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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A Catalyst for Change!

*I*n his book entitled *Deep Change*, Robert E. Quinn makes the following observation:

"We live in a tumultuous time. Change is everywhere, and we are surrounded by circumstances that seem to demand more than we can deliver. We are regularly lured into playing the role of the powerless victim or the passive observer."

Phrases like *tumultuous time*, *change is everywhere*, *demands on us more than we can deliver*, *powerless victim*, and *passive observer* sound familiar. In the midst of these challenges, God has positioned Trinity College of Florida to be a **catalyst in changing lives** by developing Biblically grounded, spiritually empowered men and women for the glory and honor of Jesus Christ. Trinity College of Florida is **changing lives** by lighting a spark in the hearts and minds of young people for Christ, setting off a chain reaction that **changes the world!**

These **changed lives** are lifting people from hopelessness to the foundation of peace and joy. They are **changed lives** launched into tumultuous times to proclaim the Good News of the Son of God. They are **changed lives** on a mission bringing lasting truth to men and women around the world.

Trinity College of Florida is **changing lives** and with each **changed life**, we sense a leap of joy and a hunger for more. News of our alumni and students' impact around the world proves **Changed Lives Change the World!**

May you find great excitement and blessing in what God is doing through Trinity College of Florida! May fresh courage rise within your heart, knowing Christ is on the Throne. He is alive and coming again! The role of the *powerless victim* or the *passive observer* is not our calling. We are children of the King, Ambassadors of the Almighty, and Priests of the Most High! We are **changed lives commissioned to change the world!**

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Mark T. O'Farrell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark T. O'Farrell, D.D.
President
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EDITOR'S NOTE

A Ripple of Influence

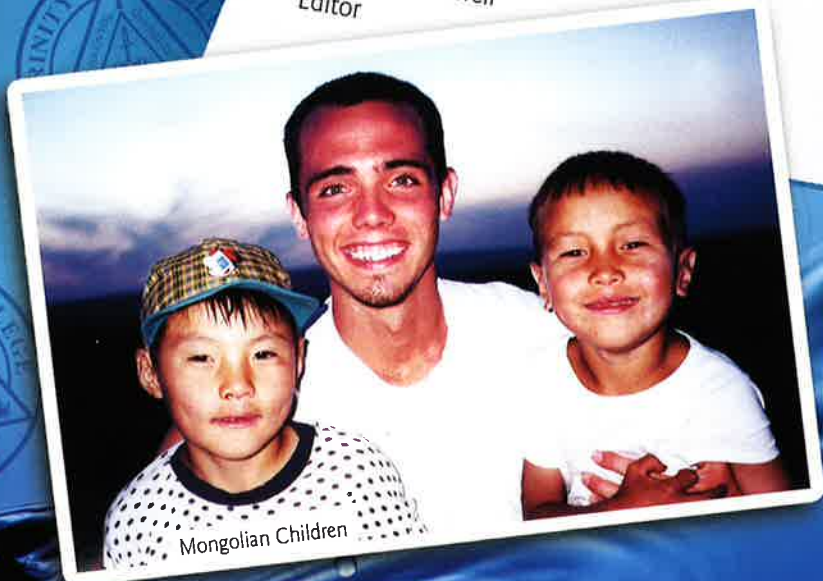
Do you remember those people, places, and events which had a profound impact on your life? Perhaps it was your parents, a mother and father who raised you in quiet strength, teaching you the importance of respect, honor, and integrity. Maybe it was a mission trip overseas to a far off country? You traveled to places you only read about and finally realized the hurts of needy families, starving children, and villages in desperate need of basic supplies to survive. You reflect on your college experience and remember the professors who impacted your life; their patience and tremendous knowledge exposed you to an entirely new world of thought. You cherish special friendships. A close friend, who prayed with you, encouraged and supported you through good times and bad. You also think back on a season of ministry rich with learning experiences, a time to be equipped and witness others' transformation.

Each of these events can produce a profound change in a life. A changed life creates ripples of influence. Picture a drop of water descending into a tranquil body of water. While the drop is absorbed into the body, its influence is felt throughout the entire ocean as ripples speed away from the point of impact. Like the small drop, which changes the vast body of water, **Changed Lives Change the World.**

A life changed by Christ can radically transform the world. God has given Trinity College of Florida a rich heritage of changing the lives of young men and women for over 75 years. These changed lives have multiplied and expanded the influence of Christ in numerous fields and industries. This issue of **THE CONNECTION** centers around the theme **Changed Lives Change the World.** As you read through the feature articles, you will witness the stories of alumni and students who experienced a profound change in their life through God's work at Trinity College of Florida. You'll discover that a Changed Life is: *A Foundation to Build On, An Investment Worth Making, and A Dream to Realize.* It is the hope of the editorial team through this issue and because of your **Changed Life**, you will seek ways to **Change the World!**



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A CHANGED LIFE, *A Foundation to Build On*

When asked the key to impacting the world, Herman Bailey leans forward and with crystal clarity says, "Recognize the Lord has put you in this place and it has nothing to do with you; it's all about Him." The life story of Herman and Sharron Bailey is breathtaking. There is a story rich in faith, anchored in prayer, and inspiring to millions.

Troubled Beginnings

Born in rural Kentucky, Herman Bailey experienced a challenging childhood. His parents left him and his older sister in the care of a cousin as they traveled to Chicago, Illinois in hopes of making a better life for their young children. Young Herman was faced with feelings of abandonment; wondering why he only saw his parents once a year. His care-taker relative assumed many of the parenting responsibilities including the children's religious upbringing. The Bailey children were raised in the church and frequently participated in fellowship picnics where Herman would pray on command when pinched by his overzealous guardian.

As time went by, the Bailey children were reunited with their parents and moved to Illinois. The move triggered a confusing time for Herman which led to deep anger, resentment, and suicidal thoughts. "I became involved in gangs and was a very rebellious young man," recounts Herman. Frustrated with his son's attitude and behavior, Herman's father sent him to a series of private schools in the hopes they could straighten him out. The strategy failed as each new school adventure ended the same way: Herman being asked to leave.

Flo Ernst, a family friend of the Baileys and a professor at Trinity College, suggested Herman attend the college in Florida. Herman's father decided to put the plan into action. "One day my father asked me, 'Son, how would you like to go to college in Florida?' I thought to myself, Florida – why not," remembers Herman.

Back in the 1950's, Trinity College of Florida was located in the Old Belleview Club in Clearwater. "I really wasn't into the atmosphere on campus. I was not at all in the mode of being one of those spiritual guys, but I knew what to say and how to act so I wouldn't stand out," recounts Herman. He tells of a week when one fellow female student walked up to him on campus and said to him, "You're not saved." "That's just the way it was back then," remembers Sharron Bailey, "very direct."

A Changed Life

Later in the week, Herman was attending chapel and heard T.W. Wilson preach. "I was sitting mid-way back near the aisle. I remember T.W. Wilson giving an invitation at the end of his sermon and wondering, 'Why would he do that at a Christian college?' It was as if he was speaking directly to me. I could feel my heart pounding in my chest and I went forward to accept Christ as my Savior." It was in the chapel on the campus of Trinity College where Herman Bailey experienced the life defining moment which would forever shape his future.

After meeting Sharron Yoder, a fellow classmate, Herman proposed and the two were married on May 15, 1959 and moved to Buffalo, New York. They spent thirteen years in Buffalo and later moved to Chicago before deciding to relocate to Clearwater, Florida. Upon arriving in Florida, Herman and Sharron connected with Rev. Bill Kline (class of 1964), a friend from their college days and Senior Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church. Herman and Sharron became actively involved in the church's ministry and outreach, while Herman tried his hand at several jobs attempting to establish himself in the area.

A Ministry is Born

One night the Baileys received a call at 11pm from Bill Kline asking to meet with Herman the next morning. The following day Herman arrived at Bill's office where Bill asked him if he would be interested in starting a seniors' ministry at the church. Herman's response was "Are you kidding me? I don't speak. I don't sing. If I stand up and speak, my face shakes. Why would you ask me?" Herman left the meeting and wrestled with Bill's proposition for three months. Finally, he met again with Bill and immediately refused the invitation. Bill picked up his Bible, pointed it at Herman, and said, "Show me that God can't use you." Confronted with his fear, Herman relented and accepted the challenge.

Herman went about putting together how the seniors' ministry would operate. He and Bill decided on the name *Super Sixties*. The program



Herman and Sharron in their college days at the Clearwater campus



Herman & Sharron with President & Mrs. O'Farrell

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would hold weekly meetings, group trips and outings, and would be an outreach ministry for the church. Following weeks of publicity, the first *Super Sixties* meeting took place with 150 in attendance on a Friday morning. In time, the weekly gatherings grew. "At the time I read an article which stated only 1 out of 500,000 adults over the age of 65 accepted Christ. I prayed to the Lord; if it be His will, I would like to change that statistic," said Herman. And change is what happened.

Over time *Super Sixties* grew to be the world's largest senior adult ministry. Over 1,500 senior adults would attend each week. The church facility was unable to hold the growing numbers of seniors who came to be part of the Bailey's ministry. Over a four year period Herman had the distinct honor of helping lead over 3,400 seniors to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Herman's expertise was sought out and he began holding national seminars on how to start aggressive seniors' ministries in churches all over the United States. While *Super Sixties* was at the height of its popularity, God began to prepare Herman and Sharron for the next season of ministry in their lives.

Lights, Camera, Action Sixties

Bob D'Andrea, a local television personality, was attempting to raise funds to launch a Christian television network in the area. He attended one of the *Super Sixties* meetings and shared his vision with Herman about starting a television program geared for senior adults. Herman agreed to help Bob search for the on-air talent. One day over lunch Bob told Herman he had found his host. Herman, eager to know, wanted to meet the individual Bob had selected. Herman recalls, "At that moment Bob said, 'I'm looking at him!'" Again Herman found himself at the crux of a difficult decision: Stay in the comfortable, successful seniors' ministry or

start all over again. The choice was not easy; but after prayer and reflection, Herman and Sharron decided to enter into the uncharted world of Christian television.

On November 3, 1980, Herman Bailey began *Action Sixties*, the nation's first, live, full-hour show dedicated to senior adults. *Action Sixties* later changed its name to *It's Time for Herman and Sharron*, as Sharron joined Herman as on-air co-host. The Friday format of the show is known as *Coffee Club Live* and is sent into over 15 million homes on WCLF-TV. Herman and Sharron have been awarded ten Angel Awards which recognize individuals in the media for works of high moral, spiritual and social impact have met and interviewed individuals such as former President George H. W. Bush, Ravi Zacharias, and Franklin Graham. While the show's format has changed over the years, their influence continues to touch the lives of millions of individuals throughout the world.

Yet, with all his success, Herman still remembers the impact his college days in Florida had on his life and ministry. "Trinity College is the foundation I have built on. When I sit down and start to study the Word or when I am introduced around the world, the thing that comes to my mind is Trinity College. Trinity College has always been the foundation and the beginning of everything that has happened in my life." The foundation laid at Trinity College was instrumental in beginning the world's largest senior adult ministry, the nation's first senior adult television program and, as a result, has impacted millions of lives all over the world. Herman remembers, "The Lord takes you from the most amazing places. It has been a walk that is all summed up in one word - miracle." And what a miracle it has been.

Herman and Sharron with Mrs. Watson



Herman on the set of
Action Sixties' first broadcast



A packed
house for
Super Sixties
at Trinity
Baptist
Church





Charlie Martin receiving a flag from U.S. Congressman Bill Young

A CHANGED LIFE,

An Investment Worth Making

Jerry Talent, a student at Trinity College, was visiting a friend at Marrable Hill Chapel in Arkansas when he decided to leave a catalogue with the church's high school boys' Sunday school teacher in the event he would know of any young men who would be interested in attending the College. The Sunday school teacher knew Charlie Martin felt a call into full-time ministry and decided to pass on the information. That afternoon the high school junior took the book home and after Sunday lunch went into his room, closed the door, and read through the entire catalogue. "I read it, front to back, and told my parents I liked everything about the College and wanted to know more and see this place," recounts Charlie. It was that Arkansas Sunday afternoon when a spark entered Charlie Martin's mind about attending the College which would train and equip him for a lifetime of ministry.

The Journey Begins

The Martins decided to take the family's first out of state vacation that summer to Florida so Charlie could see the campus of Trinity College and decide if it would be the place God would have him attend. Trinity College seemed like a good fit for Charlie. He wanted a college where he could study the Word of God. Growing up in El Dorado, Arkansas, Charlie felt a call into fulltime Christian ministry by the age of 11. During a missionary slide show, he experienced a call into the Gospel ministry; now as he approached the decision as to where he would study, Trinity College seemed like the perfect fit. "Not only did I want to get to know the word of God, but I also had a deep admiration for Billy Graham and felt his attendance at the College was a good stamp of approval," remembers Charlie. After a personal tour by the President and Founder, Dr. Watson, he knew Trinity was the college for him.

Charlie's first semester was not easy. He was not a straight 'A' student and after six months he was placed on academic probation. "That's when I got serious about my grades," states Charlie. Classes were rigorous and the professors set high standards. Charlie wondered if he would ever understand Dr. Bragg, the theology professor, whom he later

grew to know and admire. "When you went through Systematic Theology with Dr. E. C. Bragg, you came out on the other side and you knew what you believed and why you believed what you believed."

Academic studies were not the sole focus at Trinity College; students were also encouraged to seek out ministry application. Charlie was afforded numerous opportunities to serve. He led music at several churches, including a two-year part-time position as the Music and Youth Director at First Baptist Church of Tarpon Springs, Florida. Charlie was involved in street witnessing in Ybor City and Tampa; he would preach anywhere he was given the opportunity. Charlie remembers that he and fellow student, Willey McBride, would drive to Hispanic communities in a flat bed truck and preach from the truck bed. "Willey would translate into Spanish as I preached."

Charlie's time at Trinity College was formative. He worked part-time jobs while he studied and wrote papers, putting himself through College. "I never thought of myself as a very intelligent man, but I claimed Acts 4:13 which says, 'Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.' I realized if God could use Peter and John he might be able to use me." God was ready to use Charlie Martin.

Back to Arkansas

Upon graduating from Trinity College in 1967, Charlie returned to El Dorado, Arkansas, where he became the youth minister at Marrable Hill Chapel; this was the same church where he accepted Christ, was baptized, and called into full-time ministry. He had planned to attend seminary and was taking steps towards enrolling but things changed.

Indian Rocks Christian School students





Charlie Martin speaking to children at IRBC VBS

"The youth ministry at the church exploded! Suddenly this small church had 80-100 youth in attendance. I kept putting off attending seminary because the work was so great," recalls Charlie. After three and one half years at Marrable Hill Chapel, Charlie felt it was time to move to a new phase of ministry. He became involved in revival circuits and evangelism meetings. It was during one evangelistic meeting at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas that Charlie came into contact with the music director of a small Baptist church in Florida. The music director took a liking to Charlie and arranged for him to preach a revival series at his church.

An Impact at Indian Rocks

After finishing a fantastic week of revival meetings in Florida, Charlie received a phone call from the senior pastor of Indian Rocks Baptist Church inquiring of his interest to become the church's associate pastor for youth and music. Charlie, believing this invitation was from the Lord, accepted and on April 14, 1971 was brought on staff. After ten months, the senior pastor left and Charlie Martin became the senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks in May 1972.



On Charlie's first Sunday as senior pastor, the church had 79 people in Sunday school and 91 in the Worship Service. Charlie set about looking for ways to grow the church and spread the Gospel. "Almost immediately all around the area orange groves and wooded areas were being cleared for new communities. Homes were popping up all around us. I thought to myself, 'people will not have to drive all the way to Tampa for church; the church will be right here waiting for them,'" remembers Charlie.

As the community grew, so did Indian Rocks. Capital campaigns and building programs followed as the small church grew in size and influence. In the fall of 1984 Indian Rocks Christian School was founded and has graduated over 530 students. In January 1988 the church had to relocate as the current property was landlocked. As the facilities grew, so did the ministries. The new ministries included: The Solid Rock Company, a high school ministry which has seen over 14,000 students accept Christ, the Memorial Ministry and Memorial Gardens, the establishment of a Medical Clinic to serve the needs of the congregation and community, and The Heron House, an assisted living facility dedicated to meeting the needs of senior adults and their families. Most recently, the church celebrated its 50th Anniversary in its new state-of-the-art Worship Center which seats over 3,200. Today the church membership has grown to over 6,000 with an average attendance of 3,000 each weekend.

Worth It

Yet for all the change, growth, and expansion which has occurred under Charlie Martin's leadership, he still lives by the motto: The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing. "It's all about Jesus and the change He makes in peoples' lives," touts Charlie. When asked about making a difference in the world, Charlie states, "It's not about being a perfect person. Put your trust in the Lord; there you have access to the deepest resources. It's putting our confidence and trust in Him." When reflecting on his time at Trinity College and thinking of young men and women who are seeking God's direction in their lives, Charlie reiterates, "One year of Bible College is a great experience for anybody, especially when you don't know what you are going to do with your life. One year of your life dedicated to being grounded in God's Word and waiting upon the Lord to see what He would want you to do with your life is not much to give." By looking at Charlie Martin's life, his commitment to the study of God Word's was an investment worth making.



A CHANGED LIFE, *A Dream to Realize*

With her mother at the grocery store and her brother playing video games, Rebekah went into the kitchen, took a knife, and went into the bathroom. It was a crisis moment for her. Believing no one truly cared or would miss her, Rebekah prepared to take her own life. She felt suicide would be an escape; a way to avoid the emotional pain which plagued her. As she contemplated the act she was about to commit, she cried out to God, praying, "God I don't really want to do this. There has to be more to life than this. And I know God, You have to be able to save me from this but I just can't see it right now." At that moment a knock at the door from her younger brother, demanding access to the bathroom, was the sudden intervention that brought Rebekah to her senses. She threw the knife under the sink and headed to her room. That night for the first time in her life, Rebekah read God's Word. It was the beginning of a journey which would lead her to a personal relationship with Christ.

Changed from the Inside Out

Growing up for Rebekah was not an easy experience. Bouts with depression, low self-esteem, eating disorders, cutting, and a suicide attempt plagued the life of this young girl from Tennessee. Yet, in the midst of her trouble and pain, Rebekah found the soothing grace of Christ and became a life changed from the inside out. Later, on a week long mission trip to Grenada, Rebekah was amazed at the genuine faith of the Christians she met. "The people were so grateful for everything we did for them. When we had praise and worship, the people were really praising God. They were praising God with everything they had. It really woke me up."

The mission trip to Grenada planted a seed in Rebekah's heart which eventually led her to enroll at Trinity College of Florida. "As soon as I set foot on the Trinity campus, I knew this was where I was supposed to be," declared Rebekah. "I always felt drawn to Trinity College of Florida." While at Trinity, Rebekah tells how her focus changed from herself to influencing others for Christ. "You can find people who really know you and can relate to you. Trinity is unique because the people are here because they want to be here and they are seeking after God."



Rebekah with friends during a College outing

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Rebekah (far right) during Mexico mission trip



Rebekah (far right) with friends

It's the atmosphere on campus which has had a profound impact on Rebekah's life. "The classes have helped so much and the encouragement from professors and students is amazing." Rebekah, a counseling major, now dreams of ministering to children and youth. "God has given me so many bits and pieces of things I want to do. But I have always had a heart for teenagers, especially troubled teenagers," states Rebekah. She longs to use the difficulties she has faced to share with teenagers that God can help them overcome the struggles they face. "I want teenagers to really fall in love with God and realize God is there and He does care for you."

Ready to Grow

Rebekah, will graduate in May 2010 and continues to dream of the plans God has for her. She finds her time at Trinity College of Florida summed up in one word: Amazing. "With everything I have gone through, you would think it would have discouraged me but I've learned that when I face challenges, God is breaking me to make me more like Him. Now, in a way, I am excited when I face challenges." Rebekah, reflecting on her time at Trinity College of Florida says, "Be prepared for a hard road; but in the end it's worth it. Get ready to grow because you will whether you want to or not!" In the end, the challenges, encouragement, training, and people at Trinity College of Florida will help to shape Rebekah as she discovers all of God's plans and wonderful dreams in store for her.

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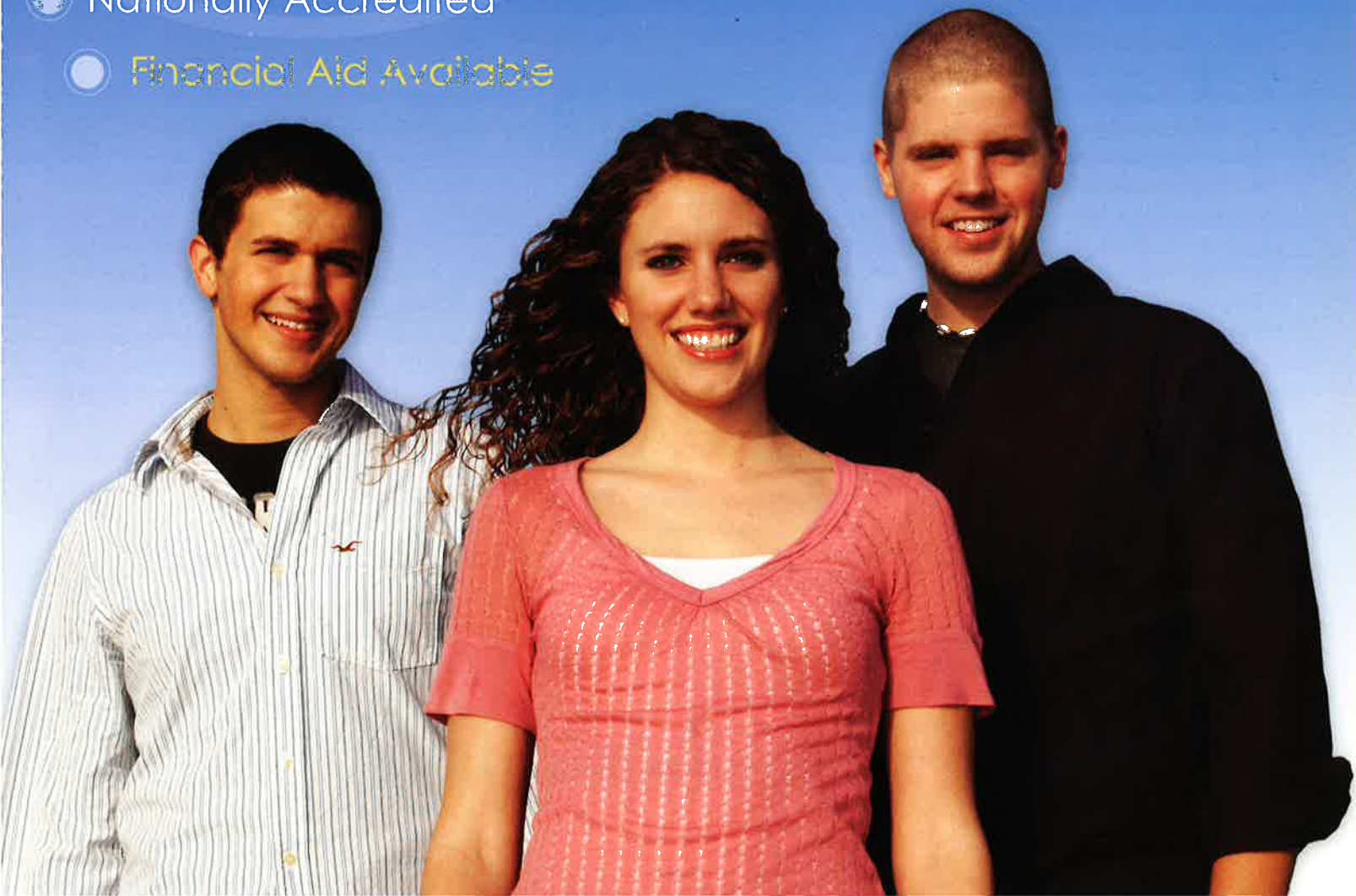


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Women's 07-08 Volleyball Team

Character and Competition: Women's Volleyball Season

By Rachel Castelao

What a privilege it was to be the captain of the first women's sports team at Trinity College of Florida. We began our season with an exciting victory against Wesley College at our opening tournament. Going into the season, Coach Mark Sawyer cautioned us that we were not expected to win any matches since this was our inaugural season. Even though many of our players were new to the sport, this young team was able to pull off four wins in our first season and ended up placing fifth in regional competition. This was an unexpected surprise, not because we didn't work for it, but because we placed above three other teams that had been playing together for years.

To be truthful, going into the season I was doubtful about the success of our team. We began our first practice with only six players and ended the season with eleven girls on the team. The group of girls was dynamic because we were able to have fun, play volleyball, and worship God together. The camaraderie of the team grew as we spent time together on and off the court. The team really benefited from the road trips which gave us a chance to build friendships. It was great to be on a team where everyone was able to lift up each other with Godly conversation. Whether we were on the court, on the road, in our hotel rooms, or at practice there was always an uplifting spirit. Coach Mark was also an encouragement. I remember once when Coach addressed the whole team in a devotional time as we were traveling from North Carolina. It was spiritually uplifting and helped to build the team. The team of girls along with our coaches grew as a small sector of the Trinity family.

The team faced frustrations and discouragement as we struggled through many difficult matches against teams with years of experience. But the encouragement that came from our fans, bench, and coaches were enough to get us through the challenges. The reason our team was able to maintain a good attitude through many difficult matches was because of our priorities. Coach Mark made sure that we kept our priorities: God, school, ministry, and then volleyball. Our goal this year was to have fun playing volleyball and build friendships along the way and that goal was definitely reached.

Playing volleyball at the collegiate level was an exciting experience. My education is very important and at the start of the season I was afraid volleyball would take away from my studies, but this was not the case. Coach Mark allotted time for us to carry on our studies and ministries as well as enjoy volleyball. Being a part of this team has enhanced my experience at Trinity College of Florida because it gave me the opportunity to play volleyball at the collegiate level, it encouraged many friendships, and it pushed me to exercise self-discipline.

One phrase that has been ingrained into the minds of all of the players on this team throughout this season was, "Play as a Team – Win as a Team!" This was an appropriate motto for our team this season. Each player was an essential part of what we were trying to accomplish as a team. Each person who was a part of this team added an exciting element

to the team whether it was encouragement, laughter, kindness, leadership, or skill. I am looking forward to next year's season with great anticipation and excitement for the new girls that will be joining our team.



Rachel Castelao



(L to R) Bethany Woods, Juliana Anderson, Rebekah Scarlett & Joy Heiserman

Right: Fans at
Midnight Madness
Below: Trinity College
of Florida students
enjoying Midnight
Madness



NEW ATHLETIC LOGO REVEALED AT MIDNIGHT MADNESS



Trinity College of Florida students, faculty, staff, and fans gathered at Suncoast gym on Friday night, October 12th from 10pm to 12midnight for the Tigers' first pep rally of the year, *Midnight Madness*. The event showcased the Trinity Tigers' men's basketball team in a black and gold scrimmage and included audience participation in various athletic games. Free t-shirts and TIGER PRIDE merchandise were given to the first seventy-five in attendance.

"The fans were very enthusiastic and the energy was tremendous," said Al Depoutot, Athletic Director for Trinity College of Florida. *Midnight Madness* is a recent tradition for Trinity College of Florida. "This was a great way to begin our basketball season," commented Mr. Depoutot.

Midnight Madness also provided the opportunity to reveal the College's new athletic logo. Trinity College of Florida is celebrating its 75th Anniversary and felt a new athletic logo would invigorate their athletic program and fans. "*Midnight Madness* was amazing. It is probably the most fun I have had all semester," said Rebekah Scarlett, a sophomore. "I really like the new logo. It is new, exciting, and fun," said Rebekah.

The College's mascot is the Tiger and goes by the nickname "Titus". The new logo and its accompanying components feature the Tiger proudly standing in front of a strong letter T for Trinity. The logo incorporates the College's official colors: black and gold.

Notables

A NEW DAY FOR THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

On November 14, 2007 Trinity College of Florida introduced its new Office of Advancement Personnel at a luncheon held at the Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club in Palm Harbor, Florida. "It has become necessary to expand the expertise and administrative support of the Office of Advancement as the College continues to plan for future growth," said Dr. Mark T. O'Farrell, President. "The new Advancement Team is a group of dedicated men and women who have come from various fields and industries with extensive backgrounds in fundraising, planning, and public relations and we are excited to have them onboard at Trinity," said Dr. O'Farrell. The Office of Advancement Personnel includes:



L to R Kevin O'Farrell, Mel Carter, Dr. O'Farrell, Charlie Martin, and Lee Behensky

MRS. LEE BEHENSKY, Development Consultant, who will be advising the College on its capital campaign, operational giving, planned gifts, scholarship funding and donor relations.

REV. MEL CARTER, College Chaplain, who will work in the areas of development giving and donor relations.

DR. CHARLIE MARTIN, Assistant to the President for Advancement, who will focus on operational giving and representing the College to various constituencies across the nation.

MR. KEVIN O'FARRELL, Chief Communications Officer, who will oversee the College's various public relations mediums and managing the College's media relations.

The Office of Advancement is responsible for all fund-raising and public relations activities. The Office provides support to the College's alumni, church, and public relations. Financial gifts are used to support Trinity College of Florida's nationally recognized Christian higher education program.

The Office of Advancement exists to meet the needs of the alumni, supporters, and friends of the College. The Office of Advancement may be contacted by phone at 727.569.1403 or by emailing newday@trinitycollege.edu. For more information on partnering with the College's annual fund, planning giving, stock gifts, scholarship funding, or upcoming events visit the College's website at www.trinitycollege.edu.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCE NAMED

Trinity College of Florida is pleased to announce that Mr. Richard C. Henricksen has been named the new Vice President for Business and Finance. Mr. Henricksen brings over thirty-two years of corporate and non-profit financial experience to the Office of Business and Finance at Trinity College of Florida.



Rich & Ruth Henricksen on the campus of Trinity College of Florida

Mr. Henricksen spent nineteen years with SunTrust Bank in the areas of contingency planning, accounting, mortgage loan operations, and management. From January 1995 until September 2007, Mr. Henricksen served as the Assistant to the District Superintendent for Business & Finance with the Southeastern District of The Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA) located in Orlando, Florida. While with the Southeastern District of The C&MA, Mr. Henricksen oversaw all aspects of the non-profit's financial dealings which included accounting, cash management and investment, insurance review, receipts and disbursement of funds, budgeting, financing and lending, financial consultation, and facility maintenance.

"Rich will bring to the college community experience, expertise, and a keen insight into personnel management," said Dr. Mark T. O'Farrell, President of Trinity College of Florida. "His management style brings into every occasion a sense of reality and achievement. We are absolutely delighted to have Rich as part of the team at Trinity College of Florida," commented Dr. O'Farrell.

Mr. Henricksen is a member of the Audit Review Committee of the National C&MA in Colorado Springs and a former member of the President's Council at Trinity College of Florida. Mr. Henricksen is a graduate of the School of Bank Administration and Edison College holding a degree in banking and finance. Rich has been married to his wife Ruth for 42 years. They have two grown children and four grandchildren.



Alumni UPDATES

How wonderful our Lord is! According to King David in Psalm 76:7, the Lord alone is to be feared. Solomon exhorts us to stand in awe of God in Ecclesiastes 5:7, as he concludes a timely instruction on worship.

As we heed these words of Truth, we are able to join in the praise of Habakkuk 3:2, "Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."

Our Lord is merciful, Praise His Name!

Today we see and hear in the media fearless satire termed entertainment. How important it is for us to study to show ourselves approved; servants of a righteous God! As we carry the message of Christ may we remember to pray, share, and care for each other. As you read through the alumni updates remember to pray for those listed.

Great things are happening in the lives and ministry of our Alumni and we desire the Lord to be glorified in our worship and witness; in our day and His time.

Serving with you!

Les Harris (1964)

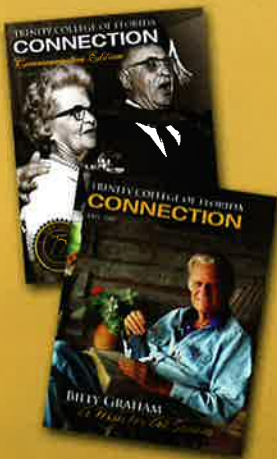
Alumni Association President

Les



Thank You!

In October 2007 Les Harris, President of the Alumni Association, presented Kevin O'Farrell, Editor of THE CONNECTION, with a check for \$1,000. The Alumni Association's gift will be used to help with the production and printing cost of the College's official magazine. A special thank you goes to the members of the Alumni Association for their support.



THE CONNECTION is interested in the continuing stories of Trinity College of Florida Alumni. Keep the Trinity family informed about births, marriages, special milestones, updates, and pictures. Contact us via email at admin@trinitycollege.edu or call (727) 376-6911.

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1950s

RUTH LUTTRELL (1950)

Ruth continues the Caribbean ministry of "The Rock Radio" on AM WIVV 1370 which she and husband Don (1951) began 50 years ago.

P.O. Box 367000, San Juan PR 00936-7000

ELMER (1953) JANE SHERTZER (COLVIN, ATTD. 1953)

Elmer and Jane recently celebrated 55 years of marriage.

23 Landis Ave., Millersville PA 17551

ejshertzer@earthlink.net

CHUCK AND BOBBI (REED) KINZER (1955)

1202 Davis Drive, Minneola FL 34715

reznik2@joymail.com

1960s

KENNETH (1961) AND SILVIA (1960, WILSON) ZESINGER

Kenneth & Silvia are enjoying retirement in Ohio.

280 Valley Hi Dr., Lexington OH 44904

RON (1964) AND MAXINE (WINTERS, 1963) HAWKINS

Ron & Maxine continue to serve in local Church ministry.

958 Athens Rd, Sherwood MI 49089



ROGER (1963) AND MOTTRIE (1964) HOGLE

Recently hosted a gathering of 38 alumni in

Celebration of

Trinity College of Florida's 75th Anniversary.

76 Ridge Road E., Conneaut OH 44030-9655

rhogle@attglobal.net

DON AND CHERYL (JOHANNES) RASMUSSEN (1966)

Don & Cheryl continue leadership training in Colombia, South America.

PO Box 26237, Fayetteville NC 28314

micommin@peoplepc.com

Alumni UPDATES



PAUL (1966) AND PAM RASMUSSEN

Paul & Pam are serving with New Tribes Mission and are planning a trip to Alaska for a comprehensive check on 100 radio broadcasts for teaching Firm Foundations.

831 Fairbairn Ct., Deltona FL 32725
Paul_Rasmussen@ntm.org

DAN AND JANE (WILLIAMS) ROSS (1966)

Dan & Jane recently celebrated 42 years of marriage.
2213 Oakland Farm Dr, Lawrenceville GA 30044-6394

GARY (1967) AND DIANE BROOKS

Gary is the pastor at the Manatee RV Park Community Church, south of Ruskin, Florida and is the chaplain for the SS American Victory Mariners Memorial and Museum Ship.
2608 87th Ct E, Palmetto FL 34221-8596
gcdmb@tampabay.rr.com

FREDERICK (1967, 1973) AND ROSALIE PANGBURN

Frederick continues to serve as the Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of Upper Deerfield in Bridgeton, New Jersey.
131 Love Lane, Bridgeton NJ 08302

1970s

LARRY (1972) AND BEVERLY (BROWER, 1971) OLSON

Larry is currently serving as the head coach of the women's basketball program at Manhattan Christian College Manhattan, Kansas.
P.O. Box 513, Manhattan KS 66505

CATHY GARBER (1975)

Cathy continues to work for CBM. This is her 32nd year with the organization.
RR1 Box 499, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648-9517

ROBERT (1979) AND DEBORAH (SMITH, 1978) FLORENCE

Deborah currently is working as a teacher with deaf and hard of hearing students in Polk County, Florida. She also works as a sign language interpreter.
4809 Benton Street, Lake Wales FL 33853
dflo2@hotmail.com



JOSIAH (1979) AND LOIS MUSINGILLAH

Josiah works with the Kenya National Examinations Council and has been teaching for over 28 years.
P.O. Box 97-90201, Mutomo, Kenya



DANIEL (1979) AND MICHELE RICKETT

Daniel has written several books on partnerships in missions and occasionally teaches at the Intercultural Studies program at Wheaton College Graduate School. Michele is the co-author of the IVP best seller, *Daughters of Hope*.

1145 Crabapple Lake Circle, Roswell GA 30076
drickett@sistersinservice.org

1980s

JEFF (1983) AND HEIDI (HAVERLOCK, ATTD. 1983) CARROLL

Heidi and daughter, Nicole, recently returned from a short term mission ministry in Indonesia.
1109 Penny Packer Ln, Bowie MD 20716



JEFF (1985) AND MARTHA (DESA, 1984) ALBRIGHT

Jeff & Martha are serving with Bible Center Ministries International on college campuses in the Tampa Bay,

Florida area reaching Muslims and Hindus for Christ.
699 Diane Lane, Tarpon Springs FL 34689
jeffmartha4@yahoo.com

ERIC AND TERESA ERSKINE (1987)

Eric & Teresa are serving at First Baptist Church of Havana, Florida.
220 Country Club Drive, Havana FL 32333
eete2@bellsouth.net

MITRA (1987) AND RUTH (DOOKNIE, 1984) RAMLOGAN

Mitra and Ruth praise God for the surprise gift of baby Jaden born December 2007.
251 Everleigh Way, Marietta GA 30064-2656



Alumni UPDATES

MIKE (1984) AND BETTYE LOWERY

Mike is serving as the Lead Pastor of CounterPointe Church,
11480 Waterford Village Drive, Fort Myers FL 33913

1990s

PERRY (1993) AND ROLINE SMIT

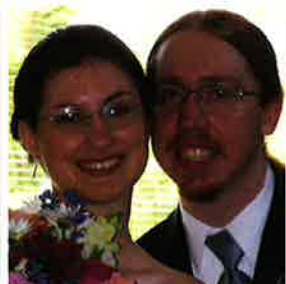
Perry & Roline are serving in Suriname jungles with World Team.
2521 Lake Ellen Ln, Tampa FL 33618
boeroesmit@hotmail.com

2000s



KEVIN (2000) AND SERENA GLENN

In 2006, Kevin completed his Master's Degree in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. Kevin and family recently moved to the Tampa area where he serves as the Minister to Students at Bayshore Baptist Church. Kevin & Serena have two children: Emily and Cameron.
3413 W. Carrington Street, Tampa FL 33611
Kevin@kevinglenn.net



TIMOTHY (2005) AND HEATHER MAGILL

Timothy and Heather were married on August 4, 2007. They are serving in Gwangju, South Korea teaching English in the public school system and are expecting their first child in June 2008.

LCI Kids Club, 1234-4 Chipyeong Dong, Seogu, Gwangju, South Korea, 502-270 uriah_exile@yahoo.com



DAVID AND PAMELA KNAPP (2006)

David & Pamela are continuing to serve with Radical Life Ministries in Costa Rica.

Apartado Postal 119-4023, Playa Jaco, Puntarenas, Costa Rica,

Central America knapps97@yahoo.com

NAPHTILI SIMPSON (2006)

Naphtili is studying at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics and is teaching ESL. She is preparing to serve overseas on the mission field with Wycliffe.

1616 Summers Drive, Cedar Hill TX 75104

adoesetfree@yahoo.com



DAVE (2007) AND JEN (GRAY, 2004) BOOTH

Dave & Jen were married on July 20, 2007. Currently they are both pursuing their Masters of Divinity Degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

2611 Garden Hill Drive, Apt. 204, Raleigh NC 27614

jbooth@sebts.edu



DANIEL (2007) AND NIKOLE SEGALE

Daniel is serving as the youth pastor at St. Andrews' United Methodist Church in Brandon, Florida. He is also furthering his education with the Youth Ministry Institute in Orlando, Florida.

132 St. Petersburg Drive W., Oldsmar FL 34677 djs055@yahoo.com

A Note From Mel Carter



Kathleen and I would like to express our thanks to you for your words of encouragement and prayers for my ongoing healing. I remember you in my prayers and am anticipating great things for you and Trinity College of Florida.

Mel Carter



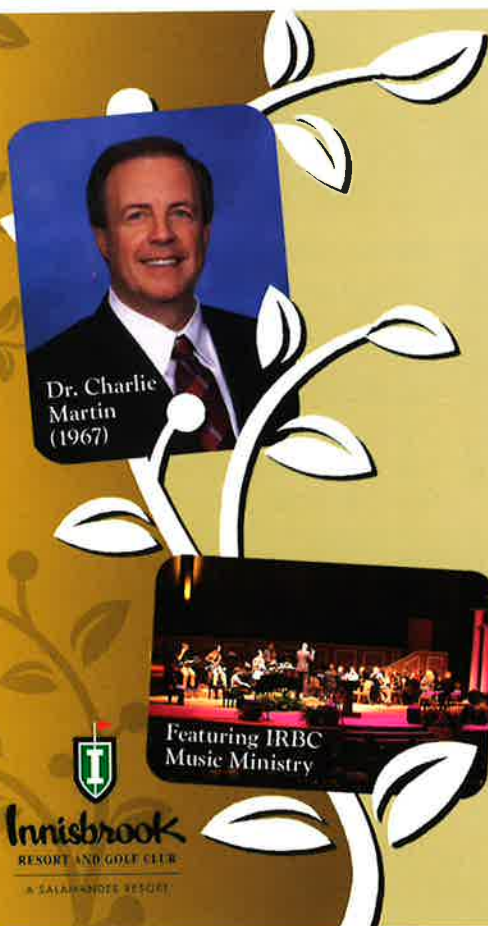
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THE LAST WORD

How Can I Change The World?

By Dr. Ken Whitten

One night a wife found her husband standing over their newborn's crib. As she watched him looking down at their very first baby, she saw on his face a mixture of emotions: disbelief, doubt, delight, amazement, enchantment and skepticism. Touched by this unusual display and the deep emotions it aroused, with eyes glistening, she slipped her arm around her husband and said, "A penny for your thoughts, dear." "It's amazing," he replied. "What's amazing?" she inquired, knowing he was deep in thought about what he was seeing. "I just can't see how they can make a crib like that for only \$109.95."

Here lay one of the greatest miracles in God's creation, and all the father saw was the crib. He didn't see what lay within; he missed the point. Isn't that what Jesus was trying to get us to do? He said, "Look unto the fields that are white unto harvest... The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few" Matthew 9:37. The question becomes: How can I avoid missing the point and really **change the world**?

A Purpose

The first chapter of Acts tells me I can **change the world** and impact it for an eternal difference. First, God has a purpose that insults my flesh. We live in an American culture which has coined the slogans: *You deserve a break today, Have it your way, We did it for you, Be all you can be, and Quench your thirst.* We live in an egocentric, narcissistic world that teaches us we're #1: satisfy yourself, pamper yourself, make sure you take care of #1. Our culture says, "Get all you can, can all you get, sit on the lid, and poison the rest."

Our theology becomes *me-ology*. Listen to our prayer requests; the songs we sing, even in church. Do they sound as if our focus is on God or is it subtly

my feeling, my fears, my world, to the point I become the focus. When was the last time you prayed for the Hui people of China, or the Idaca people of Benin, or the Dongnu people of China, or the Mons people of Myanmar, or the Bambara people of West Africa?

The Book of Acts is not about the Holy Spirit and power in you; it's about God's power through you. It's not about you.

It's about God's power to be a witness to others starting at home and carrying on into the uttermost part of the world.

A Plan

The second truth: God has a plan that includes me. Luke said in Acts 1:8, "You shall be my witnesses after the Holy Spirit comes upon you." Question: When did the Holy Spirit come upon you? Answer: The moment you received Jesus Christ. This means His presence produces a power that gives you not only a purpose but also a plan.

In God's wisdom and sovereignty, He did not leave us alone but gave us a comforter, a paraclete, a power within for the purpose of being a witness which begins the moment we are saved. It is a power that produces change. When you look at the day of Pentecost, you'll see the change in Simon Peter. Before thousands, he puts his finger in their face and says, "You crucified Jesus." Before Pentecost, he hides his face over a young girl who recognizes him. What made the difference? God's Power.

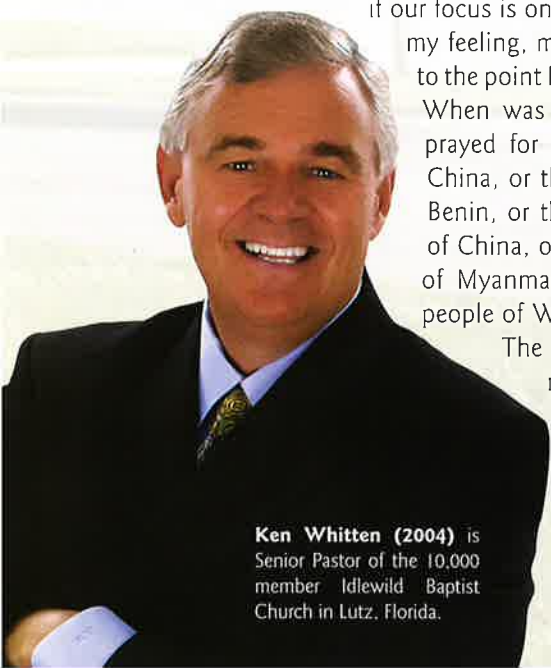
John, one of Jesus' twelve, was one of two brothers called *Sons of Thunder*. One day he said, "Lord, should we call down fire from heaven?" After God's Spirit came down, he was called the *beloved disciple*. What made the difference? God's Power.

A Place

Here is the third principle: God has a place that involves your future. Acts 1:8 says we shall be witnesses, and He tells us where. Jerusalem, our community; Judea, our country; Samaria, our continent; and the uttermost, our world. God has a plan. He has given us a purpose. He has provided us power, and He has charted a place to make a difference and **change our world**. His purpose insults our flesh. His plan involves our faith. His place invites our future.

You can be a witness. It may very well be as a teacher, architect, engineer, waiter or waitress, coach, lawyer, doctor, homemaker, or it may be over "there". You may be a missionary apprentice, a career missionary, a journeyman, or even in some denominational circles they allow you to make a commitment even when you're 50 years or older called a Master's Program.

You can **change the world** and God can use you to be a change agent with the Gospel in people's lives. Let's heed our Lord's call: "Look unto the fields that are white unto harvest." See the world with eyes of mercy where truth and righteousness meet with eyes of simplicity. Here our life is lived simply, naturally, and with sincerity. See this world through eyes of integrity where we live and speak honesty and live uprightly. Lastly, see this world through eyes of reality where we speak the cultural language of our day, and maybe, just maybe, God will invite you to **change the world** one person at a time.



Ken Whitten (2004) is Senior Pastor of the 10,000 member Idlewild Baptist Church in Lutz, Florida.



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