



# HOLY TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS LETTER

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## *Pastor's Reflections* PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

### ***Is Christmas about giving gifts or Christ?***

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

There is a cure for those who get tired of hearing the story of Christ's birth. Christmas is not about the wrapped presents, we must get beyond the wrapping. Now we have the gift. Now let's look at the giver. Although the gift is unspeakable..."thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" 2 Corinthians 9:15. Christ did die for all but all will not accept



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## *PASTOR REFLECTIONS* cont'd

him. So, it is our job like the shepherds we must tell the good news. Isaiah 9:6 said that all the promises of God are in him. Everything that you could want or need is in him.

Yes there is a Santa Claus and his name is Jehovah and every gift that he has for us is in him you know him his name is Jesus. The problem that we have is that there are too many Scrooges in the church and in the world.

The issue is that you say he was not born on December 25, but I thank God that he was born. We must come together and agree that it was good that Christ was born.

If you believe in the teachings of Jesus, the Anointed one, then you must conclude that Christmas is about sharing the Gospel of Jesus while he preached on earth, not about buying gifts and trying to show love through things.

I wonder if we've got it all wrong. If anyone deserves all we have to give, it's the Lord. Yet, the way it is now, He often gets the least.

HE is Prince of Peace, yet we celebrate with chaos. HE is Mighty God, yet the mighty dollar rules and reigns as we buy decorations, family gifts, groceries and supplies for parties and meals, tickets for Christmas performances, gas for road trips, and so on.

HE is Wonderful, yet the hustle and bustle, the buying and receiving, the going and doing covertly diverts our attention from marveling Him. HE is Counselor, yet distractions keep us from receiving His counsel. HE is Everlasting Father, yet we long to please those around us, sometimes forgetting He is to be pleased over all.



**CINDY'S KORNER**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

Although it may seem that last year was something that most of us want to forget, I find myself not wanting to forget last year at all. In a year where we have had shutdowns, deaths, stress, pain, and pandemic. Don't look at what happen last year. Don't look at what was taken away from you but what God has done for you. While the pandemic was going on we found other ways to connect. We have started recording our services and posting them on YouTube and having Bible study on Zoom. so that not only can we stay connected,

but also, so that we can reach out to those who feel alone. We have seen a connection in caring for one another in different ways. God has been so good to us.

The church as a whole has grown. Maybe not in numbers, but we have grown in the understanding of God's will for us. You have trusted even in the hard times that God is in control. Sure, we have to take precautions in how we meet and what we are doing in our meeting.

This year, make a great resolution – commit to reading your Bible every day! Pick a time that you can be alone to be with God as He speaks to you through His Word. Would you give up 10-15 minutes every day to have a better relationship with GOD? Sometimes we don't think we know when he is talking to us. John 10:4, Jesus teaches, "When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice." So, how can you know Jesus' voice, read His word.

*Growing in Christ*  
*Cindy*



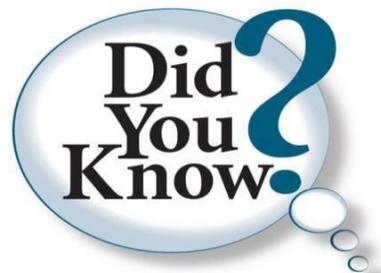
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### ***CHURCH ANNIVERSARY***

December 4, 2022 marked the 131<sup>st</sup> church anniversary. We can attest to the building enhancements, of recent memories - including restoration of the sanctuary, new audio equipment, new doors, new protective glass for our windows. Yes we are a witness of what GOD can do.

So, in the 131st year anniversary --we are filled with GOD's kindness as we celebrate this milestone, may we remember our past, celebrate our present and look forward to our future in Jesus Christ.



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

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## ***MOVING FORWARD***

Sometimes people get so low that they feel like they have nothing to look forward to. Day after day it seems to them that nothing ever changes. They just don't see how things can get any better. I really like the phrase, "looking forward." I love to hear people say they are looking forward to this, and looking forward to that. It is much better and more productive than "looking back." Looking forward is anticipating something in the future. Looking forward is positive, "moving ahead" thinking. Looking forward is not accepting things as they are today. Many people live in the past. For them, their best memories are from the "good ol' days." They can talk to you for hours and hours about how much better things were "back then," than they are today.

I call it, "back then thinking." All the focus is from a time in the past when things were going well. You remember those days, don't you? It was back when there were no problems anywhere, or at any time. "Back then thinking" will never help you to move forward in life. It will keep your mind focused on a time that is no longer here. It will keep you from finding the solutions that you need for today. Sometimes when people stay locked into "back then thinking," they end up blaming God, or at least being angry with Him. Many times they feel like God should just do something.

Now I can understand how some people may have nothing to look forward to, but certainly not Christians. And, I know we are looking forward with great expectation to the return of Jesus Christ. But don't we have many other promises of what God can and will do for us right now?

The promises of God in the Bible tell of His care and concern. They promise His healing and protection. They promise His abundant supply.

We have a lot to look forward to. As a matter of fact, the Bible even tells us to not look back, but to look forward. The Apostle Paul in Philippians said "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."



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## WORSHIP

### Sunday School

Adult Sunday School at 9:30am  
Children Sunday School at 9:30 am

### Worship Service

Sunday worship service @ 10:45am

### Church Office Hours

The office is open Tuesday's from  
10:00am-3:00pm

Phone message and emails will  
continue to be checked regularly.

### Bible Study & Praying Time

Thursday's 6:00pm -7:30pm  
6:00pm- Praying time

Zoom – 4466578160  
Password: 1818

### Giving

If you would like to make your gifts  
and offering online, you can by using  
our cash app:  
\$2020HTBC

Thank you for your generosity!

GOD  
ROCK  
SAVIOR  
MESSIAH  
IMMANUEL  
HOLY • CHILD  
MIGHTY • GOD  
LORD • OF • ALL  
LAMB • OF • GOD  
CHRIST • OF • GOD  
KING • OF • KINGS  
THE • WORD • OF • GOD  
ALPHA • AND • OMEGA  
PRINCE • OF • PEACE  
LIGHT • OF • THE • WORLD  
HEAD • OF • THE • CHURCH  
SON • OF • THE • HIGHEST  
EVERLASTING • FATHER  
RESURRECTION • AND • LIFE  
JESUS



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## *A New Year's Announcement*

Good Morning and welcome to Flight 2023 We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your Attitude and Blessings are secured and locked in an upright position.

All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should we lose Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers.

There will BE NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. The Captain has cleared us for take-off. Destination A new year full of GREATNESS WITH GOD !  
ALL ABOARD! 7

*HAPPY NEW YEAR*



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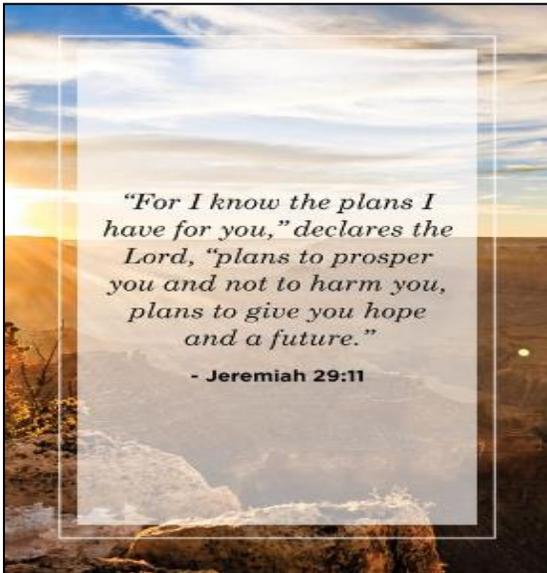
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## WELCOME

W E L C O M E



Welcome our newest  
walking minister,  
*Deacon Terrence  
D.Green*



# Thank You!



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

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**School Supplies**



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

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**Coat Drive**



HTBC Annual Coat Drive was a huge  
success.

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**Fruit Baskets**

Thank you to all who participated in the  
Sunday School Fruit Baskets for the Sick and  
Shut & Member





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## *BIBLE STUDY*



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CONNECT WITH US ON

# ZOOM

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Pastor David McIlwaine**

EVERY THURSDAY @ 6:00PM

MEETING ID--4466578150

DOWNLOAD & JOIN 

PASSCODE - 1818

**Trust in the Lord**  
with all your heart; do  
not depend on your  
own understanding.  
*Seek his will in all you do,*  
and he will show you  
which path  
to take.

-Proverbs 3:5-6





**WHO'S WHO**

**WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH**

- ❖ Pastor
- ❖ Chairman Deacon's Ministry
- ❖ Ministry
- ❖ Administrator
- ❖ Assistant Church Clerk
- ❖ Office Assistant
- ❖ HTBC Editor/ Webmaster
- ❖ Pastor's email Address
- ❖ Church Office Email Address
- ❖ Holy Trinity Email Address
- ❖ HTBC Newsletter
- ❖ Pastor David McIlwaine
- ❖ Deacon Anthony Ferguson
- ❖ Engracia McIlwaine
- ❖ Ms. Dee S. Peters
- ❖ Deacon Terrence D. Green
- ❖ Ms. Annette Johnson
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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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## ANNIVERSARY



9th Wedding Anniversary

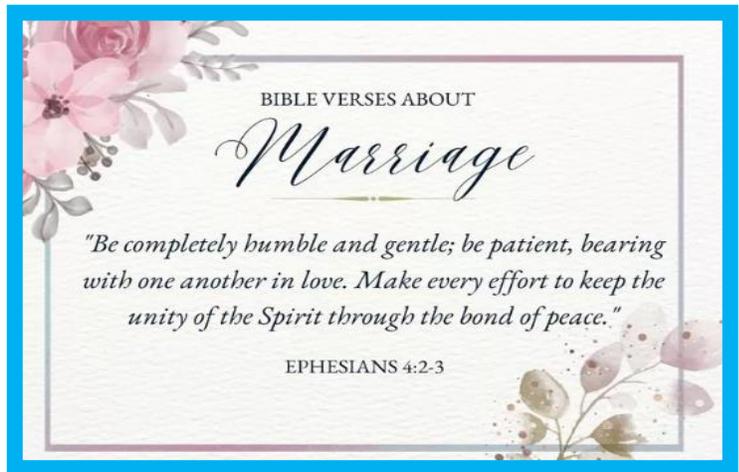
Deacon Moses &  
Deaconess/Trustee  
Ardgnel Cotton

November 2nd

7th Wedding Anniversary

Deacon Terrence &  
Deaconess Shameka P. Green

November 24th





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## BIRTHDAY



Ernesta Thomas	09/01	Darcelle Comer	12/02
Annette Johnson	09/06	James Smith,	12/02
Minister Engracia McIlwaine	09/11	Advid Comer	12/06
Charlene Brooks	09/12	Ava Comer	12/06
Dee S. Peters-Church Administrator	09/12	Terrence D. Green	12/09
Melvin McIlwaine	09/30	Jasmine Vaughn	12/14
Deacon Daniel Comer	09/30	Joshua Green	12/22
Deaconess/Trustee Loraine Evans	10/11	Deacon Anthony Ferguson	12/31
Angela Brown	10/18	Christina Ferguson	12/31
Fontaine Caldwell	10/22	Pastor David McIlwaine	01/02
Jermone Outland	10/28	Doretha McIlwaine	01/02
Sharon Samuel	11/04	Alana Samuel	01/04
Cindy McNeil- Newsletter/Editor	11/06	Deaconess/Trustee Ardgnel Cotton	01/05
Amearah Guy	11/17	Trustee Patricia Whack	01/06
William Reed	11/18	Deaconess Cora Ferguson	01/17
		Jasmina Comer	01/25
		Jonathan Comer	01/25
		Carol Taylor	01/25





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*KID'S PAGE*



# Giving Thanks Word Search

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

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

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|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. GIVING       | 5. GRATEFUL  | 9. FAMILY      | 13. RESPECT  |
| 2. THANKS       | 6. GRATITUDE | 10. FRIENDS    | 14. THANKFUL |
| 3. THANKSGIVING | 7. KINDNESS  | 11. HEALTH     | 15. POLITE   |
| 4. HOLIDAY      | 8. CARING    | 12. APPRECIATE | 16. MANNERS  |



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Rahmeria Davis was accepted at Thomas Jefferson University

Jayden & Joshua Green received first honors for the year.



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 **January 15, 2023** and for those who have no internet service you can request a copy by calling 215 546-5400.





*LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT IN*



Mother Helen Waters  
Ms. Charlene Brooks  
Mother Catherine Nelson

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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.holytrinitybaptist.org>

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](mailto:HTBCmedia@gmail.com). Thank you and may God bless you.

- *Cindy McNeil, Webmaster/Editor*

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