

Greetings from the resident

Trinity College of Florida has been marked by the Miraculous. Divine intervention can be seen at every turn. Sacrifice has been seen at every level. Thanksgiving is reigning in the hearts of all those who have attended this College. Lives have been changed, the Kingdom has been enhanced, and the Good News of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed in the world.

Looking Back: Celebration is in the air! There is a deep spirit of gratitude for the sacrifice of those who have gone before us. Looking Ahead: We are on the edge of our seats with Anticipation! We are launching into new opportunities and there is a deep knowledge that "... He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all we ask or think..." Ephesians 3:20. New buildings, more students, and greater impact for Christ are on the agenda!

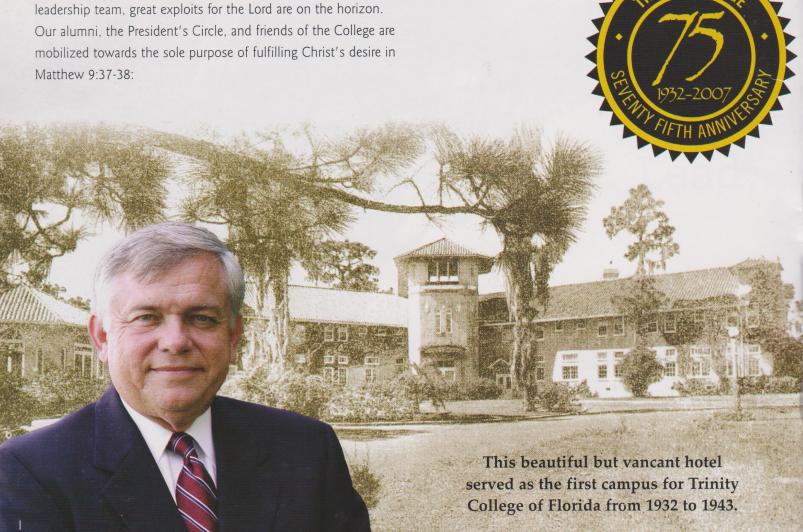
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The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Trinity College of Florida graduates are God-sent laborers in His harvest. As a Biblical higher educational institution, we are praying for those laborers and training them to become 21st Century Transformational Leaders in every facet of society.

Come join the **Celebration**! Come experience the **Anticipation**! Seventy-five years of blessing are the foundation for our future spiritual growth and health. This is a journey that will enrich you and generate eternal reward! He is Able!

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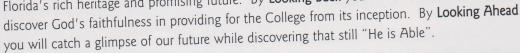






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The editorial team is pleased to produce this special 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of the **CONNECTION**. It is our desire for this issue to serve as a **CONNECTION** between you and Trinity College of Florida's rich heritage and promising future. By **Looking Back** you will



Hundreds of young men and women have received their higher education training through Trinity College of Florida. Our Alumni have circled the globe in their desire to see lives and communities transformed by Jesus Christ. As you read through the **CONNECTION** you will uncover the story of how our graduates have had a **Lasting Impact Abroad** and **at Home**.

As we *Celebrate* our rich heritage and *Anticipate* our promising future, Trinity College of Florida remains committed to its on-going mission of serving and ministering to mankind.

Come and join the Celebration... It's just getting started!

-Kevin D. O'Farrell

Greetings from the President of the Chlumni Chssociation

The confirmation of our faith is best seen in the next generation. As alumni of Trinity College of Florida, the strongest affirmation of our confidence in and appreciation for our College can be declared in the enrollment of our children. The model and motto of some seventy-five years of vision and virtue was "stomped" into us by Dr. and Mrs. Watson. In Doc's own wonderful way we remember, "He is Able"!

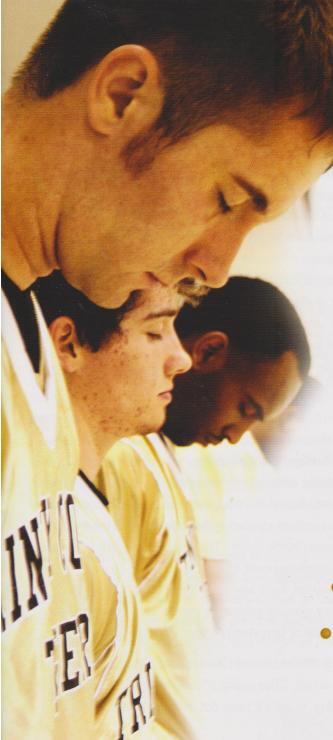
I recently spoke to Ed Lowell (1960) in New York after the passing of his dear wife, Carla (1958). Ed and Carla so firmly believed in the mission and quality of an education at Trinity College of Florida that they sent three of their children as second-generation students. It was a joy to see Martha (1982), Ed (1983) and Rebecca (1983) equipped for Christian Service.

Many graduates and friends have encouraged their own children and friends to consider Trinity, and we are grateful for the heritage that grows. It was my and Mary Anne's delight to have two of our three girls, Sarah Feliciano (1993) and Sharon Entwistle (1994), attend Trinity College of Florida. Even today, there are second, third, and fourth generation legacies enrolled at Trinity College of Florida. The same faith and spirit has flowed through the halls of our beloved College for over seventy-five years.

As Trinity College of Florida begins its 75th year of ministry, I launch a call to all alumni and friends to pray and support our College. May we join together this year to celebrate what the Lord Jesus Christ has done through Trinity College of Florida and loudly proclaim, "He is Able!"

—Les Harris (1964)







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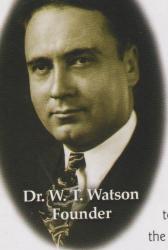
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Looking Back...



no interest - first payment due in ten years." No, this is not a sales advertisement, it was the terms and conditions for acquiring the first facility to house Trinity

College of Florida. The building at the

Temple Terrace, Florida Campus was actually a beautiful but vacant hotel. In 1932, Dr. W. T. Watson while visiting with his friend, Rev. J. W. Van De Venter, came across an empty resort facility. Dr. Watson commented to his friend, "Wouldn't that make a good Bible School?"

Two weeks later, a telegram arrived for Dr. Watson informing him that the owner of the Temple Terrace Resort, Mr. Hecksher, would be at his resort should Dr. Watson like to meet him. With no known means to purchase the facility, Dr. Watson left to meet with Mr. Hecksher at 2:30pm. As a real estate mogul from New York City, Mr. Hecksher, made the terms and conditions of acquiring his property very clear to Dr. Watson, "No down payment - no interest - first payment due in ten years."

This divine series of events set in motion the opening of what was then known as the Florida Bible Institute. Dr. Watson hurriedly went about preparing for fall classes. With no over site

board, no faculty, no students, and no advertising, the formation of a Bible Institute was a monumentous undertaking. But these great challenges were in no way equal to the great burden



Heritage Seal

placed on Dr. Watson's heart by God to see men and women trained for effective mission and church work.

September 18, 1932 witnessed the opening of Florida's first Bible Institute. Thirty students arrived to begin their studies and two years later in May 1934 the inaugural class participated in commencement exercises. A young man by the name of Ervene C. Bragg, president of the inaugural class, said in his address, "There is a constant graduating from the lesser to the greater, from the poorer to the richer. The completion of the one course is but the commencement of another. It is the doorway to the more vast vaulted room beyond." Since Trinity College of Florida's inception, its graduating classes have recognized the divine doorway of opportunity higher Biblical education offers.

Dr. Robert J. Kibbee, former Chancellor of City University of New York, stated, "The quality of a university is measured more by the kind of student it turns out than the kind it takes in."



He is Faithful!

This profound statement reflects the character of Trinity College of Florida. This institution's record for the last 75 years has been one of turning out leaders in the Christian, military, government, political, and business communities. The Biblical foundation graduates of Trinity College of Florida have received through their studies, have equipped them with the essential tools to transform their neighborhoods, communities, and world for Christ.

The impact of this higher education institution is not measured in size or appeal but rather in its passion and longevity. Dr. Watson, when speaking on the value of Trinity College of Florida, would often remark that its alumni reached millions of souls every week. Dr. Watson understood the eternal perspective that one unbridled life unswervingly dedicated to Christ could do more for winning lost souls than countless individuals and groups who were weakly attached to the message of the cross. It is this burning passion, which drove Dr. Watson to view every student as a critical asset to the advancement of Christ's message.

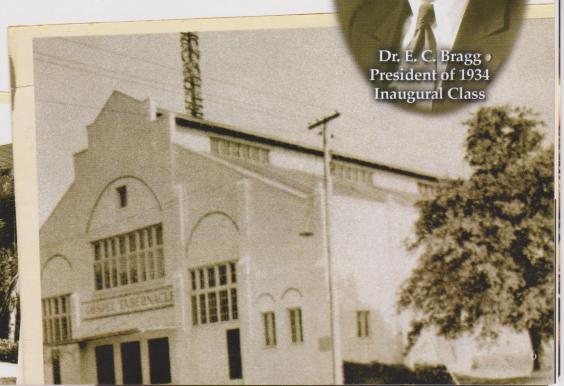
The legendary chorus Dr. Watson used in services and chapels was entitled "He is Able". This three-word statement continues to define the life and character of Trinity College of Florida's founder. This organizer, evangelist, preacher, teacher, missionary, professor, administrator, and statesman faced many physical, personal, and professional challenges, but with those

challenges he understood "He is Able" and through those challenges lives were changed, progress made, and Christ was glorified.



The history of Trinity College of Florida is one of rich heritage. Following out of a deep love for Jesus Christ and a strong belief in His Great Commission, Trinity College of Florida has been committed to equipping and training men and women for Christian service for 75 years. God has been faithful in moments of need and moments of plenty to always supply what was required to keep the vision alive. As

Trinity College of Florida approaches its next 75 years of ministry it does so looking back on a foundation of God's faithfulness and looking ahead to tomorrow's challenges and opportunities confidently proclaiming, "He is Able!"



Looking Ahead...

lasses were canceled for the entire day so that students and faculty could join with Dr. Watson in prayer. The need before the college was critical: \$10,000. The college's existing funds were nearly depleted and additional funds were desperately required to continue the work of equipping men and women for Christian service. With all human means of meeting the need exhausted, the entire Trinity Family gathered together from 8am till 2pm to intercede on behalf of the grave financial condition.

While the faculty and students were on their knees in prayer, Dr. Watson's secretary interrupted him to receive a very urgent telephone call. The phone call was from Western Union. According to the agent on the phone, a Mr. E. R. Kellog was wiring a check to the college. The amount: \$10,000! Mr. Kellog was a

businessman traveling through Mt. Vernon, Ohio when that same day he felt an overwhelming compulsion to send word to Dr. Watson of his intention to transfer funds to Trinity College of Florida. Mr. Kellog had no prior knowledge of the earnest need before the college, but through Divine intervention God made His will known.

This modern day story of God's faithfulness echoes the unofficial motto of the college: "He is Able." Dr. Watson believed "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16)." He also knew the words of Christ recorded in Matthew 18:19-20 which read, "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Trinity College of Florida continues with the same mission instilled in it seventy-five years ago to equip men and women for Christian service to the church and all humanity. The journey to fulfill this mission has taken Trinity College of Florida through numerous challenges and celebrations. From its early years at Temple Terrace, Trinity College of Florida has embodied an effort to always provide quality education in a Christ-centered learning environment. This attitude has led the College to always seek exceptional standards regarding the facilities used to house and educate its students.







Trinity College of Florida Development Project Phase I

He is Abble!

The time has come for Trinity College of Florida to expand its level of service to students and the learning community. Phase I of the Trinity College of Florida Development Project will begin with the construction of a 50-room, double occupancy residence hall. This onsite facility will provide spacious housing for students during their semesters of study at Trinity College of Florida. Scherer Construction and Engineering of West Florida, LLC, has been selected to design and build the new residence hall. The computer-generated images below are conceptual designs for Trinity College of Florida's new on campus resident hall. While these images are not final designs, they do offer the extended Trinity Family a "taste" of what is ahead. Final schematics are being drafted as the college awaits the completion of government environmental studies being conducted in the area.

The Board of Trustees and Administration of Trinity College of Florida have meticulously been assessing the details and timing of the latest physical project to enter into the Trinity timeline. God is in the business of meeting needs personal and professional, to accomplish His Will and glorify His Name. He meets needs by the miraculous and by impressing a call to action on the hearts of those who are sensitive to the gentle hand of God - men and women like Mr. E. R. Kellog, who desire to see students equipped for Godly service. The need for enhancing residence life on campus is before us and as we approach this exciting new prospect on the 75th Anniversary of Trinity College of Florida, we are more confident than ever that God will meet all our needs to once again prove: "He is Able!"





Lasting IMPACT boroad

by Sharon Entwistle

These believers who had once hated their Mwani Muslim neighbors, now realized God longed for all men to come to faith in Christ. We watched as our church grew in numbers as we saw Mwani Muslim men accept Christ as their Savior. Several have even begun to come to our church, crossing tribal barriers and being cast out of their families for the sake of the Cross. How precious are the streams of Living Water running through the wasteland! The promise was being fulfilled!

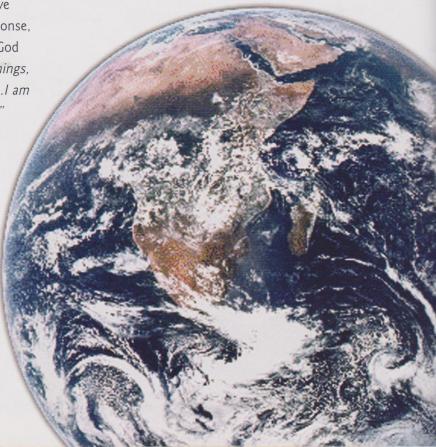
I still picture one of my professors, Dr. Gary Williams, at Trinity College of Florida, with his clenched fist in the air singing, "He is able! He is able!" Trinity College of Florida gave me the powerful testimony of knowing our God is able! Trinity's history reveals God's ability to sustain His work and complete what He begins. Like our new brother in the Lord, Wawa Micah, we have heard from above and have been entrusted with an incredible mission to proclaim to all the world that God is able!

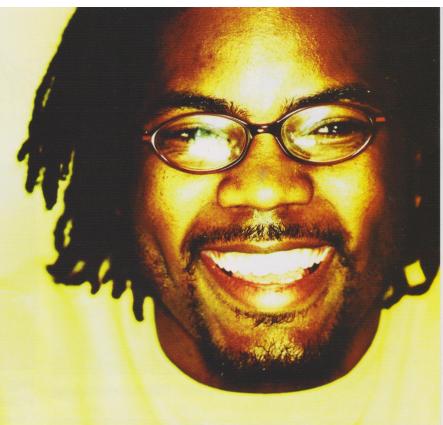
Steve & Sharon (Harris,1994) Entwistle are serving in Mocimboa Da Praia, Mozambique with African Inland Mission.

ngels came to me in a dream. They told me to follow Jesus and to come to ask you to teach me the way!" These were the words of Wawa Micah, a once strong fisherman now reduced to being led around by others, gripping a stick and begging for food. Wawa Micah wore a dark pair of mended sunglasses that clung partway up his nose. He lost his eyesight due to the lack of medical treatment. But now his face shone with hope - an inner hope. It was a hope brought from the King of Kings. This old blind beggar man who had felt so discarded and hopeless had received a life-changing message from above!

The story of Wawa Micah is only one of the many amazing ways we have witnessed God drawing people unto himself. Only one year ago my husband Steve and I were discouraged and wondering if we should pack up and return home. Five years of working with a tribe of people and seeing no response, made us feel like giving up. In our weakness and doubt, God gave us a promise. Isaiah. 43:18-19, "Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! ...I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." We watched and waited to see how He would accomplish His promise.

While waiting on God, my thoughts drifted back to my days at Trinity College of Florida. I remember seeing many of the Professors with a sign on their desk that read: "Watch God Work". That three-word phrase became a personal mantra as I waited to see God work in the people. While waiting, I was awed as I witnessed God do the impossible! God gave a renewed focus to Steve to begin teaching the stories of scripture in the villages outside of our town. Training believers to teach with him empowered the Makonde Christians.





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Keith (1959) and Dolores Estes, 1295 S Prospect Ave, Clearwater FL 33756. Keith teaches Sonrise Bible Class at St. Paul United Methodist Church and writes a weekly article for the Clearwater Gazette and Beach Views. Keith and Dolores are celebrating 57 years of marriage. kestes2@tampabay.rr.com

1960's



Milton (1964) and Joyce (Fillmore, 1961) Lamberston, 706 Wind in the Willows, Abbottstown PA 17301. Milton and Joyce tour the country preaching and teaching through the ministry they founded, Biblical Truth Ministries. Joyce recently recorded a CD entitled, Organ Praise. mjlambertson@juno.com Vernon Bass (1963), 4117 Sawyer Road, Sarasota, FL 34233. Vernon recently returned from a missionary trip to Africa where he was able to minister to numerous people in need of Christ.

Billy (1963) and Loretta Haslam, 4175 W Hopkins Rd, McNeal AZ 85617. Billy and Loretta are serving with New Tribes Mission. Billy_haslam@ntm.org



Bill (1965) and Beth Fewell, 245 N. Sedgwick Dr, Sedgwick ME 04676. For the past 14 years Bill and Beth's business has been built around Bill's carving and Beth's painting of the shorebirds and songbirds, native to coastal Maine. Bill is also serving as interim past at a church in coastal Maine. bfewell@earthlink.net

Don and Cheryl (Johannes)
Rasmussen (1966), PO Box
26237, Fayetteville NC 28314.
Don and Cheryl direct a small
mission organization and
continue to oversee the ministry
they founded in Colombia
which works with drug addicts.
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Peggy A. Bragg (1967), 601 Hercules Ave N #708, Clearwater FL 33765. Peggy is currently teaching journalism and serves as the Library Director at Calvary Christian High School in Clearwater, Fl. bragg.peggy@cchs.us

1970's

Ed (1970) and Donna Carnes, 3708 Ibis Dr, Orlando, FL 32803. Ed and Donna are semiretired in Orlando. Ed has served as interim music director for various churches while Donna remains an active mom and grandmother. edcarnes@aol.com



Tom and Normandy (Bryant, 1970) Woodward, 1957
Sourwood Blvd, Dunedin FL
34698. Tom is a professor at
Trinity College of Florida and
head of the C.S. Lewis Society.
Normandy is the project/event
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James (1975) and Kim Homer, 16204 W Ironwood St, Surprise AZ 85374. Jim has recently accepted a senior management position with Rockwell-Collins' Corporate Jet Cabin Systems Division. jim@desertjim.com

Fred Kornis (1976), 6524 Craig Rd, Merriam KS 66202. Fred is currently serving as the Executive Director for Heartland International Ministries. fred@heartforhim.org

Randy (1976) and Jacque Wallace, PO Box 686, Northfork WV 24868. Randy is in the final stages of completing his dissertation and doctoral work. mustseed@mustardseeds.org

Susan Magee (1978), 10000 N Oak Trfy, Kansas City, MO 64155. Sue is an administrative assistant working with Avant Ministries. smagee@avmi.org

1980's

Johnny (1980) and Terri
Thomas, 960 Deer Creek Run
Arnold, MD 21012. Johnny is
currently stationed at U.S. Fleet
Forces Command in Norfolk,
VA. He is a Master Chief
Religious Program Specialist
(RPCM) supporting Navy
chaplains and RPs world wide.
He and his wife, Terri, recently
celebrated their 31st
wedding anniversary.
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Randy (1986) and Karen (Edscorn 1982) Board, Randy and Karen are serving in China with IFAP. rkboard@yahoo.com

Michael (1984) and Bettye Lowery, 11480 Waterford Village Dr, Ft Myers FL 33913. Mike has recently moved to start a new church after 21 years on staff at 1st Baptist Church of Palmetto. mike@counterpointechurch.com

1990's

James (1991) and Lorraine (Skelly, 1993) York, 52 Cleveland Rd, West Ealing, London, W13 8AL England. The Yorks are serving with Operation Mobilization in England. Lorraine has begun her Masters in Applied Theology. Yorks4him@yahoo.com



Andy and Amy-Beth (Erskine) Arnette (1992), 315 Tolarsville Rd. Lumberton NC 28358. Andy and Amy-Beth have been serving with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board for eight years and are currently serving as Strategy Coordinators in the Pacific Rim region of the world. aarnette@emailboxes.biz

2000's



Ryan (2001) and Anna (2002) Rouse, 1900 Kenosha Dr Apt 201 New Port Richey, FL 34655. Ryan earned his Masters Degree from Pensacola Theological Seminary and is currently the youth pastor at First Baptist Church of Elfers. Anna works at Trinity College of Florida. rrouse2@juno.com



John (2003) and Donna Price, 22446 Crowns Nest Ct, Lutz FL 34649. John is serving as pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Tampa, FL and is completing his Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary. pricefamily III@aol.com



Jared Decker (2004), 7950 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL 34241. lared is serving as the youth minister at Grace Baptist Church of Sarasota, FL. He is also continuing his education at Dallas Theological Seminary. jedidiah220@yahoo.com



BIOLA

Mike (2006) and Becky

is pursuing his Masters of

Divinity at Talbot Theological

Seminary (Biola University)

and has recently become a

licensed minister with the

Church of the Nazarene.

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#5, La Mirada CA 90638. Mike

Jennifer Cadle (2005), 1640 Villa Capri Cir Apt 206, Odessa FL 33556. Jennifer Cadle has recently been engaged to Kyle Truman (2006). Congratulations! jenncadle@yahoo.com

Joe and Amanda (Phillips) Allotta (2006), 12822 Cedar Forest Dr Apt 102 Tampa FL 33625. Joe is currently serving as the youth pastor at First Baptist Church of Citrus Park in Florida and as the Men's Basketball Coach for Trinity College of Florida. Amanda is a teacher at Citrus Park Christian School. jallotta@citruspark.org

What are you doing?

We are always 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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Lasting IMPACT at Come

Trinity College of Florida made a great impact on my life and my pastoral ministry at Indian Rocks Baptist Church. My story begins when I was a 16-year-old boy at my home church in El Dorado, Arkansas. A Trinity student visited our church and brought a catalog with Billy Graham's picture on the front cover. My Sunday school teacher knew that I had been praying for God's will and where I should go to study for the ministry. My parents brought me to see the school, which, at the time was located in Clearwater, Florida. Dr. W.T. Watson met with us and walked us around the campus. The Lord directed my steps and the following year after graduating from High School, I moved to Clearwater to attend Trinity College of Florida.

I got off to a rocky start, but four years later I graduated and left to go home to Arkansas. I took a position as a church staff member working with youth. After almost four years, God was stirring my heart to preach. I preached across the south and did a one-week revival at First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks. We

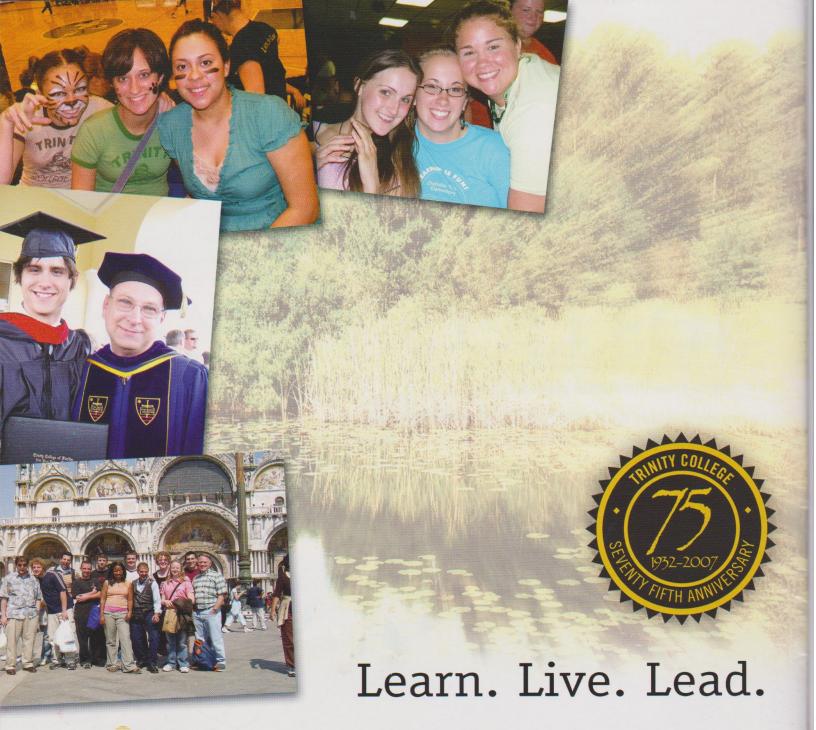
had a great week and it opened a door for me to begin my Pastoral ministry. I was called by Indian Rocks on the first Sunday of May 1971. On my first Sunday, we had 79 people in Sunday school and 91 in the Worship Service. Through the past 36 years, our membership has grown to over 6,000 with an average attendance of 3,000 each weekend. We are so grateful for God's blessings; He has been so good!

Trinity College of Florida gave me the training I needed to serve the Lord. The teachers at Trinity poured themselves into the students. They gave us the tools that prepared us to pastor. I have enjoyed my relationship with Trinity and have referred many young people there. My wife and I support Trinity College of Florida financially and prayerfully. We are excited to watch the Lord continue to work through Trinity College of Florida, preparing students to go out and reach the world for Christ.

Dr. Charlie Martin (1967) is Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks located in Largo, Florida.



by Charlie Martin





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