

THE PRESIDENT'S



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TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

2020 ... the Roaring Twenties?

Do you remember the 1920's? Probably not, but you have read about that era in American history, seen movies about that time, and noticed the massive cultural changes that had captured the attention and passion of people.

It was an era of economic prosperity after World War I. There was a large scale use of the radio, telephone, and electric appliances. The automobile was prominent. Airline traffic increased. There was a break from tradition and everything was perceived feasible through technology. Sophisticated crime was on the rise. And media was booming in telling the benefits of increased availability of all technological achievements and modern conveniences. **Sound Familiar?** *Roaring economy, expanding technology, voices of blessing to all, and extensive traveling, not to mention the moving away from the traditional. Interesting to say the least!* Then came the 1929 Crash and World Wide Depression! Are there historical and parallel cycles present? You be the detective!

As we enter 2020, the following scripture can be our anchor, encouragement, promise, and assurance:

"For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you. 'Do not fear; I will help you.'" Isaiah 41:13 NIV

Two indispensable truths we must know and embrace:

1. **God takes the initiative to hold your hand!** God is SO powerful, SO good, and SO wanting you to see, know, and feel His greatness for your good, that He takes hold of your hand! You might like to hold hands, but He will take the initiative and you will enjoy the grip ... trust me! He does this through 'words, feelings, events, people, issues, counsel and desires.' Relax, He has your Hand! Let the winds of bad news, hurtful events, or disappointing results occur ... He has your Hand! You have His Presence! You have His involvement! He is there with you!
2. **God has a personally designed 'word' for you!** He literally speaks to you in His significant way! It will include '*Do not be afraid*' and it will include '*I will help you!*' What a word for our souls today! We need help and assistance at every turn! And we need to feel 'peace,' not fear! We need rest in the midst of turmoil, confusion, and chaos! *Be Listening!*

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of **them**; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you ... And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:6,8 NKJV

What is your "**THEM?**" **Whoever or Whatever it is**, the Lord goes before you, beside you, and ahead of you! He will help you ... do not be fearful or 'go to pieces!'

And that is really 'something to roar about!'

The Latest Happenings ...

- ✦ A committee reviewed the media outreach and marketing of the College with **Vers Creative**, an organization dealing with subjects of digital marketing, promotion and branding. After a number of “Discovery Sessions,” a progress report was presented to Faculty/Staff during the month of December. Issues of Brand Values, Clarity, and Content Creation were presented. Further work is ongoing in utilizing the finding for the Fall 2020 enrollment.



- ✦ Trinity **Men’s Basketball** achievements are on display at the Pasco Recreational Center.



- ✦ A gift of basketballs was presented to the College in chapel by the Genesis School. Genesis is currently utilizing the campus facilities.



- Trinity's **Ladies Basketball** team is regularly playing other Christian colleges. This adds to their Leadership Development.



- SGA Leadership meets monthly for lunch with the President in his office.



Odds and Ends:

- New Student Orientation was January 9, 2020. David DeLisle, our new Director of Student Life, gave leadership to this endeavor. Classes for the spring semester began on January 13.
- The President will be attending the CMAF Board of Directors in Fort Myers, along with the ACRL Board of Directors for the retirement community in DeLand, Florida, January 22-24.
- The **Global Impact Missions Conference** will be held February 3-6.
- The ABHE (Association for Higher Biblical Education) annual meeting will be February 12-14, 2020 in Orlando. Trinity Administrators will be attending.
- Watch the Trinity website for **Campus Preview**. The first one is scheduled for March 2, 2020 and the second will be April 20, 2020.
- **President's Council** is scheduled for March 20, 2020.
- **Scholarship Chapel** is scheduled for March 25, 2020.
- **Steve Hunter** participated in the **Franklin Graham Sunshine State Tour** on January 12, 2019. President and Mrs. O'Farrell attended the reception with Franklin Graham earlier that afternoon.

Prayer Requests ...

- ✦ **Please pray** for the incoming class of new students this semester.
- ✦ **Please pray** for the new digital marketing strategy, content, and engagement reaching new potential students for the fall of 2020.
- ✦ **Please pray** for our faculty and staff. Many have physical needs, family challenges, and additional demands on them.
- ✦ **Please pray** for admissions contacts. Pray for our recruiters and office personnel. Pray for the timing of events, gathering of necessary information, and acceptance of applying students in a timely manner. Pray for **Anthony Abell**, Vice President for Enrollment, as He provides encouragement and leadership in this important field of opportunity. Pray for **Rachel Noble**, Director of Admissions, and **John Zuch**, Associate Dean for Degree Completion.
- ✦ **Please pray** for the IT Department and the leadership of **Buddy Paynter**. Pray for his team, implementation of new technologies and enhancements for the benefit of students, administration, faculty and staff.

A Word from Richard Sibbes: “We should love nothing in the world, fear nothing, trust nothing or joy in nothing **before God!** Whatsoever we give the supremacy of the inward man to, whatsoever we love most, whatsoever we trust most, whatsoever we fear most, delight in most and obey most---that is our god!”

Something to think about!

Thank you for your partnership in prayer and support,

