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Hebrews 11:6

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Pastor's Reflections

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

What Is Faith?

It is trust, assurance and confidence in God. Living faith is shown by obedience to God.

The expression “just have faith, it will work out” is used by people to encourage and comfort someone facing serious problems or stressful situations. But just what is faith as described in the Bible, and does it really work?

Faith is the assurance of things we hope for, but have not yet received. Faith is also our evidence of that which is not seen the invisible spiritual things. Faith comes before a prayer is answered or before an individual has received what he or she has requested from God.



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An example of this definition is found in Matthew 9:27-30 where two blind men came to Jesus and asked Him to heal them. Jesus first asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” and their reply was, “Yes, Lord.” “Then He touched their eyes saying, ‘According to your faith let it be to you.’ And their eyes were opened.”

Their faith and assurance that Jesus could give them sight was the reality they hoped for. It also gave them the evidence or trust that they would receive what they asked for. They believed in advance that it would be done.

Real faith is more than just believing in God alone. It includes acting on that faith in one’s life by serving God and obeying His commandments. *Faith is increased by drawing closer to God through prayer and the study of His Word, the Bible.*

As Christians, we must strive for living faith—belief in God demonstrated by good works according to His laws and commandments. If our belief in things inspires us to be obedient to God and changes the way we live our life, then we truly have faith and will be considered faithful if we consistently increase and grow in our relationship with God.

Today, we have the complete Word of God in many different translations. The Bible is God’s inspired Word to mankind. When we read the Bible, our faith in God to answer our prayers and bring us through impossible situations increases.

To summarize, faith is trust, assurance and confidence in God. It’s not just believing that God exists. It is demonstrated by one’s service and obedience to God.

God will increase our faith if we ask Him for it and seek to draw closer to Him in prayer and the reading of His Word.



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CINDY'S KORNER



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How to Grow in Faith

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Heb. 11:6

God expects us to have faith and to grow in faith! And if we really believe God and live according to that faith, then God will be pleased. And we're going to be blessed! But lacking faith and failing to live by faith displeases God.

Why? Because God's honor is at stake! So how do we dishonor God by a lack of faith? When we disbelieve God, we are in essence saying to God, “I don't really believe you'll do exactly what you say you will do. And I don't really believe that You are what you say you are.” And God's response to that is, “I am a promise-keeping God!”

God has never failed once—he's always kept the promises he's made to human beings. And he always will!

Faith is one of the key qualities God is looking for in us, so it only makes sense that we learn how to grow in faith.

The Bible makes it clear that there are degrees of faith. Jesus described some people of His day as having little faith and others as having great faith. So it's good to ask ourselves: how much faith do we currently have? And how dedicated are we to increasing our faith? We need to have growing faith. None of us has enough of it.

Growing faith means growing belief that God knows best.

Jesus made His request, then He left it in God hands to do what he knew was best.



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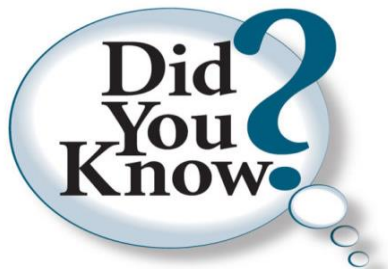
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CINDY'S KORNER CONT'D

Faith must be based on God's specific promises in the Bible. And we have to be sure that we not only understand the promises correctly but that we're not assuming that God is promising us something when he's not. It's comforting to know that if we just do the things God tells us to do, our faith will grow. We don't have to figure this out for ourselves; because God has already done that.

Growing in Christ

Cindy



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 listen on your smartphone or ipad. 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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MOVING FORWARD



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 GOD.

There are times in our life when we must let go or nothings is going to change. It is called surrendering. Seems odd that by letting go of what is dominating our thoughts and controlling our mind that things finally change. It is a process. When someone discovers how to let go of all the negative thoughts they can begin to move forward instead of remaining stuck.

Peace is obtainable. Peace is within our grasp. "Christ in you brings hope of all the great things to come." - Colossians 1:27. Christ has broken the chain of bondage so that everyone can have freedom.

Sometimes there is something that happens in the midst of the struggles that make it a defining moment in our life. When we hit rock bottom something happens inside of many of us. We lose faith, we lose hope. A small part of our self-dies and we feel like we can no longer move. We are stuck. But praise God that we do not have to remain that way.



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MOVING FORWARD cont'd

We can do something about it. We all have strength inside us.

Strength is a funny thing. Sometimes you don't know your own strength until you're faced with a life situation that necessitates strength, then from somewhere your inner strength kicks in. That inner strength affirms, "I have to get up;" that inner strength says to you; "I must move forward;" that inner strength says to you; "I will not let this conquer me."

You may say, feel or believe that you don't have that inner strength, but, just by the mere fact that you could say I "remember" a time while I experienced so much pain, demonstrates that you had to have moved forward pass that period in life otherwise you couldn't state I remember; this means past tense. The way we get past and work through that pain and agony is actually by means of that inner strength that kicks in.

That inner strength will allow you not to look back to look forward to grow stronger, yes you will certainly have those sad unfortunate memories, however, it won't dominate or consume you as it did previously. Then when you ask how is one capable of moving forward from those tough and difficult moments in life; we're able to accomplish this from learning, from understanding, from observing, from remembering, from allowing and making it possible for your inner strength to help.

MEMORY VERSE

Therefore I tell you,
whatever you ask for in prayer,
believe that you have received it,
and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24



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DOORS OF THE CHURCH

Holy Trinity has re-open the doors to the church.

THE CHURCH NEVER CLOSED JUST THE DOORS TO THE BUILDING

After sixteen months of COVID-19 restrictions that have shut down businesses and kept most people at home, and away from schools and colleges, the city has re-open again. Businesses are being allowed to operate at reduced capacity. People are returning to work in the office. Schools are opening back up.

The pandemic has changed our lives in so many ways it has turned our world upside down. The pain and anxieties losing our love ones around us is real.

It is important for us to remember that the Church never really closed, just the doors to our buildings. And to this day some churches doors still remain close.

As, we enter a new phase of COVID-19, to help our church navigate, it is imperative to take new precautions and measures to manage against the risk. Creating a safe place in church goes well beyond placing a dehumidifier in the sanctuary, hand sanitizer at the entrance, in the lobby, bathrooms and making sure everyone is sitting 6 feet apart.

We're all in this together, and we are excited about what the future holds for our Church.

We don't think we were going to have our normal crowds for quite a while, if we practice social distancing and keep sanitizer throughout the church, we will be within our grasp of keeping everyone safe.

We also have masks handed out upon entry and a team of volunteers will disinfect the sanctuary between each service.



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DOORS OF THE CHURCH cont'd

Holy Trinity resumes services this Sunday @ 10:00 am. If you want to come and worship with us, we will be more than happy to have you.

To God Be the Glory!

HOLY TRINITY WELCOMES OUR NEW WALKING DEACONS:

Mr. and Mrs. Terry and Shameka Green





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WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH

- ❖ Pastor
- ❖ Assistant to the Pastor
- ❖ Chairman Deacons Ministry
- ❖ Ministry
- ❖ Ministry
- ❖ Administrator/Church Clerk
- ❖ Assistant Church Clerk
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Deacon Anthony Ferguson
- ❖ Sara Waters
- ❖ Engracia McIlwaine
- ❖ Ms. Dee S. Peters
- ❖ Bro. Terrance D. Green
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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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BACK TO SCHOOL

As your school resumes in-person learning during the COVID-19 pandemic – please make sure your kids are safe.

Please check with your school to see what the CDC says about wearing face mask.

As we know some kids are so happy to be back in school and among their friends. We know it won't be normal for a while, but to give them that sense of connection with other children is just great to see.

*One child, one teacher,
one book, one pen can
change the world.*

If you are not willing to learn,

NO one can help you.

If you are determined to learn,

NO one can stop you.



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BIRTHDAY'S



Charolette Friend	June 1st	Michael Gaskins	July 4th
Deaconess Bettie Rountree	June 8th	Cheryl Douglass	July. 6th
Alanah Guy	June 12th	Catherine Nelson	July 14th
Ethel Hankins	June 21st	Peaches Timbers	July 15th
Michele Dillard	June 25th	Lynda Jackson	July 22nd
Bishop Boyce Jordan	June 27th	Minister Sarah Waters	July 22nd
		Amena Davisl	July 30th

Olaree Burnett	Aug. 4th	Ernesta Thomas	Sept. 1st
Karen Reed-Tucker	Aug. 5th	Annette Johnson	Sept .6th
Michael Beaubrun	Aug. 10 th	Minister Gracie	Sept. 11th
Daniel Comer, 3 rd	Aug. 11 th	McIlwaine	
Mother Margaret Jordan	Aug. 23rd	Charlene Brooks	Sept. 12th
Charles Davis	Aug. 28th	Dee Peters (Admin.)	Sept. 12th
Marquan Davis	Aug. 28th	Melvin McIlwaine	Sept. 27th
Shameka Green	Aug. 28th	Deacon Daniel Comer	Sept. 30th
Renee Davis	Aug. 29 th		
Beverly Stevenson	Aug. 30th		



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People in the
book of Acts
Puzzle #4

Acts Chapter 1:1-12

ABRAHAM
ALEXANDER
ANANIAS
ANDREW
ANNAS
BARSABAS
CAIAPHAS
DAVID
ISAAC
JACOB
JAMES
JESUS

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JOHN
JOSEPH
JOSES
MARY
MATTHEW
MATTHIAS
PHILIP
PILATE
SAMUEL
SAPPHIRA
THEOPHILUS
THOMAS



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Let us Pray for the Sick and Shut



Ms. Yvonne Fernandez
Mrs. Hortense Bailey
Mrs. Elsie Burnett
Ms. Geraldine Meekins

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

- **Cindy McNeil, Webmaster/Editor**

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