

# THE PRESIDENT'S



# Circle

TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

## ***A Divine Directive to You!***

You deal with a lot of 'stuff' ... family issues, business challenges, ministry difficulties, circumstantial obstacles as well as opportunities, personal concerns of failure, weaknesses, and the like. You know the list ... and what are you to do about it? You have talked to your loved ones, colleagues, friends, and maybe even strangers, but nothing has happened by way of 'peaceful relief' or resolution. ***What are you to do?***

### ***A Divine Directive Has Been Issued to You!***

You are aware of the Feeding of the 5,000 and the 4,000 recorded in the Bible. These events are recorded as an amazing supply of what was needed with little resource. Sound familiar? Study these events in the Gospels slowly ... watch the concern, feel the frustration, sense the 'bewilderment' in what to do ... and then discover the 'essence of solution and peaceful rest and relief.' It is found in the words of Jesus! Never forget these words the rest of your life:

"As He stepped ashore, He saw a huge crowd, felt compassion for them, and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples approached Him and said, 'This place is a wilderness, and it is already late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' 'They don't need to go away,' Jesus told them, 'You give them something to eat.' 'But we only have five loaves and two fish here,' they said to Him."

**"Bring them here to Me,"** He said." Matthew 14:14-18 HCSB

There it is ... the Divine Directive. ***Bring them here to Me!*** What is it that is bothering you? Bring it to ME! What is that need? Bring it to Me! What is it that is lacking? Bring it to Me. What relief, circumstance, feeling? Bring it to Me. ***Yes, bring what you have to Jesus! Simple, Clear, and Plain!!***

Do you feel like you are in the *Wilderness*? Do you feel the hour is late ... late for resolution, late for assistance or help? ***Go to Jesus with your issue!*** He is there and He is waiting! Allow His Hands to 'touch it, take it, and control it!' And leave it there ... do not take it back! He is saying simply: ***'Bring them here to Me!'*** He will take care of the rest, but He requires submission of whatever you have to be under His Control. It is not your 'muscle, mind, or money' that will bring resolution. (Jeremiah 9:23) It is only His intervention!

"May my cry be always, Only Jesus! Only Jesus! In Him I have all ... Grant me grace to fall into His arms. O God, hear me, do for me more than I ask, think or dream." *The Valley of Vision*

In each miracle of 'feeding the thousands' with so little, the food would always go from Him to the disciples to the people. It was always from His Hand to their hand to others ... ***always!***

***Whatever you have orbiting your life, Bring it to Him, Leave it with Him, and Serve Him! He will do the 'miraculous'... and you can take notes to help others!***

## The Latest Happenings ...

- ✦ The **President's Council** met last month. Presentations and discussions were held. A new anticipation of service for Him is in the air!



*President's Council Fall 2019*

- ✦ The Fall **Board of Trustees** meeting was held October 11. Many presentations were made including updates in IT, Enrollment Services, and Student Development. Reports were distributed by Academic Affairs, along with others.
- ✦ The Ladies Volleyball season has concluded and the Men's Basketball season is now underway.



- ✦ Trinity College of Florida was present at the Annual Pastors' Luncheon sponsored by WTBN Radio. Approximately 500 were in attendance.





- The **2019 Campus Preview** was held October 28 with over 70 prospective students in attendance. Two more Campus Previews are scheduled for Spring 2020.



### **Items of Interest**

- Retention matters are always a concern for students as well as administration. A number of checks have been put in place to provide encouragement and pathways of resolution. The Learning Center is dealing with all students who are struggling with their classwork. It is the desire of all faculty and staff to provide a place like Trinity to be a “home away from home.”
- **Dr. Tom Woodward**, Research Professor, demonstrated the complexity of human DNA at last month’s C. S. Lewis Society banquet.
- A gift of \$85,000 is being utilized to update our IT department, as well as phone service, and software compatibility for all departments. A number of steps have been completed over the months and progress has been made on future improvements.
- The College recently received three \$5,000 gifts along with information from a donor concerning plans to include Trinity College of Florida in his trust.
- A specialized music room is being constructed within Ruth Munce Hall.
- **Michele “Missy” Noder**, class of 1985, was surprised with the honor of the “Salt and Light” award at her home church, *Living Word*. This award is sponsored by the Alumni Association headed up by Association President Sam Thomas.



*Dr. Tom Woodward*



*President O'Farrell and Missy Noder*

- ✦ Twenty-seven decisions were made for the Lord during our recent Spiritual Emphasis Week with **R.V. Brown**.



- ✦ A funded Digital Marketing study is being provided by *verscreative.com*, for the purpose of preparing Trinity College of Florida for the next enrollment season.
- ✦ Students at a Monday chapel simply shared what God is doing for them. For 35 minutes non-stop, student after student testified of God's greatness and goodness in their lives. It was a moving time.



### ***Prayer Requests...***

- ✦ Please pray for the ongoing needs of faculty and staff. Pray that God will provide all the necessary funding for their monthly compensations.
- ✦ Pray for the outreach as students speak in churches and schools as guided by **David DeLisle**. These are special moments to not only "touch lives" but also to strengthen the teaching and speaking gifts of students.
- ✦ Pray for our recruiters by name:
  - **Rachel Noble**, Director of Admissions
  - **John Keller** and **David DeLisle**, Admissions Representatives
  - **John Zuch**, Associate Dean of Adult Education
- ✦ Pray for the spiritual formation of every student at Trinity College of Florida. Their assignment this semester: ***Learn How to Enjoy God and Please Him!***
- ✦ Pray that this Thanksgiving and Christmas season will be seasons of great spiritual significance in the lives of family members who have students attending Trinity.

“May I view all things in the mirror of eternity, waiting for the coming of my Lord, listening for the last trumpet call, hastening unto the new heaven and earth ... May I speak each word as if it is my last word, and walk each step as my final one. If my life should end today, let this be my best day.” - *A Puritan Prayer*

To that I say Amen and Amen!

With Great Anticipation for His Coming,



*Available on Amazon.com ...*

A new book! **Servant Leadership: Leading Today for a Better Tomorrow**, authored by Mr. John Whitehead, former Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College of Florida.

