

# THE PRESIDENT'S



# Circle

TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

## ***So, You Have Not Figured God Out!***

God has 'hard wired' us in different ways. Some of us want to know every 'jot and tittle' as we would move forward. Some are only concerned about 'being on the right path.' Others are semi-detailed. Yet others have little interest in details. Others live for the adventure.

The Scriptures lay it out clearly for us:

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3 NKJV

*His greatness is past finding out!*

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9 NKJV

*He operates at a different plane or level!*

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?" Romans 11:33-34 ESV

*He is far above what we can even imagine!*

It is time to rejoice in the fact that we do not know what we do not know! It is time to rejoice that we do know what we should know. As Deuteronomy 29:29 states:

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us...."

*So should our focus be!*

This IS Christmas! It is a mystery! It is simply amazing! The events, travels, timing, locations, and the supernatural all superintended by God Almighty! ***It is a gift to us with a GIFT...***the Lord Jesus! Who is able to 'figure this out?' Who is able to appreciate this to the fullest?

The Incomprehensibility of God! Rejoice, Meditate, and Talk of this! Think on these words:

"Not only can we never know everything there is to know about God, we can never know everything there is to know about even one aspect of God's character or work ... God's love, wrath, grace, justice, holiness, patience, and jealousy are continually functioning in perfectly integrated yet infinitely complex ways. He is also everywhere present, fully aware of all that is happening at every moment, and wisely responding and reacting to all these events ... God will never be exhaustively understood." *Biblical and Theological Studies: Michael Wilkins and Erik Thoennes pp 29-31.*

Then the authors cry out: ***Cultivate Hearts of Wonder!***

As you again read and study the Christmas Story, ponder the 'happenings' with a sense of awe. Mere mortals reviewing what the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit has performed for them ... AS A GIFT! The Gift of Salvation in baby Jesus, God with us ... God in the flesh! God for us! Incomprehensibility will set in! You can count on it!

## The Latest Happenings ...

- ✦ A special Thanksgiving meal was served to our student body on November 21. Faculty and Staff served students and guests.



- ✦ Earth, trees, and brush have been removed from acres of the campus that have not been landscaped. A rough road along with a walking trail has been constructed with drainage. A beautiful pond is part of the “wooded experience.” The Lennar Corporation is working with the College and the YMCA to provide an entrance for individuals to access their properties and development. This will lead directly to commercial properties, restaurants, and stores.



- ✦ Trinity's annual Christmas Dinner was held December 10 at the Fox Hollow Country Club. Dr. Willy Rice, Lead Pastor of Calvary Church in Clearwater, spoke and reminded Faculty and Staff to be ever mindful of our walk with Jesus as we serve Him. Our own John Keller provided excellent music while Professors Leslie Rewald and Cynthia Perkins challenged us with exercises to get to know each other better. Over 70 were in attendance including representatives from the President's Council and Board of Trustees.



*John Keller and President O'Farrell*

- ✦ The 2019 Fall Festival was held on campus November 11 for the benefit of Trinity's students.



- ✦ Paula O'Neil, certified trainer for John Maxwell ministries (in addition to being the former Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pasco County), provided 6 hours of training for our students at no cost.



*John Maxwell*

### ***Odds and Ends:***

- ✦ The President spoke at the Zephyrhills Alliance Church before Thanksgiving, and again on December 15. Dinner was served on the grounds after both services.
- ✦ The President and Mr. Richard Henricksen reviewed the 2018-2019 annual audit with Mr. Craig Gilman, CPA.
- ✦ ***Congratulations*** to Dr. Jim Snyder upon the publishing of his recent book capturing the messages of A. W. Tozer, "A Cloud by Day ... A Fire by Night." Dr. Eric Bargerhuff's new book, "Why is *THAT* in the Bible?" has been completed and submitted to the publisher.
- ✦ The message of the College along with a marketing emphasis on the offerings and focus of Trinity College was presented to the leadership on December 16. Professional help by *Vers Creative* was provided in addition to college committee work. Ed Brandt and Tom Chapman, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, respectively, led the presentation with Justin Price, Director of *Vers Creative*.
- ✦ Trinity students are involved and will be participating in the ***Franklin Graham Sunshine State Tour*** scheduled for the early part of 2020.
- ✦ The College will be closed for the Christmas holidays and offices will reopen January 2.
- ✦ The College's ***Global Impact Missions Conference*** is scheduled for February 3-6, 2020.

## **Matters for Your Prayer Support...**

- ✦ **Please pray** for the new spring semester; registration will begin January 9 and classes will be underway January 13.
- ✦ **Please pray** for the student body, faculty, staff, and support leaders. Pray for God the Holy Spirit's fullness to be upon them. May the favor of God be sensed and allowed to be sensed by others.
- ✦ **Please pray** for the New Incoming Students as well as those returning. Pray that this will be their "home away from home."
- ✦ **Please pray** for admissions. Pray that all of the contacts that have been generated in the last two years will come to "bear fruit." Pray for new "online offerings." Pray for the *Quest* program (degree completion).
- ✦ **Please pray** for our basketball coaches. Pray that they will be able to guide, counsel, and encourage every player. The coaches are:
  - **Rob Oppedisano**
  - **Bobby Bowman**
  - **Tom Clark**

"Gratitude is a mindful awareness of the benefits of life. Gratitude leads us off the river bank of ***If Only*** and escorts us into the fertile valley of ***Already***." – *Max Lucado*

**Happy New Year ... and let us get "off the river bank of *If Only*" in 2020 and visit the "Valley of *Already*."**

**I am ready ... are you?**

Expecting wonderful things from the Hand of God to be presented back to Him,



**MARK T. O'FARRELL**  
PRESIDENT