



# HOLY TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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God's word says,  
"In you, LORD  
my God, I put  
my trust. I trust  
in you; do not let  
me be put to  
shame, or let my  
enemies' triumph  
over me."

(Psalm 25:1-2)

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## *Pastor's Reflections* **Pastor's Reflections**

By Pastor David McIlwaine

### **WHO WILL YOU TRUST?**

Ever have a nagging thought or problem that seems to hang over your head? I'd be surprised if you answered "no" to that question, because troubling issues seem to be a part of everyone's life. And sometimes they can become our focus. None of us are immune! When we feel like that, we can find comfort in the Book of Psalms. Unlike many of us, David experienced some very real-life threatening situations, he was a sinner and a human being filled with emotion. One of the things I like about David is that he never seemed to keep his feelings bottled up inside of him. He very honestly expressed sadness, fear, disappointment and all manner of is faithful and always keeps His promises. David warns us,



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## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS cont'd

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help." Psalm 146:3. Rather, he tells us, "Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God". So maybe our problems are not really the biggest issue at hand. Maybe the bigger issue is one of trust. After all, everyone puts their trust in something or someone. We are called to put our trust in God. Here are a few expressions from David about trusting God: The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. (Psalm 9:9-10). But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. (Psalm 13:5) Now this I know: The LORD gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. (Psalm 20:6-7) • When I am afraid, I put my trust in you [God]. In God, whose word I praise— in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? (Psalm 56:3-4) Need more? Just open the Book of Psalms and start reading! I've no doubt you will find comfort and encouragement. So, in whom or in what do we place our trust? May God give us the strength to trust Him each day.

Happy   
*Mother's*  
Day





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God's word says, "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint"

(Isaiah 40:31).

## QUIZ YOURSELF

Have you ever taken one of the quizzes on social media which promise to define things about you? Their titles go like this: "Which state do you belong in?" or "Which Disney character are you?" Many of us have taken

quizzes to see what they say about us. As far as Facebook is concerned, I was told that belong in the State of California, I am sweet and sour, as well as quick tempered. If I were something other than a human being, I'd be a pigeon, a sunflower or chocolate ice cream cone. The song "Don't Stop Believin" (by Journey) was written for me, and I am Smart, Dopey, e and Witty, all rolled into one. That pretty much confirms what I've always known: I am a very complicated and confused person! Okay, so the quizzes are for fun and not capable of truly identifying anyone's personality. But it makes me think for a moment about the ways in which we obtain our identity in life. If we are not careful, we can allow many things of the world to mold or shape us. Music, television, work or even hobbies, all tend to affect our lives. The Apostle Paul said, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:2). So he might be telling us, among other things, that we should seek our identity from God.



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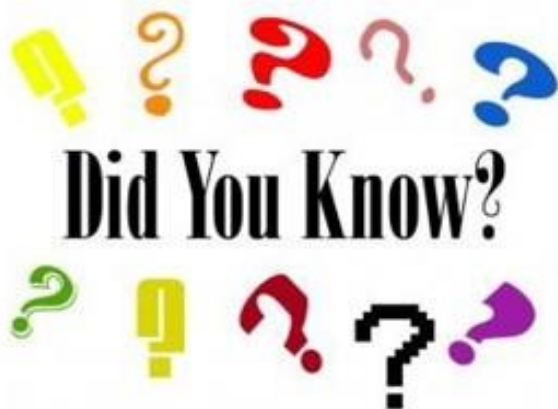
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## CINDY'S KORNER cont'd

I encourage you to grab your Bible and find out. At Galatians 2:20 it tells us: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Also, at 1 Peter 2:9 we read "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." In only two verses, I am reminded of the identity God has given me in Christ and the purpose to which I have been called. It might be an uplifting exercise to memorize a verse or two each day to remind us of the things God says about us, because in so doing, we can replace conflict and confusion with the peace that passes understanding.

*Growing In Him*  
*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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## WERE MOVING FORWARD

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**2 Corinthians 5:17**



We have all experienced hopeless situations. We have all felt stuck at some point in our lives. We don't have to remain stuck; we can move forward if we have a plan for success. Let's focus on the love of our creator to change our self-defeating behaviors and attitudes and move into the arms of Jesus.

Lingering on events out of our past prevents us from MOVING FORWARD. When we keep looking back, we cannot look ahead, which puts us in danger or missing opportunities or losing hope for better things to come.

When we look back at our old failures...we risk succumbing to the belief that our failures define us. But who we are is who we now choose to be.

When we make mistakes or do not achieve the success we'd anticipated, let's examine our actions at that moment, then take our lessons with us and more on. The future will become the present, so we need to anticipate and prepare for it.

Sometimes GOD closes doors because it's time to MOVE FORWARD. He knows you won't move unless the circumstances force you. Trust the transition GOD got you

**Don't look back**



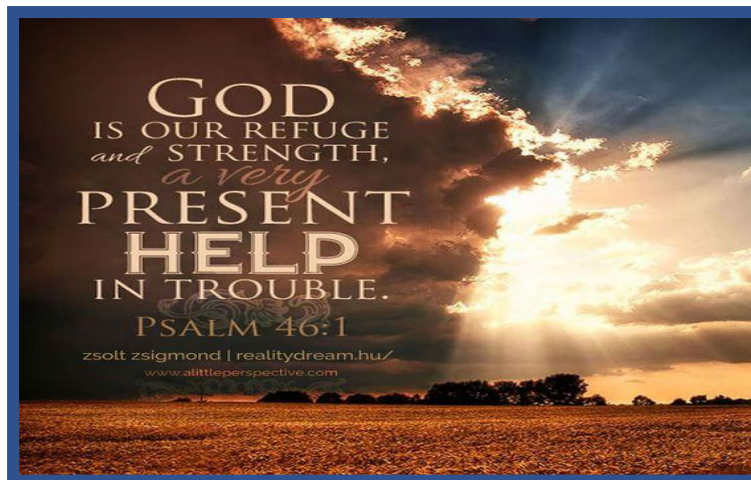
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## WHO'S WHO

- ❖ Senior 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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## PASTOR'S 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Thank you for celebrating our 11th year Pastoral Anniversary as one family in Christ. We had a foot stomping Holy Ghost shouting good time at our Pastor David and First Lady Gloria McIlwaine 11th Anniversary.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose, (Romans 8:28 NKJV).





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## ANNUAL MINISTRIES ANNIVERSARY

It was a great day for the celebration of our Deacons, Deaconess, Trustees and Mothers Ministry. Thank you to each and every one who came out to Holy Trinity to help us celebrate.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!







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## KIDS PAGE

Train up a child in the way he should go: and  
when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



Children are a blessing from God. It is important to help them grow in faith.





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## KIDS PAGE cont'd



Fruit of the Spirit; love joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control “

Galatians 5:22-23

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## WEDDINGS ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy Anniversary!*

### **HAPPY 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Trustees Daniel & Darlene Comer – February 11, 2023



### **HAPPY 43<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Pastor David & First Lady Gloria McIlwaine – April 23, 2023



### **HAPPY 15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Malik and Yvette (Peaches) Timbers – May 17, 2023



### **HAPPY 18<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Deacon Preston & Cindy McNeil – May 19, 2023



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## BIRTHDAYS



### **FEBRUARY**

Elaine	McIlwaine	6TH
Deacon Moses	Cotton	10TH
Anthony	Ferguson Jr.	14th
Dakota	Comer	28th

### **MARCH**

Elisha	Richardson	5th
Steve	Williams	6th
Ramira	Davis	8th

### **APRIL**

Deacon Preston	Mcneil	2nd
Helen	Waters	3rd
Jayden	Green	20th
Ian	Tucker	29th

### **MAY**

Bianica	Samuel	1st
Malik	Timbers	5th
Fredia	Frazier	11th
Angelo	Smith	23rd
Deaconess Darlene	Comer	24th



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## WORDS OF WISDOM



### Words of Wisdom

If you kneel before God you can stand Before any man.



The will of GOD will never take you to where the grace of GOD will not protect you.



God says stay patient, my timing is perfect. I have something bigger planned for you



It all begins and ends in your mind, what you give power to has power over you.



Those who leave everything in God's hand will see God's hand in everything.



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 [htbcmmedia@gmail.com](mailto:htbcmmedia@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 *May* issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about *May 19, 2023* and will be available to those who have no internet service can pick up their copies in the Sanctuary.



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)



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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**



### **Holy Trinity Welcome our Newest Members**

1. Deacon Barry
2. Anita Lefevre
3. Dewana Watson

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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## SICK & SHUT IN

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT IN



Mother Helen Waters  
Ms. Charlene Brooks  
Mother Catherine Nelson  
Mother Ethel Hankins



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



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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: [htbcmmedia@gmail.com](mailto:htbcmmedia@gmail.com). Thank you and May God bless you.

*Cindy McNeil- Webmaster*

**Please follow us**



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## SAVE THE DATE



*Pastor David McIlwaine* will be preaching at:

World of Truth Deliverance Ministries

7252 Castor Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19140

Date: June 25, 2023

Time: 4:00pm



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