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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

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

By Pastor David McIlwaine

A JOYFUL CELEBRATION AND A HOPEFUL NEW BEGINNING TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY?

In the coming year, may the lessons of Christmas guide us towards a future filled with hope and promise. As we exchange gifts and gather with loved ones, let us remember the greatest gift of all – the love of God made manifest in the form of a tiny babe in a manger. May this love inspire us to extend kindness, compassion, and goodwill not only within our church family but to all those we encounter on life's journey.

As we bid farewell to the old year and embrace the promise of a new one, let our hearts be filled with gratitude for the journey we've shared as a



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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS cont'd

church family. Together, we've celebrated victories, supported one another through challenges, and grown in our collective faith. In the coming year, may we continue to walk this journey of faith hand in hand, drawing strength from our unity as a church family. May the New Year bring opportunities for spiritual growth, collective outreach, and the manifestation of God's purpose for our community.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our Church Family – a heaven of support love and unwavering faith. May the joy of the season linger in our hearts, and may the coming year be filled with God's abundant grace and blessings.





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“Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.” Psalm 51:12



PRAYING FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

As the clock ticks down to the transition of another year, many of us find solace and hope in the ancient practice of praying for a happy new year. This timeless tradition goes beyond the excitement of celebrations, reaching into the depths of our hearts and spirits.

Praying for a happy new year is an acknowledgment that our aspirations and dreams are intertwined with forces beyond our control. It's an act of surrender, as we lay our hopes and fears before the divine, seeking blessings for the journey that lies ahead.

In these prayers, we often reflect on the lessons of the past year, expressing gratitude for the joys and resilience through challenges. We humbly ask for guidance, wisdom, and strength to navigate through the unknown of the coming year.

Prayer acts as a guiding light with a profound sense of purpose and positive energy. As we lift our hearts in prayer for a happy new year, we embrace the idea that, beyond the fireworks and festivities, a spiritual connection has the power to shape our destinies and illuminate the path toward a year filled with happiness and fulfillment.

Growing in Christ

Cindy



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MOVING FORWARD

"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)



Moving forward in Christ is a profound journey that goes beyond the physical aspects of our lives. It's a spiritual odyssey, a continuous process of growth, transformation, and deepening connection with our faith. As Christians, the call to move forward in Christ beckons us to embrace a life that reflects the teachings of Jesus and to embody the values of love, compassion, and forgiveness.

Moving forward in Christ is a foundation built on faith. Faith is not merely a set of beliefs; it is an active trust and reliance on God's promises. As we deepen our faith, we find the strength to face challenges and uncertainties. It is through faith that we navigate the twists and turns of life with a sense of purpose and divine guidance.

Moving forward in Christ involves a continuous process of transformation. The Apostle Paul captures this idea in Romans 12:2, urging believers not to conform to the patterns of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds. This transformation is a journey of spiritual growth, where we shed our old selves and embrace a Christ-centered way of living.



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VICTORIOUS WOMEN



In a vibrant celebration of faith and sisterhood, Victorious Women in Christ are uniting to praise God and revel in joyous fellowship. This gathering is a testament to the strength, resilience, and grace that arise from women rooted in their faith. This assembly weaves together a tapestry of shared laughter, empowering conversations, and heartfelt prayers. As these women come together, they create a sacred space where the bonds of friendship are strengthened, and the joy of the Lord becomes their collective anthem. They find not only spiritual rejuvenation but also a source of enduring inspiration for their journeys as Victorious Women in Christ.

The essence of Victorious Women lies in its commitment to reaching out, creating a network where no woman walks alone. Through genuine connection and support, the community seeks to touch hearts, inspiring a personal relationship with God. It's a collective outreach that extends beyond the confines of the church walls.



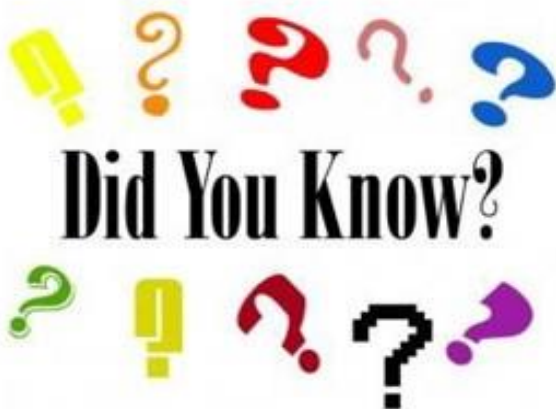
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WHO'S WHO

- ❖ Senior Pastor
- ❖ Chairman Deacon's Ministry
- ❖ Minister
- ❖ Minister
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Terrence D. Green
- ❖ Engracia McIlwaine
- ❖ Ms. Dee S. Peters
- ❖ Deacon Terrence D. Green
- ❖ Ms. Annette Johnson
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Did You Know?

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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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Holy Trinity Baptist Church celebrates its 132 Church Anniversary. Our church marks another glorious anniversary, uniting in praise, food and music. This milestone is not merely a numerical achievement but a testament to the enduring spirit of our faith community. As voices intertwine in gratitude, and tables overflow with shared meals, the harmonious melodies uplift our collective spirit. Together, we reflect on the journey behind us, savor the present fellowship, and anticipate a future filled with continued worship, nourishment, and the timeless joy of shared song.

As we gather to celebrate yet another year of shared faith and fellowship—a cherished church anniversary. This milestone is more than a numerical marker; it's a commemoration of the collective journey we've undertaken, bound together by a common purpose and guided by our unwavering faith.

As the congregation gathers for this special celebration, the air is filled with the uplifting songs of praise. Voices rise, echoing gratitude and thanksgiving for the countless blessings that have graced our church community. It's the worship experience becomes a symphony of heartfelt appreciation for the faith that unites us and the divine guidance that has steered our path.

Together, we reflect on the journey behind us, savor the present fellowship, and anticipate a future filled with continued worship.

Beyond the festive exterior lies a deeper purpose—to honor the journey with gratitude and thanksgiving, renewing faith and vision. In the reflections shared during this celebration, we collectively cast our eyes backward to appreciate the challenges overcome, the victories celebrated, and the growth experienced. It's a time of looking inward,



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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CONT'D

It's a time of looking inward, acknowledging personal transformations, and expressing gratitude for the strength that comes from walking this spiritual path together.

Cheers to the journey behind us and the one that stretches ahead, filled with the promise of continued grace and abundant blessings.





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MINISTER GREEN



TERRENCE D. GREEN

As a deacon transitions to a ministerial role, there is a shift from a supportive position to one of greater leadership and spiritual guidance. The journey involves a comprehensive exploration of theology, biblical studies equipping the individual with a broader understanding of the faith and the skills necessary for effective ministry.

Becoming a minister signifies a readiness to shepherd the flock, preach the Word, and administer sacraments. It is a profound commitment to the spiritual well-being of the congregation, requiring not only theological knowledge but also a compassionate heart and a servant-leader mentality.

We celebrate the elevation of our devoted deacon to the role of minister, unlocking his special gifts as a musician for our church. His spiritual journey, marked by dedication and musical talent, now enriches our worship experience. As he steps into this new role, we anticipate a harmonious blend of ministry and melody, a testament to the diverse talents that strengthen our faith community.

Congratulations on this significant chapter in your ministry!!



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MINISTER TERRENCE GREEN CONT'D





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PHILADELPHIA BOY'S CHOIR

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

Proverbs 22:6

In the hallowed halls of the choir loft, where echoes of hymns and anthems linger, Jayden steps into the limelight with a courage beyond his tender years. His eyes, wide with wonder, reflect the excitement and anticipation as he takes his place among the fellow choristers. The robes, slightly oversized, drape elegantly over his small frame, creating a visual symphony that mirrors the auditory one about to unfold.

Congratulations to Jayden Green for joining the Philadelphia boys' choir! His musical journey has taken flight, and the melodious chapters that await promise to be extraordinary. Jayden not only enriches the ensemble but also embarks on a transformative experience. May the joy of music continue to resonate in his heart and may his voice soar to new heights. Congratulations Jayden! Your passion for song has found a beautiful home in the Philadelphia boys' choir, and we eagerly anticipate the enchanting melodies that will undoubtedly emanate from your newfound musical family.

Congratulations



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BOYS CHOIR-JAYDEN GREEN





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KIDS PAGE



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FRIENDSHIP
JESUS
LAUGHTER
LOVE
OBEDIENCE
PEACE

BROADCAST
FAMILY WORSHIP
GOODNESS
JOY
LIFE
MEETINGS
PARADISE
SELF-CONTROL



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WEDDINGS ANNIVERSA/



Deacon Moses & Deaconess /Trustee Ardgnel Cotton

November 2nd

Minister Terrence Green & Deaconess Shameka Green

November 24th

Deacon Anthony & Deaconess Cora Ferguson

December 29th



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BIRTHDAYS



OCTOBER

Deaconess/Trustee	Lorraine Evans	11th
Angela	Brown	18th
Fontaine	Caldwell	22nd
Jerome	Outland	28th

NOVEMBER

Sharon	Samuel	4th
Cindy	McNeil	6th

DECEMBER

Darcell	Comer	2nd
Minister Terrence	Green	9th
Joshua	Green	22nd
Deacon Anthony	Ferguson	31st
Christine	Ferguson	31st

JANUARY

Pastor David	McIlwaine	2nd
Doretha	McIlwaine	2nd
Alaina	Samuel	4th
Deaconess/Trustee	Ardgnel Cotton	5th
Trustee Patricia	Whack	6th
Deaconess Cora	Ferguson	17th
Carol	Taylor	25th



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WORDS OF WISDOM



Words of Wisdom

“God doesn't give you the people you want; He gives you the people you need to help you”



“God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile”



“God's plan is always the best. Sometimes the process is painful and hard. But don't forget that when God is silent, He's doing something for you.”



"God's love is like a river, constantly flowing, always giving, and eternally refreshing."



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 *May* issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about *January 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



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WORKSHIP

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:

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AFFIRMATION

This is the Lord's House and
Jesus is Lord, Everyone in
the House is yield submitted
and surrendered to the
Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Together we declare that
everyone in the House has
divine health and walks in
God's Divine Favor. This
House is full, and every seat
is occupied.

This house is prosperous,
and every member is
blessed beyond measure. We
are more than conquerors
through Jesus Christ who
love us.

We cannot be defeated and
most of all, The love of God
is the Law of this House.



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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
Evangelist Linda Doughty



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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SICK & SHUT IN cont'd



In our church family, we extend heartfelt thoughts to our dear member, *Charlene Brooks* Praise God through our daily prayers Charlene Brooks is home after a lengthy stay in the hospital and rehab-center. Although her presence is missed, let's surround her with love and support, eagerly anticipating the day she rejoins our fellowship in renewed spirit and well-being.





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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. Thank you and May God bless you.

Cindy McNeil- Webmaster

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