

TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

It is Time for Breakfast!

At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach but the disciples couldn't see who he was. He called out, "Fellows, have you caught any fish...?"

They had not and then Jesus gave the directive to cast the net on the right hand side of the boat. They caught so many fish, they could not haul in the net. Peter jumped in the water to reach Jesus. Others stayed with the boat and hauled the net to the shore. Then the Scriptures record the following:

"When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread." (John 21:9 NLT) Jesus told them to bring some of the fish they just caught, 153 to be exact. "'Now come and have some breakfast!' Jesus said..." (John 21:12 NLT)

"...None of the disciples dared to ask Him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish." (John 21:12-13 NLT)

It is time to have breakfast with Jesus! **He is serving!** It is time for 'eating with Him' and 'listening to Him.' It is time for conversation, fellowship, and moments of casual intimacy for you as you begin your day. We labor, work, run, hurry, and do tasks before us ... it is time for breakfast with Him first thing!

He has something to share with you before the 'hustle and bustle' of events. He has something to give you to assist you through the day. It is time to learn, contemplate, reflect, and digest the intimate dialogue specifically designed for you from the Almighty. How many of us do this?

You cannot afford to 'miss breakfast!' It is the meal that breaks the fast ... Breakfast! Much is learned around a meal with Jesus! Many Christians are not planning and managing the time necessary to handle the demands of this age! We are not wise enough, strong enough, or thoughtful enough to think, plan, and do the right thing at the right time for the right result! We need Daily Divine guidance from His Word empowered by His Spirit. We need a 'daily word' from Him.

Think what Peter learned at Breakfast! It was a 'reinstatement of ministry' after a three-fold denial. Think what he learned about others as well as the need for priorities. Think what others learned about provision and leadership!

Other meals with Jesus taught many things. Check it out! But *Breakfast* is a special one to begin the day. Meeting with Jesus first thing in the morning is the top priority for you!

And He gives you the invitation: **Now come and have some breakfast!**

The meal is indescribable and the fellowship unmatched ... but All For YOU!

The Latest Happenings ...

Mark this date down: Thursday, May 7, 2020. It is the date for the 2020 Annual Banquet – A Fresh Wind ... A New Calling. The First Baptist Church of New Port Richey, 6800 Trouble Creek Road, New Port Richey, has not only agreed to host the banquet at their beautiful facility, but their food service will provide the meal. This banquet will honor our students, feature our alumni, and present numerous news items that will be of value to you. And Best of All: it will be a complimentary meal, a gift to all who will be attending! You need only to RSVP. We want the entire Trinity College of Florida family to be present for a spectacular evening. Get Ready! Log onto www.trinitycollege.edu/banquet2020 and let us know you are coming!

Our Global Impact Missionary Conference was held the week of February 3-6, closing with a banquet to raise funds for our students who want to go on mission trips this year. Our students prayed for our missionaries at the end of the conference. Multiple organizations and groups were represented. In the concluding service, three students raised their hands to "settle things with Jesus." Five groups of students prayed for the major unreached people groups.





- → Trinity's Annual Scholarship Chapel will be Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in the Sid Williams Chapel. It will be a time for students to be recognized for their academic achievements. Donors who can attend will have the opportunity to meet their recipient and stay for lunch; those who are unable to be present will be sent a note and picture of their scholarship recipient.
- ➤ The first of two spring Campus Previews was held on Monday, March 2. The next scheduled preview is slated for April 20. These previews provide opportunities for prospective students to attend and sense the *Trinity Touch*.





Speaking Truth Ministries: Trinity Students led by David DeLisle, Director of Student Life

News to Use ...

- Representatives from Trinity College of Florida attended the annual ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education) Conference last month in Orlando.
- → The President attended the Shell Point Board of Directors in Fort Myers January 22-24.
- The President spoke on the continuing wrestling match with "time and trust" in President's Chapel.
- ▶ President's Council is scheduled to meet on March 20, 2020. This is an advisory group of professionals in and outside the church, including those with occupations in business, education, construction, ministry, county interests, administration, and counseling. The list goes on ... special presentations will be made at this meeting; there are now 39 members and 5 honorary members.
- Scholarship Chapel is scheduled for March 25, 2020.
- → The athletic season has ended for 2019-2020. The basketball gym at PHSC was made available for certain Trinity games this season.



Prayer Requests ...

- Please pray for our new Digital Marketing Strategy. Pray for our ability to respond in a timely manner to prospective students.
- Please pray for all of our admission personnel and recruiters.
- ▶ Please pray for our faculty and staff. Pray that they will sense God's favor as they serve the students.
- → Please pray for our new donors as they choose to give and develop a partnership with Trinity College of Florida. Pray for the donors who have been faithful, that they will be blessed in unique ways.

Our hearts desire for student transformation at Trinity College:

"That they may know that this is Your hand – that You Lord have done it!" Psalm 109:27 NKJV

With a grateful heart for your partnership,

MARK T. O'FARRELL PRESIDENT