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*Instruct the wise
and they will be
wiser still, teach
the righteous and
they will add to
their learning.*

*Proverbs 9:9
(NIV)*

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Pastor's Reflections

By Pastor David McIlwaine

LEARNING MEANS LIVING

If you're not learning, you're not living.

We are called to be life-long learners. After all, faith is not a goal to be reached, not a destination at which we ever arrive, but a journey we take that lasts us our whole life. While there may be rest stops and detours along the way, for the most part, we are called to continue traveling that path, trusting that Christ will walk with us along the way. This journey of faith involves our whole self ("Love God with all your heart, your soul, your mind, and your strength"). It involves worship, prayer, and service, as we seek to experience and live out our faith. But we're also called to seek and understanding of our faith and that



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involves study. Whether we are ten or one hundred & ten we are called to be learners, to put our brains to use for better understanding of God and will for us. Jesus himself invites us to join him in this adventure of learning. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me," he says (Matthew 11:29, NIV)

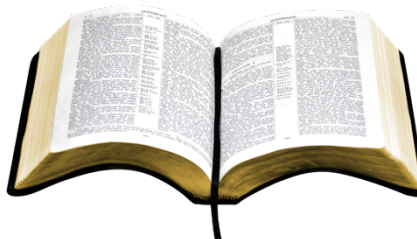
Learning means living. We can learn about God in several different ways. One way we learn is through his word the bible. We focus on God's thoughts, get into his word, and then seek to understand our heavenly father's objective and meaning.

At Matthew 28:19, 20 it tells us to go and make disciples of all nations." While Jesus was on a mountain in Galilee, he gave his disciples a commission to find more workers, saying: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them..., **"teaching"** them to observe all the things I have commanded you. That is, we are commissioned to go and make "learners." Have you ever thought about the great commission from that angle?

Learning is based on openness. When your open to things you're constantly learning, The Apostle Paul was open to learning even as an adult. He said, "I have learned to be content with whatever I have.... I have learned the secrets of living in every situation (Philippians 4:11-12).

The goal of learning is transformation. As we take in information from God's word it forms us, we are changed from who we were to who God wants us to be. Paul says in Romans, "Do not be conformed to this of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect." Through our journey of learning, we are transformed to grow from knowing about God to being known by God.

We Are Living!





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Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God.

(Philippians 4:6)

YOU EVER FEEL LIKE YOUR STUCK IN A RUT

I remember driving thru a snowstorm in the middle of the night I couldn't see anything in front of me. The only way I made it through it was to follow a large truck as it made a pathway ahead of me.

I appreciated the truck's assistance; however, I found that whenever I needed to depart from its direction, I would get stuck in a rut. Have you ever been stuck in a rut with your walk with God? I'm sure all of us have one time or another. In Romans 12:11, Paul warns us to never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor serving the Lord".

the Lord". While being stuck in a rut can be common, it's still something that we need to guard ourselves against. I believe these ruts are caused by lack of challenge which results in boredom and complacency. In fact, Paul's remedy for us to keep a spiritual fervor is by caring for others as he says to share with the Lord's people in need and to practice hospitality.

My prayer for us is to remove every obstacle that prevents us from getting closer to God and be less concerned about ourselves and more concerned about the people around us and maybe, we can maintain a zeal for the Lord that is life changing.

*Growing in Christ
Cindy*





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MOVING FORWARD



Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

When faced with challenging circumstances, you can only move forward. Don't let life's difficulties break you. Don't let these trying times stop you from following your aspirations. When life knocks you to the ground, get back up. Continue to push (***Pray Until Something Happens***).

It's stressful and difficult to move forward when things are tough. But gradually you'll see that by taking one step after another, you've succeeded in overcoming the difficulty. The ability to keep moving forward is always crucial, not just during difficult times.

Moving forward in life can help you stay out of a rut. It enables you to keep moving forward without being distracted. Being willing to move on enables you to see opportunities where others see only obstacles. Moving forward encourages you to quit complaining about the issue and forces you to take action.

So instead of dwelling on the past, focus on what you want right now. Letting go of the past allows you to tap into what you want now, which will lead you to be inspired to find your true purpose and passion in life at this moment. The past is irrelevant. What matters is the now. Do what you want now – what brings you pleasure, what fulfills your desires, what brings you closer to your goal. If you don't know how to let go, you don't know how to live your best life. *So, take a deep breath and just let go of the past and keep it moving.*



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CHURCH NEWS

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you.

Isaiah 41:10

Our Sunday School Teacher Christina Ferguson will be leaving us to go back to school to pursue her doctoral degree. It is with great sorrow to see her leave; you will be truly missed around here. Your dedication, hard work, and positive attitude have made a lasting impact on our Sunday School. Thank you for your dedication in this ministry. Wishing you all the best. My God Bless you and keep you Safe.





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HONORING OUR OLDEST MEMBER MOTHER /DEACONESS BETTIE ROUNDTREE



On June 8, 1929, ninety-four years ago, Holy Trinity Baptist Church oldest living member, Betty Roundtree was born. On August 23, 2023, Pastor David McIlwaine presented Deaconess Roundtree with a plaque honoring her for being the oldest mother as well as one of the longest attending members of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church.

Deaconess Roundtree first joined Holy Trinity Baptist Church at the age of seven and was baptized at Holy Trinity Baptist Church in 1939. During that time, she traveled from Virginia to live with her Aunt, Mrs. Susie Burns who was also a member of Holy Trinity Baptist Church.

Betty met and married her deceased husband, Charles Roundtree in 1986. Charles was a member of HTBC since 1948 and a longtime member of the Chancel Choir in which Betty also sang on before becoming the gospel chorus musician in 1973-1974.

She continues to be a special blessing to her family and friends. From a very young age Betty was known to be a faithful servant, prayer warrior, and a disciple of Jesus, and today she is still stepping making sure she gets to church every Sunday.

Betty taught HTBC Sunday School for 26 years, and what a great teacher she was. I asked her how does she have the strength to get up and come to church every single Sunday? Her response was; "She loves her Church and she's committed to serving God." She recognizes that God has kept her in good health and by the grace of God she gives all praise and honor to him for all he's done for her. To God be the Glory.



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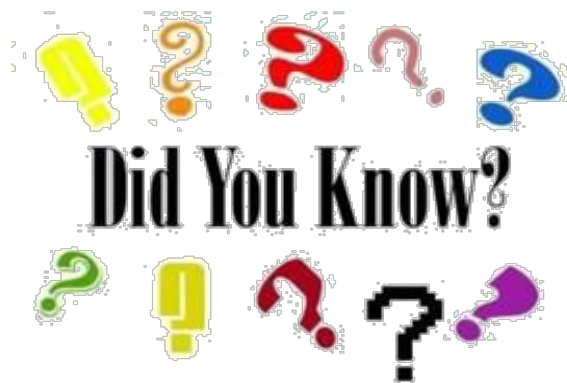
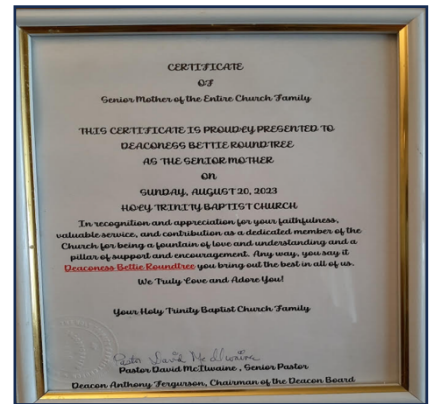
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The elders who direct the affairs of the Church well are worthy of double honor, especially those who work is preaching and teaching.

1 Timothy 5:17,17



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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WHO'S WHO

- Pastor
- Chairman Deacon's Ministry
- Women's 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
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Sunday, August 20, 2023, *Evangelist Linda Doughty* received the Right Hand of Fellowship.





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BIRTHDAY'S

July

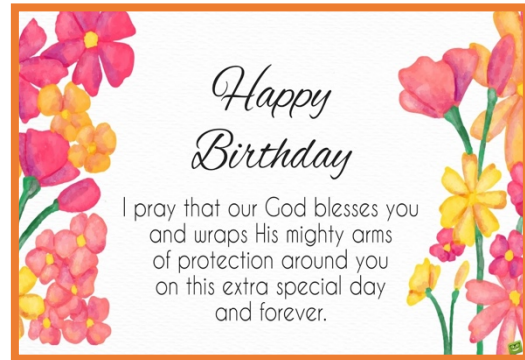
Michael Gaskins	4th
Cheryl Jordan	6th
Catherine Nelson	14th
Peaches Timbers	15th
Lynda Jackson	22nd

August

Olaree Burnett	4th
Daniel Comer III	11th
Deaconess Shameka Green	28th
Renee Davis	29th
Beverly Stevenson	30th

September

Ernesta Thomas	1st
Annette Johnson	6th
Minister Engracia McIlwaine	11th
Charlene Brooks	12th
Administrator Dee Peters	12th
Deacon Daniel Comer	30th



Congratulations On your Wedding Day

*Boyce & Cheryl
Jordan*

August 21, 2023.





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SICK AND SHUT IN

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT IN



Mother Helen Waters
Ms. Charlene Brooks
Mother Catherine Nelson
Freda Frazier
Renee Davis
Melvin McIlwaine
Bill Reed
Charlotte Friend



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.

Your light will break
forth like the dawn,
and your healing
will quickly appear.

-Isaiah 58:8



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WORDS OF WISDOM



I am never in control of what happens around me, but I am always in control of what happens with in me



God is the reason why in every pain I smile, in confusion I understand, in betrayal I trust, and in fear, I continue to fight



What you seek is seeking you.



Morning is better when you talk to God first.



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. 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 *September* issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about *September 30, 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



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CHURCH SERVICES

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

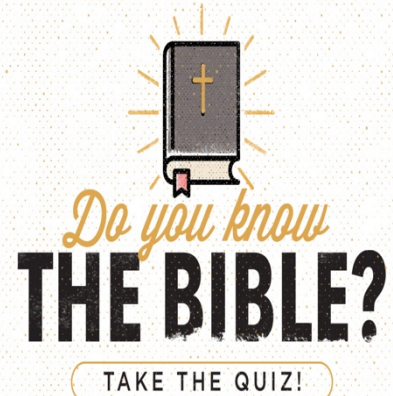
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1. What was some of the last words Jesus said at the cross?
2. Can you name the first 5 books in the Old Testament?
3. What nation did God delivered Israel out of?
4. What apostle was not chosen by Jesus?
5. How many days did Jesus remain on earth before he ascend to heaven?
6. How many days did God take to create the world?
7. What is the first book in the Bible?

ANSWERS: 1. Forgive them for they not know what they do.
2. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.
3. Egypt
4. Mathias
5. 40
6. 6
7. Genesis



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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: htbcmmedia@gmail.com. Thank you and May God bless you.

Cindy McNeil Webmaster

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