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"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

2 Peter 3:18 (KJV)

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

By Pastor David McIlwaine



Growing Deeper in the Spirit

Personal spiritual growth is a lifelong journey of drawing closer to God and becoming more like Christ in our daily lives. It begins with a sincere desire to know God, understand His Word, and live according to His will. Spiritual growth does not happen overnight; it develops through prayer, studying Scripture, obedience, and trusting God through every season of life.

The Bible reminds us in 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." This growth happens when we spend time in God's presence and allow His Word to guide our thoughts and actions. As we grow spiritually, our faith becomes stronger, our hearts become more compassionate, and our lives begin to reflect Christ more clearly.

Spiritual maturity also requires renewal of the mind. Romans 12:2 teaches us, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." When we allow God's truth to shape our thinking, our character begins to change.

Growth also involves bearing fruit. Jesus said in John 15:5, "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." As we remain connected to Christ, our lives begin to show love, patience, faith, and wisdom.

True spiritual growth happens when we walk with God daily and allow His Word to transform our lives.



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CINDY'S KORNER



"God is our refuge and strength, a very
present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1



Faith That Stands in the Storm

Life often brings seasons of trouble, moments when uncertainty, fear, or hardship try to overwhelm our hearts. Yet for the believer, these times are not meant to break our faith but to strengthen it. Faith is not only believing in God when life is easy; true faith is trusting Him when the path is unclear, and the storm feels heavy.

Trouble has a way of testing what we truly believe. It challenges us to either lean on our own understanding or rely completely on God's promises. When we place our trust in the Lord, we discover that His presence brings peace even in the middle of chaos. Faith reminds us that God is still in control, even when circumstances appear out of control.

In times of trouble, prayer becomes our refuge and God's Word becomes our anchor. When we hold on to His promises, we are reminded that trials are temporary but God's faithfulness is eternal. Faith does not remove every storm, but it gives us the strength to stand through it.

No matter what challenges arise, we can trust that God walks with us through every valley and will lead us safely to the other side.

Growing in Christ





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Moving Forward



Pressing Forward: Embracing Change in Christ

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

Philippians 3:13 (KJV)



Following Christ is a journey of continual growth and renewal. As believers, we are called not to remain the same, but to allow God to transform our hearts, minds, and lives. Moving forward in Christ often requires us to release old habits, attitudes, and ways of thinking that no longer align with God's will. Growth in faith means recognizing that change is a necessary part of becoming the person God has called us to be.

Sometimes change can feel uncomfortable, but it is through change that God shapes us for a greater purpose. When we surrender our lives to Him, we allow His Spirit to guide us into new levels of faith, obedience, and spiritual maturity. Moving forward means trusting that God's plan is greater than our past and that He is leading us into something better.

Letting go of the old allows us to embrace the new life God has prepared for us. Each step forward strengthens our walk with Him and deepens our commitment to live according to His Word. With faith and courage, we can move forward knowing that God is working in us and through us for His glory.





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Church Fundrasier

Strike for Success: Holy Trinity's Bowling Fundraiser



Holy Trinity Baptist Church recently came together for a wonderful time of fellowship and fun during our church bowling fundraiser. Members, families, and friends gathered at the bowling alley with excitement, laughter, and a spirit of unity as we worked together to support our church financially. The atmosphere was filled with joy as participants cheered one another on, shared friendly competition, and enjoyed the opportunity to connect outside of our usual worship setting.

From the first roll of the bowling ball to the final frame, it was clear that this event was more than just a fundraiser; it was a celebration of community and togetherness. The event was a great success, and we are grateful for the generous support that helped us move closer to our financial goals for the church.

We want to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who participated, donated, and helped organize this special event. Your willingness to give your time, energy, and support made the evening truly memorable. Because of your participation, we were able to combine fun, fellowship, and purpose.

Holy Trinity Baptist Church appreciates every one of you. Together, we continue to grow stronger as a church family while supporting our church's ministry and mission.



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Voices of Victory Anniversary



Fifteen years of the “Voices of Victory” choir and exhorts the church to continue praising God through every season, joy and grief, fullness and lack, strength and weakness. Praise is not optional or circumstantial; it is commanded and life-giving. A singing church is a surviving church.

Fifteen years symbolize rest after deliverance, peace after pressure, and victory after struggle. Just as Israel moved from bondage to worship, this ministry has moved from trials to sustained praise on “the other side.”

Praise precedes victory: when God’s people sing, not when they fight. Singing is spiritual warfare, worship breaks heaviness, defeats discouragement, and realigns hearts to truth.

Singing as ministry: The choir’s role extends beyond performance; their songs teach, admonish, and preach the Word when pulpit sermons are absent or unheard. Melodies and rhythms penetrate resistant hearts and fatigued minds, lifting spirits when words alone cannot.

Fifteen as prophetic marker: The fifteenth day (linked to Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread) is a divine pattern; after deliverance comes corporate worship. The anniversary is more than a date; it’s a declaration that God brought the ministry through, and worship continues in freedom.

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Deacons/Deaconesses/Trustees & Mother's Ministry



Holy Trinity Baptist Church joyfully celebrated the Anniversary of our Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees, and Mother's Ministry with gratitude and gladness. It was a beautiful time of honor, fellowship, and heartfelt appreciation for those who faithfully serve our church family. The entire congregation came together in unity, laughter, and love, making the celebration truly special. From uplifting words to shared moments of joy, the atmosphere was filled with warmth and thanksgiving. It was more than an event—it was a reminder of the strength of our church family and the blessings that come when we gather together in faith and celebration.

This anniversary was a meaningful occasion to recognize the dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment of these ministries. Our Deacons and Deaconesses continue to serve with integrity and humility, supporting the vision of the church and caring for the needs of the congregation. Our Trustees faithfully steward the resources of God's house with wisdom and diligence. The Mother Ministry stands as pillars of strength, prayer, and spiritual guidance, offering encouragement and wisdom to generations.



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DEACONS/DEACONESS/TRUSTEES/ MOTHER'S MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY cont'd



Throughout the celebration, heartfelt tributes were shared, reflecting on years of faithful service and the countless lives touched through quiet acts of kindness, leadership, and devotion. The sanctuary was filled with smiles, applause, and expressions of deep appreciation. Special music, inspiring words, and moments of reflection reminded us how blessed we are to have such devoted servants among us.

After the program, fellowship continued as members gathered, embraced, and shared memories of how these leaders have impacted their lives. The spirit of joy was evident in every conversation and every laugh. It was truly a day marked by unity, gratitude, and love. As a church family, we are thankful for the example set before us. This celebration strengthened our bond and renewed our commitment to serve together in harmony. Holy Trinity Baptist Church stands stronger because of these faithful leaders, and we rejoice in honoring them.

You can view the video by clicking on the link: <https://youtu.be/O8YloVvx70g>



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**DEACONS/DEACONESS/TRUSTEES/
MOTHER'S MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY cont'd**

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Mother Linda Jackson



“As we celebrate a life of faith, strength, and unwavering devotion, we declare the Word of the Lord over *Mother Linda Jackson*. Psalm 92:14 reminds us, ‘They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing.’ Today, we rejoice because we are witnessing that promise fulfilled. Mother Jackson is still fruitful, still flourishing, and still a blessing to Holy Trinity Baptist Church. Truly, this is the day the Lord has made, and we will rejoice and be glad in it!”



Mother Linda Jackson, the beloved Mother of Holy Trinity Baptist Church, is a living testimony of God’s sustaining grace and faithfulness. Mother Jackson has witnessed countless seasons of change within the church and the community, yet her faith has remained rooted and unshaken.

She has seen pastors lead, generations grow, and families blossom under the covering of God’s love. Through it all, she has stood as a pillar of strength and quiet wisdom. When Mother Jackson lifts her hands in worship, it reflects decades of testimony. When she prays, her words carry the depth of experience, humility, and spiritual maturity that only time with God can produce.

As the Mother of Holy Trinity Baptist Church, she is more than a respected elder—she is a spiritual anchor. Her gentle counsel, warm smile, and steadfast presence bring comfort to many.

Mother Jackson’s life reminds us that God keeps His promises. Her century of devotion is a powerful example that faith can endure every storm and shine through every season. Holy Trinity Baptist Church is richly blessed to celebrate *Mother Linda Jackson*—a true matriarch whose life continues to inspire unity, hope, and unwavering trust in God.

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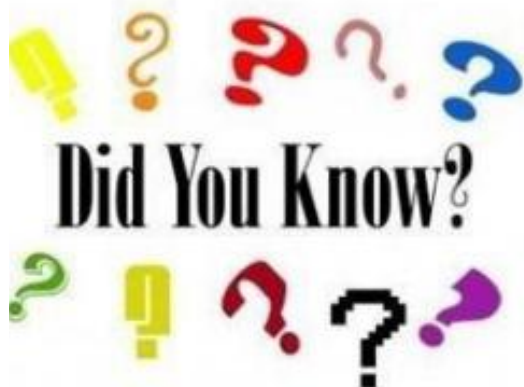
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WHO'S WHO

- ◆ Senior Pastor
- ◆ Chairman Deacon's Ministry
- ◆ Minister
- ◆ Minister
- ◆ Evangelist
- ◆ Administrator
- ◆ Assistant Church Clerk
- ◆ Office Assistant
- ◆ HTBC Editor/Webmaster
- ◆ Pastor's email Address
- ◆ Holy Trinity web email address
- ◆ HTBC Newsletter
- ◆ Pastor David McIlwaine
- ◆ Deacon Anthony Ferguson
- ◆ Terrence Green
- ◆ Engracia McIlwaine
- ◆ Linda Dougherty
- ◆ Ms. Dee S. Peters
- ◆ Deacon Terrence D. Green
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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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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME DON'T FORGET





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Birthday's



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Pastor David McIlwaine - January 2nd
 Doretha McIlwaine - January 2nd
 Alaina Samuel - January 4th
 Trustee Patricia Whack - January 6th
 Deaconess Cora Ferguson - January 17th
 Carol Taylor - January 25th

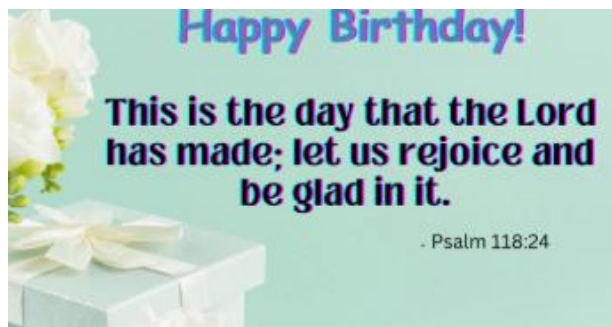
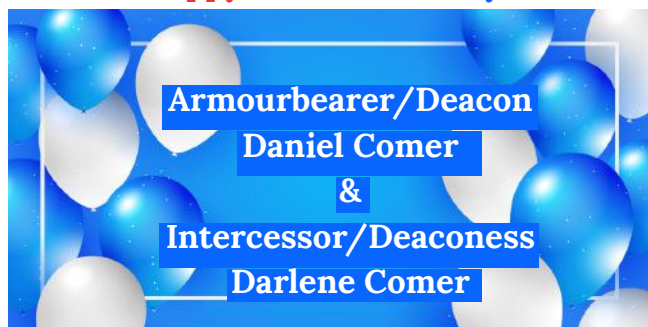
Elaine McIlwaine - February 6th
 Anthony Ferguson Jr. - February 14th
 Dakota Comer - February 28th



Felicia Brown - March 1st
 Elisha Richardson - March 5th
 Steven Williams - March 6th
 Sharone Rush - March 31st



Happy 48th Anniversary





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Strength for the Journey

Each week, we pause to reflect, reset, and realign our hearts with God's promises. As we walk by faith, may these words encourage and strengthen you for the days ahead.

God does not promise an easy journey, but He
promises a purposeful destination.
Philippians 1:6



When the path feels uncertain, remember that
God's guidance is always sure.
Proverbs 3:5-6



What feels like a delay may be God's divine
preparation.
Ecclesiastes 3:1



In seasons of silence, trust that God is still at work
behind the scenes.
Isaiah 55:8-9



God strengthens your faith in private before He
blesses you in public.
James 1:3-4



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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 - 6:30pm
Praying Time

6:30pm - 7:30
Bible Study



Giving

If you would like to make your
gifts and offering online, you
can by using our cash app:
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If you have an article or any ideas you would like included in the next issue of the Newsletter, please submit them to Cindy @ htbcmmedia@gmail.com. After consulting with Pastor David McIlwaine, who will have the final say as to what will and will not appear in each issue. The [April](#) issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about [April 2, 2026](#), and will be available to those who have no internet service can pick up a copy in the Sanctuary.



If you wish 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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HTBC Church Affirmation

This is the Lord's House, and Jesus is Lord.
Everyone in the House has yielded
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 loves 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

Ernesta Thomas
Renee Davis



Isaiah 41:10 (KJV)

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee...”



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or in the case of death.

Also contact us following discharge from the hospital





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FROM THE WEBMASTER



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](mailto:CindyMcNeil@htbcmedia@gmail.com) information to htbcmedia@gmail.com. Thank you and May God Bless You.



Cindy McNeil

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30am Sunday School - Fellowship

9:30am Kids Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service

Sermons

Podcast: Apple Podcast-Pastor David McIlwaine

Sermons: <https://holytrinitybaptist.org/sermons>

Events, Registration & News

holytrinitybaptist.org/events

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