



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

“... Not Left Out, I’m Included ...”

Were you ever picked last when preparing for a sports activity or totally ignored? Sides were chosen, and you were picked last or never made the cut? You were asked to head for the ‘dugout’ or ‘sidelines.’ I experienced that and still remember it today. It stays with you. I felt unwanted, unneeded, and not ‘up to par’ to help or make a difference. I was left out and not missed.

This was a terrible feeling ... but wait ... **What does God say?** I was reading last week in Psalm 115. Verses 9-15 leaped from the pages. A call was issued: “O Israel, trust in the Lord. He is their help and their shield...” Then the House of Aaron is challenged the same way. *And then ‘I was included.’*

“You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord, He is their help and their shield ... He will bless those who fear the Lord both small and great...”

Israel, House of Aaron, and ME! The Call is to me ... I’m included, and I am not left out! The help, protection and blessing are mine, too!

The Call is Out ... to all who will hear and respond. Jesus issued the call, the invitation throughout His early ministry, to all who are weary and burdened. Over and over and in different settings, He said: **Come and Follow Me!**

God Calls.
We Equip.
You Advance.

When He calls, Trinity College of Florida is the place to be! You hear His Call. It is a strong persuasion, a ‘pull,’ and a ‘delight.’ You have been picked ... you have been Called! **You Are Included!**

The person says ‘Yes,’ and then Trinity College of Florida is in the place to **Equip**. *Everything you need* ... knowledge, instruction, and wisdom are yours! Great Treasure is discovered spiritually and emotionally. The eyes of understanding are enlightened. You become the ‘work of God’ to do the work of God at Trinity College of Florida! *What a calling!* “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10 NKJV **You Are Included!**

Then You Advance, move forward, to do His Will and Pleasure! Romans 10:15 becomes a reality! You bring ‘good news’ to all, directly or indirectly, regarding the indescribable wealth and riches in Jesus.” *Gigantic Fulfillment embraces your entire life!* **You Are Included!**

This is our heartbeat of understanding at Trinity: **God Calls ... We Equip ... You Advance!** No greater investment can be made than to enrich, equip, and empower His children for 21st transformational ministries through Higher Biblical Education!

Join us in prayers and join us in partnership! See our new website: www.trinitycollege.edu. You will be glad you did! “... a reason for the hope that is in you...” 1Peter 3:15 NKJV

Come and See!

You Are Included!

The Latest Happenings ...

The **President's Council** met May 29 in the Chapel. All CDC guidelines were followed in addition to having breakfast and lunch served in individual packages. The President presented the Power Point entitled *A Fresh Calling*. He traced the 'working of the Lord' at



the College from the end of 2019 to the present. A number of presentations were embedded within the President's report that involved enrollment, branding, digital marketing, refreshing of Munce Hall, and the need for an enhanced online teaching platform. Sam Thomas, President of the Alumni Association, brought an update on alumni activities. Dr. Jim Stock, Trustee, shared ways in which gifts would be presented in memory of loved ones or in honor of individuals.

The President recently utilized the newly designed **Athletic Offices** for a North Tampa Chamber of Commerce video.



Trinity College's "**refreshed**" **website** is available for your review. On the site you will find recent communications from the college dealing with the disbursement of government

funds for students (CARES Act Report on Emergency Financial Aid to Students) and a statement on the tragic death of George Floyd.

Summer Chapels are available every Wednesday via video. Be sure to log in! Updates and themes of activities are presented along with weekly messages.

COVID-19 and Return to Campus ...

Over \$31,000 was returned to students who were asked to leave L.L. Speer Hall due to COVID-19. Additional rebates were given to students who will be returning in the fall. Another \$97,000 was given to students via the CARES Act.

Plans are being made for students to **return to campus** in August. Issues of social distancing, classroom activities, and life in the residence halls have been reviewed for compliance. Face masks, along with procedures for navigating in buildings along with regular cleaning requirements have been discussed.

Classrooms and common areas are being redesigned for our students in consideration of social distancing.

Looking Ahead ...

Analyses of the following have been prepared for Trustee approval: the **Strategic 2020-2025 Plan, Initiatives for the coming year**, and **SWOT** (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats). The ABHE Affirmation for Accreditation team will review the work accomplished and the results. Spiritual, Academic, Intellectual, Professional, and Social Goals/Objectives are established.

Plans are in place for the **2020 Commencement** ceremony. It is slated for August 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of New Port Richey. **Dr. John Corts**, Trinity alumnus, former President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and Trinity's second President, will address the graduates.

The 2020-2021 **Faculty and Staff Retreat** is set for Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Calvary Church-Eastlake campus.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet Friday, October 13.

***We Seek Your Partnership in
Praying for ...***

... **the return of students on campus** in August 2020. Pray for their peace of mind as they have dealt with huge and unusual challenges these past months.

... **the Grants** from the U.S. Department of Education that are designated for Trinity

College of Florida. Pray for the funds needed for online upgrades, software, and teaching of faculty engagement for fall classes. The proposed cost is \$160,000. This enhanced platform is needed to handle all students online should the need arise. New online courses will generate additional revenue, provide influence for the College, and meet the needs of new students seeking a Biblical education.

... **the Faculty and Staff compensations** this summer. Your prayers are vital. ***GOD IS ABLE!***

... **the Spiritual Refreshing from the Lord** as Faculty and Staff minister during this summer.

"When everything is going against you, remember that airplanes take off against the wind, not with it." - *Henry Ford*

What we are experiencing today is the LIFT we need to rise and BE GOD'S AMBASSADORS to the world!

LET'S DO IT!

Serving with you for our Lord,



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President
Trinity College of Florida