

THE PRESIDENT'S



TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

Little Strength

"You need a vacation to plan a vacation, then go on vacation with the understanding that you need a vacation after the vacation." These were my words in recent days ... any Amens? So little time, so little resources, and so little assistance, and then in my reading of the book of Revelation, this passage **leaped** from the pages of Scripture once again:

"I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me ... you are the ones I love. Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, **I will protect you** from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. **I am coming soon.** Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown." Revelation 3:8-11 NLT

Do you see what Jesus is saying to the church in Philadelphia? Amazing ... Encouraging ... Prophetic! There is so MUCH in this passage. It has strong personal, and contemporary application to the believer today! Here are a few highlights to encourage and inspire you for further 'digging,' meditating, and study:

- **The Lord has given ... provided for you an 'open door' of influence and impact.** In fact, before you read Revelation 3:8, you need to read Revelation 3:7: "...What He opens, no one can close; and what He closes, no one can open." This is pretty clear. *Have you discovered your 'open door?' It is there!*
- **The Lord knows you have 'little strength.'** He knows you do not have the time you wish, the resources you may desire, or the physical stamina you want. But HE KNOWS! It is OK!
- **You are Loved by the Lord.** One person has said the key to happiness is to have the conviction that they are loved. Someone does love you ... God! He is a very Good Lover!! So many feel unloved and unlovable ... not so!! I learned this in Sunday School: "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so."
- **The Lord will protect you.** He is your 24/365 'Body and Soul Guard.' He is watching over you! You must read Psalm 121: *"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."* (Verse 8)
- **The Lord is coming soon.** He saw that the church in Philadelphia was obeying His command to persevere with little strength. He knows your situation and condition. Be encouraged. He *knows* and you are Blessed and will be Blessed. Jesus says: 'Hold on to what you have!! I am coming soon!' One hymn states: *What If It Were Today!!* Look up, your Redemption draws near!

You of 'Little Strength' ... Look Up! He knows, He sees, He cares, and He is Coming!

The Latest Happenings ...

- ✦ **New student orientation and registration** took place August 17-19, 2019. Activities included Pizza with the President, a movie on campus, a fun time at the bowling lanes, and church on Sunday.



- ✦ **The first chapel service** of the semester was held in L. L. Speer Hall.



- ✦ **New classrooms** have been constructed in the W. T. Watson Administration Building.





- ✦ Trinity's **2019 Convocation** Service was held on August 21, 2019. As a new semester officially began, the President reminded the students to **Enjoy God** and **Please God**.



- ✦ A new 10-ton air conditioner was installed the end of August in the **W. T. Watson Administration Building**. Some administrative offices and several classrooms have been without air conditioning most of the summer. All are grateful that this need has been met!
- ✦ **Ruth Munce Hall** is being utilized for classrooms, meeting rooms, and lodging for some individuals. A music room for practice and teaching is being constructed on the first floor.
- ✦ The Genesis Preparatory High School is using classrooms on the second floor of the **Raymond H. Center Library Building**. Since land is at a premium with all the construction of subdivisions and shopping areas near the College, Trinity is also allowing elementary sports programs the use of the land in front of the new residence hall and near the Library for practice.
- ✦ New efforts have been underway regarding digital marketing and upgrades in technology to better serve our students and constituents.

Dates to Remember for Prayer:

- September 16-18 ... **C&MA District Conference**, Deltona, Florida
- September 19-20 ... **CMAF Board of Directors**, Fort Myers, Florida
- Friday, October 4 ... **President's Council**, Trinity Campus
- Thursday, October 10 ... **C. S. Lewis Banquet**, Calvary Church, Clearwater
- Friday, October 11 ... **Board of Trustees**, Trinity Campus
- Friday, October 25 ... **Campus Preview**, Trinity Campus

Your Prayer Partnership is Requested for ...

- ✦ ... new students entering Trinity College of Florida. Pray for their scheduling, adjustments, and new expectations.
- ✦ ... the entire student body, faculty, staff, and administration.
- ✦ ... our athletic program, the demands on the students, and impact in the community.
- ✦ ... the financial needs of the College, the programs, and planned outreaches with the students.
- ✦ ... **Campus Preview**. This is an excellent opportunity for prospective students to “see and feel” the *Trinity Touch*.

“Shouldn’t rejoicing and praise be the hallmarks of our lives? Praise will banish darkness and bring us closer to God. Martin Luther once said, ‘Come, let us sing a psalm and drive away the devil!’” - Billy Graham

Let the singing begin!

Very grateful for your partnership,

