaine.

Youth Ministry would like to thank you for all the School Supplies received.

HTBC Annual Coat Drive was a huge success.





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FAITH IN BLUE

What you seek is seeking you.





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WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH

- ❖ Pastor
- ❖ Assistant to the Pastor
- ❖ Chairman Deacons Ministry
- ❖ Ministry
- ❖ Ministry
- ❖ Administrator
- ❖ Church Clerk
- ❖ Office Assistant
- ❖ Holy Trinity Editor / Webmaster
- ❖ Pastor's Email Address
- ❖ Church Office Email Address
- ❖ Holy Trinity Email Address
- ❖ Pastor D. McIlwaine
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- ❖ Deacon Anthony Ferguson
- ❖ Sara Waters
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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. While we are having Worship Service on Zoom (Due to COVID-19), 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.

Zoom Meeting: 446-657-8160

Passcode: 1818

We hope to see you there.



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



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| 7th Wedding Anniversary | Deacon Moses &
Deaconess/Trustee Ardgnel
Cotton | Nov. 2nd |
| 5th Wedding Anniversary | Brother Terrence & Shameka
Green | Nov. 24th |
| 36 th Wedding Anniversary | Deacon Anthony &
Deaconess Cora Ferguson | December 29th |





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Birthday's



Geraldine Meekins	Oct. 15	Sharon Samuel	Nov. 4th
Trustee /Deaconess Lorraine Evans	Oct 11th.	Cindy McNeil	Nov. 6th
Angela Brown	Oct. 18	Minister David White	Nov. 10th
Fontaine Caldwell	Oct. 22	Amerah Guy	Nov. 17th
Jerome Outlaw	Oct. 28th	William Reed	Nov. 18th
Ian Tucker	Oct29th		

Darcelle Comer	Dec .2nd
James Smith	Dec. 2nd
Terrence Green	Dec. 9th
Jasmine Vaughn	Dec. 14th
Betty White	Dec. 17th
Joshua Green	Dec. 22nd
Deacon Anthony Ferguson	Dec. 31st
Christina Ferguson	Dec 31st



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Spiritual Gifts

Words to Find

- apostleship
- discernment
- evangelism
- exhorting
- faith
- fervency
- giving
- healing
- hope
- hospitality
- interpretation
- knowledge
- love
- mercy
- ministering
- miracles
- pastoring
- prayer
- prophecy
- ruling
- teaching
- tongues
- wisdom

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



We like to welcome

Evangelist Linda Doughty
Karen Tucker

As a new member of Holy Trinity Baptist Church, may your journey with Christ be blessed.



BIBLE FOR LIFE

Bible class on Zoom

Every Thursday night @ 6:00pm

Taught by *Pastor David McIlwaine*

Zoom: Member ID 4566578160

Password: 1818





NEWS/BIT & PIECES

Don't miss out on the latest news. Subscribe to the latest issue of our Church newsletter. You can sign up by clicking on the Newsletter link at: <http://www.holytrinitybaptist.org> and we'll add you to the mailing list.



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 *December* issue will be available for online reading and printing on or around *December 25th* and for those who have no internet service you can request a copy by calling 215 546-5400.





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Let us Pray for the Sick and Shut



First Lady Gloria McIlwaine
Mrs. Yvonne Fernandez

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





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: HTBCmedia@gmail.com. Thank you and may God bless you.

- **Cindy McNeil, Webmaster/Editor**

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