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Heart,
HIS *Glory*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Majesty & Mystery

Attempting to define the Glory of God is like attempting to empty the oceans of water using a teaspoon. Searching for words to capture the essence of God's person, honor, beauty, and magnificence is difficult. One theologian describes God's Glory as the "created brightness that surrounds God's revelation of Himself." It is His dignity, power, fame, and worth. As finite creatures, we labor to describe His uniqueness and grandeur. **THE GLORY OF GOD IS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!** *It is for His creation to wonder and reflect!* From this, radiates majesty and mystery for man to know and discover!

The Glory of God is for the "Good of Man." Man was made for fellowship with his Creator. He was created to enjoy his Maker. He was given existence that he might discover the unending Glories of Almighty God, His Character, and His Happiness. God's plan for man has always been "good" as Deuteronomy 6:24 and 8:16 states:

"And the Lord commanded us...to fear the Lord our God for our good always..."

"...that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end."

The good for man comes from the very essence of God Himself. He is always out to do us good! God's revelation of Himself is always good for man.

The Glory of God is for the "Giving of the Best." God is so eager for man to enjoy His Presence and His Glory that He revealed Himself in a man, the man Christ Jesus!

2 Corinthians 4:6:

*"For it is God...who has shone in our hearts
TO GIVE the light of the knowledge of the glory
of God in the face of Jesus Christ."*

Hebrews 1:1-3 also states:

"God...has in these last days SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON...who being the BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY and the express image of His person..."

The English Standard Version of this same passage states "He is the RADIANCE OF THE GLORY OF GOD and the EXACT IMPRINT of His nature."

God gave His **BEST** by giving Himself to be the God-Man for man to see, feel, and know His Glory! His character and conduct are manifested and demonstrated by the "Brightness of His Glory." "Christ...is the Praise of His Glory!" Ephesians 1:17

HIS BEST FOR OUR GOOD EMANATES FROM THE GLORY GOD REVEALED! Quite amazing and breathtaking! As you read this issue of *The CONNECTION*, watch for the Glory of God transmitted through His witnesses serving Him in various ministries. His handiwork, uniqueness, and compelling majesty are felt! May a deep and driving passion rise within you to know and serve Him. As John Piper said, "One way to see the glory of God is to see His Joy." With this issue start looking for His Joy and experience the **"MAJESTY & MYSTERY!"**

"May the glory of the Lord endure forever..."
PSALM 104:31



Mark T. O'Farrell, D.D., President of Trinity College of Florida



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EDITOR'S NOTE

What's Inside Comes Out

*M*y wife and I recently did some redecorating in our living room. We added some new accessories and removed some older pieces of furniture that weren't needed any longer. We decided to include a natural element in our efforts and thought a nice house plant would bring some outdoor beauty to our home. While out shopping, we found a contemporary pot and selected a durable rubber plant that matched our design idea. After potting the plant, we placed it on a small accent table and it looked great. We both stood back and admired our work. We wanted to make sure this plant survived (previous attempts at keeping our house plants healthy and living didn't always fare so well). I did research on the best times to water, fertilize and care for our rubber plant and even designed a schedule so Katie and I would remember to water the new addition.

One morning before heading out, I decided to water the plant. To my surprise the water I was adding to the pot was not being absorbed but began to overflow running down the pot, the table and onto the floor! (Retrospectively, I realize I was a little overzealous in the amount and frequency of my plant watering.) I ran to the kitchen to grab a towel to soak up the excess water before any water damage would occur. While I was on my hands and knees cleaning up my watery mess, a rather profound principle came to my mind: What's inside comes out. Granted this doesn't sound like an earth shattering concept but when you meditate on the simplicity of this statement, powerful truths emerge.

What you and I allow into our heart flows out of our lives. If we fill our heart with discord, anger, bitterness, gossip, resentment, pride, or jealousy, these same emotions will characterize our attitude, actions and interactions. When we focus on the negative, painful and hurtful, our personalities become depressed and destructive. The same is true in our

relationship with God. Our lives often don't reflect His glory because our hearts are filled with selfish indulgence. Our worship of God is directly related to the condition of our heart; our hearts are products of emotions, experiences, and thoughts to which we fill them. Is it any wonder the Scriptures implore us to guard our heart? The human heart is central to our emotional perception and expression. What's inside our heart comes out.

In this issue of *The CONNECTION*, we explore the importance of our worship and the connection between our heart and God's glory. When we fill our heart with the majesty, splendor and wonder of Christ, it comes out. When our hearts are filled with a deep peace of God, it comes out. You can't keep what's inside from leaking outside. This issue looks at the life of a 2010 graduate, Kevin Burgess, who recently signed with Reach Records. We follow him on his journey of faith from the violent south side of St. Petersburg to center stage where God is using him to proclaim the excellency of Christ through Christian rap. Later, Billy Brown (2007), Associate Music Minister at Open Water Church, shows us what God expects of us in our worship. Robert Blount helps us pay tribute to a humble crusader, Rev. Abe Brown, and reminds us how a heart devoted to God, can bring Glory to His Name. Finally, in our special column, *The Last Word*, Dr. Phyllis Alderman shares with us how to keep a heart filled with praise even when battling personal setbacks.

What we consume, will consume us. Pain, sorrow, sin, or peace, joy, and forgiveness will define who we are and how others view us. Even too much water for a house plant spills over. It's a lesson worth learning and a lifestyle worth living.



Kevin D. O'Farrell, Editor



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SUBMERGED BY DARKNESS

by Kevin D. O'Farrell

Southside St. Petersburg, Florida is a world many will never know. Crime, corruption, drugs, violence and gangs are all part of the daily struggle residents face. Survival is an every day goal. The impoverished urban environment where Kevin Elijah Burgess lived was miles away from the former safe and secure southern Illinois Air Force Base he once called home. Yet, it was in this Pinellas County, Florida setting that Kevin (better known as K.B.) found a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and realized a calling only God could place on his life.

NEW NAME

Born Kelly Bernard Odom, K.B.'s stepfather asked if he would like to change his name. Being able to erase the name that caused endless teasing and torment was a wish come true. Kelly became Kevin and a new identity was born. Growing up in a military family had its advantages. K.B.'s stepfather was a member of the U.S. Air Force and after marrying his mother, the family relocated to Illinois. Life on a military base was safe. Guards with M-16s stood watch at the base entrance and tight security made calling 911 obsolete.

K.B. is a self described "drug baby." "When it was time for church, my parents 'drug' me to church. When the church doors were open, we were 'drug' inside," K.B. recounts. He grew up in a community where church was a cultural element of his life but not a life transforming agent. As years passed, K.B.'s parents divorced and he and his mother returned to St. Petersburg.

NEW LIFE

Kevin had always been attracted to the urban hip hop culture and embraced rap music. "I used to wear bandanas on my face and rap in the mirror trying to act like a thug even though on base there was no where to 'thug,'" remembers Kevin. However, back in Southside St. Petersburg the safe and secure environment was traded for the deadly and dangerous. Fights, violence, vice and gangs became the new reality in which Kevin lived. The idea of manhood expressed in urban hip hop culture centered on a life of guns, drugs, violence and sex. Men were judged on their ability to master these areas and Kevin pursued these to his own demise.

It was during this period of time Kevin calls his "identity crisis" that he met another rapper. "I asked him if he would like to battle rap [a face-off between two rappers who attempt to degrade one another through lyrical and clever rhymes] but he said he didn't do that. He was a Christian rapper." The idea of a 'Christian rapper' stood out in Kevin's mind. He had never heard someone mention Christian and rapper in the same breath and not feel ashamed. It made an impression in his mind. Later he approached the classmate and commented on



the CD cover he had which depicted a rapper with dreadlocks and a bandana. "I told him he wasn't a Christian rapper – look at the music he was listening too." The classmate corrected K.B. and told him it was a Christian rap CD and he could borrow it if he wanted.

K.B. took the CD and listened to all the tracks. He loved the entire disc and the last track on the CD had a salvation invitation. "I listened to the gospel presentation at the end of the CD and accepted Christ," Kevin proudly remembers. It was a CD of Christian rap music with a gospel presentation that gave Kevin the message of hope for which he was desperately searching.

NEW MISSION

K.B. became involved in street and urban evangelism to minister to those in need of hope. He traveled throughout the Tampa Bay area and began to feel a general and specific calling from God. "My general calling, like all believers, is to proclaim the excellency of Christ Jesus and specifically to Shepherd others through music." While performing at his first concert at a local church in Hillsborough County, K.B. met a student from Trinity College of Florida named Chad Corey. Chad and K.B. struck up a conversation about Trinity and K.B. was convinced God wanted him to attend the Bible College to receive the training he passionately desired. "I knew God wanted me at Trinity. I didn't do any research, I didn't even know what the school looked like; in fact, my first time on campus was to turn in my application," laughs Kevin. He enrolled and eventually graduated in May 2010 with a degree in Missions.

For K.B., his time at Trinity College of Florida was very formative. He describes his time at the College

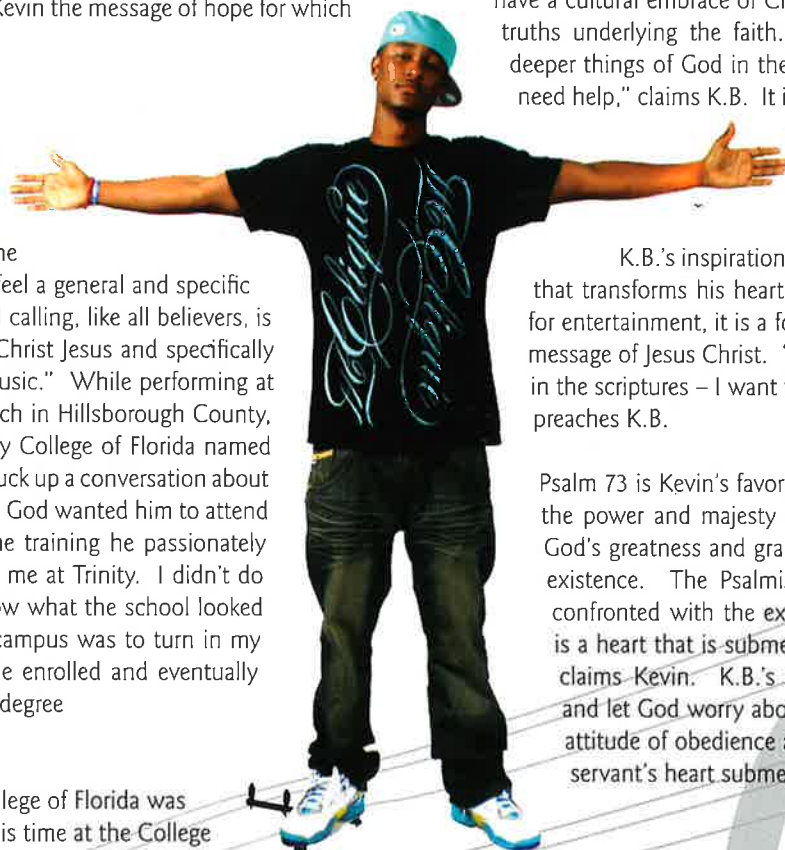
as a "kid in a candy store" – at times overwhelmed but so hungry for the truth of God. "I owe my development almost entirely to the work of the Spirit through my teachers. They developed me as a man; they developed me as a lover of Jesus," says K.B. When he faced points of personal set back, the faculty and staff at the College were there to offer advice, pray or just listen. They would give the encouragement and prayer Kevin needed. Today, K.B. encourages others who are interested in attending Trinity to just go. "It's a profound education you get here. My heart for Jesus was doubled and tripled. There's life-changing stuff here happening daily."

NEW REACH

In July 2010 K.B. signed with Reach Records, one of the largest Christian hip hop record labels. He is now one of six artists with the label that include, TRIP LEE, TEDASHII, SHO BARAKA, PRO and LECRAE. But while signing with a major record label may seem exciting, K.B.'s passion lies beyond the music, touring, and concerts. His passion is the heart of a Shepherd. Ultimately, K.B. and his wife, Michelle, want to be involved in planting and pastoring a church that reaches out to the hurting and isolated members of society. K.B. senses a major need in delivering the right theological doctrine to communities who have a cultural embrace of Christianity but lack the foundational truths underlying the faith. "There's a huge hunger for the deeper things of God in the urban community, but the people need help," claims K.B. It is this need which is leading K.B. to continue his theological studies at seminary while he continues with his music career.

K.B.'s inspiration for his music comes from the Truth that transforms his heart. For him, rap is not meant solely for entertainment, it is a form which delivers a message – the message of Jesus Christ. "Whatever is rock'n' me at the time in the scriptures – I want that message to rock my audience," preaches K.B.

Psalm 73 is Kevin's favorite passage of scripture. It captures the power and majesty of God and reminds the reader of God's greatness and grandness in the midst of our humble existence. The Psalmist is **compelled** to worship when confronted with the **excellency** of God. "To me worship is a heart that is submerged in the reality of who God is," claims Kevin. K.B.'s desire is to go deeper with Jesus and let God worry about the breadth of his ministry. His attitude of obedience and lifestyle of worship illustrates a servant's heart submerged by grace.



WHAT HE

Desires

by Billy Brown



*W*orship is a word we often hear in the Christian community-at-large and in our local churches. From worship centers to worship times and from worship bands to worship songs, there is much talk about worship. With all the discussion of worship it begs the question, "What does God desire from His people?" Hoping to shed some light on this topic, I have discovered three components God desires when it comes to our worship. He desires: (1) worship that glorifies Him, (2) a commitment to corporate worship, and (3) a lifestyle of worship.

His Glory Alone

When I write "worship must glorify God," some are thinking, "Well, of course, that's what God wants." Unfortunately, this idea should go without mention, Christians struggle in this area. We give worship to many things other than God. In our culture people worship their finances, relationships, jobs, and entertainment (just to name a few). In our local churches we give worship to pastors, style of churches, bands, and production. We have allowed ourselves to be consumed with everything except God. The Bible calls this idolatry because we have taken those things and made them miniature gods in our lives.

God demands that His people worship Him and only Him. We are quickly reminded of this by looking to Exodus 20:5 which commands, "You shall have no other gods before me." Matthew 22:37 says, "And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all Your heart, and with all Your soul, and with all Your mind'" (NASB). It is healthy for us to examine ourselves to see if we are truly loving and worshiping God with every part of our being we have put before Him. I am guilty of allowing other things to become my focus instead of Christ. Instead of beating ourselves up, we need to identify those elements in our lives and ask Him to help us overcome them. Once we have confessed there is a problem, God will restore us.

Our Praise, Together

An area of struggle regarding worship is that some people are not committed to corporate worship. Corporate worship is the Body of Christ (the Bride of Christ) gathering to worship Jesus. This is a time for us to bring praise, thanks and adoration to God. It is an opportunity for us to study and learn from God's Word. In this gathering we are able to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Finally, it is a time where the story of God initiating a relationship with man and man's response is told. The writer of Hebrews expresses the critical nature of the corporate gathering in Hebrews 10:24-25 writing, "And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near" (NASB). I have found it helpful to remind myself that when the church gathers corporately we are a testimony of the Gospel to the rest of the world. We are saying Jesus Christ has transformed our lives and our only response must be to worship Him.

Rick Muchow, the music pastor at Saddleback Church, said the following about corporate worship, "The church's mission is no less compelling: to be the ultimate model of love to the world, the outward expression of God's incomparable passion for people everywhere." I know I have come to love and cherish each Sunday I have worshiped with the people in my church. I have realized the gathering of God's people is spiritually nourishing and as we commit to corporate worship, we nourish and shape each other. Making corporate worship a priority in our lives is a vital aspect of understanding what God desires in our worship.

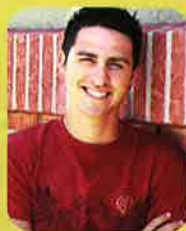
A Daily Lifestyle

The final component in worship (one with which I continually struggle) is living a consistent lifestyle that glorifies our Lord Jesus Christ. Making our whole lives an act of worship to God flows out of two things: God's love for us and God's call to surrender all of ourselves to Him. I'm reminded of 1 John 4 where John explains that "we love God because He [God] first loved us." We recognize that it was out of Christ's love for all of us that He went to the cross and became the solution for our sin; whereby Christ redeemed us all. The unconditional love of God has always been a starting point for Christians to worship Him. When was the last time you took a good look at how much God loves you? I remind myself of that constantly because it is easy to get distracted and lose sight of that amazing truth.

God has called us to surrender ourselves to Him. In Romans 12:1 Paul urges us to present ourselves to God as an act of worship. This act of surrender is difficult because the worship that this verse describes is a worship involving every part of who we are. Every aspect of our lives must be lived with this mindset of surrender to God. By doing this we are living a lifestyle that worships Jesus Christ. It is a healthy exercise for followers of Christ to ask God daily to help us surrender to Him in all areas of our lives.

His Reflection

God wants our lives to reflect who He is and what He has done for us. In my ministry experience, the surrender concept is key. If I am faithful to surrendering to God, then everything else falls into place. I become a better husband, father, friend, leader, pastor and teacher. The point is: no matter what you do in life, you must be obedient to the call of God to surrender your life to Him. It is at that point when we begin to truly worship God that we fulfill His desires for us here on earth.



Billy Brown (2007) is the Worship Minister of Openwater Church located in Odessa, FL. He is responsible for the development of musicians and worship leaders for the church's music programs. He and his wife Ruthy (Sewell, 2005), have a son, Liam.

A Humble Crusader

by Robert P. Blount III

Dr. Abraham R. Brown entered the presence of the Lord on Saturday, September 11, 2010. Rev. Brown served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Trinity College of Florida from 1995 to 2008. Dr. Brown is survived by his wife of 46 years, Altamese, his three daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.



*Abe Brown at his desk in the Prison Ministries Crusade office.
TBO Staff file photo (1993)*

A Tampa native, Rev. Abraham Robert Brown is affectionately known in the community as "Coach." He was born and raised in Jackson Heights, once referred to as "Montana" since it was so far away from the more affluent side of town. "We were poor, but we were proud," Abe would often say.

During his early school years, Brown went to St. Benedict Catholic School, which later merged with St. Peter Claver. He went on to play football and basketball at Middleton High School, where he would return to coach. Abe was an entrepreneur at heart selling bruised fruit and shining shoes as a child. "Never let the sun catch you in bed," his mother Emma Varnes would tell him. That was a principle that would stick with him for a lifetime.

Initially, Rev. Brown attended Xavier University in New Orleans and later transferred to Florida A&M where he earned a football scholarship. In his senior year, a professor told the students to put their schooling to good use and contribute to society. Brown never forgot that advice.

Abe Brown earned a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Florida A&M University in 1972. He returned to Tampa and worked in Hillsborough County School System for thirty-eight years with the first twenty-three of those years being spent as both teacher and coach. On weekends he waited tables at the Tampa Yacht Club.

He taught and coached at several Hillsborough County schools and won the State Football Championship in 1969 as Blake's Head Football Coach.

After learning that one of his former football players was in jail for an alleged murder, Brown went to visit this young man. Convicted that he had taught young men how to play football, but neglected to teach them enough about how to live life, Abe Brown dedicated himself to intervention, inside and outside prison walls. He became the first black minister to lead services and evangelize in Florida's prisons. Today Abe Brown Ministries, Inc. (formerly Prison Crusade) is a viable prison ministry, chartered by the state of Florida, with access to all Florida prisons. The Ministry enables people — "the least of these" — in the community to achieve productive and spiritually fulfilling lives.

Abe Brown joined First Baptist Church of College Hill (FBCCH) in 1989 and became Interim Pastor in 1992. A year later he was called as Pastor of FBCCH. As Pastor, Rev. Brown completed an aggressive building program to retire a 30-year mortgage for the construction of the present edifice in four years. Under his leadership, the church constructed a bi-level education building that bears his name. Beyond buildings, Pastor Brown re-organized the worship services and restructured the choirs and music department, which contributed to increased church membership. Rev. Brown's commitment to youth



*Abe Brown (left) talks with Harold Williams, owner of Gator Enterprise at 31st Ave. & 29th St. This is part of an area that Brown helped to revive.
TBO Staff file photo (1991)*



Abe Brown
Ministries, Inc.

and "the least of these" continued to be demonstrated through the implementation of FBCCH's youth summer camp, after school program, and soup kitchen. He retired December 31, 2007.

Abraham R. Brown was an important part of Trinity College of Florida. In 1997, he received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Trinity; in 2004, being a faithful Trustee of Trinity College, he was the recipient of the Prokope Award, the College's highest service award.

"Abe" or "COACH" has been honored numerous times for his dedication and vision for the community and people in general. In 2010, he was honored with a Proclamation from the United States Congress. Most notably, in 1993 he was awarded the America's Award ("The Nobel Peace Prize for Goodness") for Dedication through the Norman Vincent Peale Foundation. After reopening in 2002, Tampa's Middleton High School named their stadium "Abe Brown Stadium" in his honor. Coach Brown was also honored by the Tampa Chapter of the NFL and Hall of Fame with the J. Rex Farrior Award.

Though noted here, awards, honors, and recognition never impressed Rev. Brown. "Humble yourself in all that you do," he would say.

Rev. Abe Brown was a man full of wisdom who served the 'least' with humility, love and integrity. During good times and bad in his life, "Can't Keep Him Down Abe Brown" never ceased to "esteem others greater than himself." In his words, "Be a giver not a taker. Live and lead by example." One day the whole story will be told of his service to mankind. Many have come forward to tell of his unselfish life of giving, giving, *"giving in the name of the Lord."*



Robert P. Blount, III is Abe Brown's son-in-law. He is President of Abe Brown Ministries, Inc. and serves on the Board of Trustees at Trinity College of Florida.



Abe Brown sits in the stands of the stadium that is named after him at Middleton High School. TBO Staff file photo (2008)

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Notables

BOARD ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN

The Trinity College of Florida Board of Trustees elected John Whitehead as their new chairman at the October 29, 2010 meeting. Mr. Whitehead, a resident of Wellington, FL, is president of J.W. Fire Sprinkler located in south Florida. Mr. Whitehead was first elected to the Board of Trustees in October 2006 and has served on the board's executive and student life & admissions/retention committees.



John Whitehead

Mr. Whitehead succeeds outgoing chairman, and former City of Tarpon Springs Mayor, Tom Ash. Dr. Ash served as chairman for 19 years and remains a member of the board's executive committee.

Mr. Whitehead has served on several non-profit boards throughout the state of Florida. He has been married to his wife, Bonnie, for 29 years and has two adult children.

COLLEGE ADDS NEW MANAGEMENT & ETHICS MAJOR

During its October 2010 meeting, the Trinity College of Florida Board of Trustees voted to approve the addition of a new management and ethics major. The new major will be available for students beginning in the 2011-2012 academic year. The management and ethics major will provide foundational preparation in business management theory and practice from a Christian perspective. A management and ethics degree from Trinity College of Florida will seek to produce graduates who can serve in the business and/or non-profit sector and will provide basic fundamentals for students choosing to further their academic study at the graduate level.

Students successfully completing this program will demonstrate:

1. A basic understanding of the major concepts and ideas in various areas related to business management such as accounting, marketing, management and others.
2. Skills in applying the concepts and ideas of business management to real-world situations.
3. The ability to integrate Christian ethics and values with the practice of business management.

Shannon Hogan has been appointed as Assistant Professor for Management & Ethics to provide academic support to the new program. Professor Hogan completed his undergraduate work at Lee University with a degree in Intercultural Studies. He holds a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Regent University and is in the process of completing his Doctor of Philosophy in Organizational



Shannon Hogan and family

Leadership from Regent University, a regionally accredited institution located in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

According to the 2009-2010 *Almanac Issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education*, the top field of study in 2006-2007 in terms of bachelors degrees awarded was Business with 327,531. Additionally, between 1996-1997 and 2006-2007 the number of bachelors degrees awarded in business increased by 45%.

The addition of the management and ethics program at Trinity College of Florida will allow students to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a dynamic market while receiving their education at a nationally recognized higher education institution.

Notables

NEW COMPUTER LAB WELCOMES STUDENTS

Fresh paint, new desks, chairs, monitors, keyboards, and USB/data hubs were all part of the College's computer lab remodel which was completed in January 2011. Thanks to the special gifts of several donors, the College was able to upgrade the old computer lab and refurbish several of the existing computers.



The College's Information Technology Department used employed volunteer workers to transform the lab over the winter holidays. Students now have access to an improved work and research lab on campus. The computer lab is located in the Raymond H. Center Library on campus.

MISSIONARY SCHOLARSHIP TO HONOR ALUMNI

Trinity College of Florida founder, Dr. W. T. Watson, used to say, "The sun never sets on the Trinity alumni." Around the world, Trinity alumni have served in hundreds of countries in various ministries all with the goal of reaching men and women with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To celebrate, Trinity College of Florida is proud to announce the establishment of a new scholarship honoring those alumni who have ministered in foreign missions around the globe. The Mission Scholarship will honor the service of Trinity alumni and supply financial aid to students studying to enter the world's "harvest fields."

Each decade Trinity College of Florida trains many individuals who have heard the call to preach the gospel. Graduates like: Howard and Rene Street (the 1930's), Jim and Marie Strickland, (the 1940's), Jim and Grace Lilly (the 1950's), Roy and Margaret Lytle, (the 1960's), Diana Chung, (the 1970's), Linda Sandy, (the 1980's), Mary Beth and Andy Arnette, (the 1990's), and Tim Edwards, (the 2000's). These are just a small representation of the many graduates now serving the Lord overseas.



You can honor a Trinity missionary alumnus or alumna while helping to train a developing missionary by making a financial contribution to the Mission Scholarship and sending it to Trinity College of Florida. May the sun never set on the alumni of Trinity College of Florida, until the Lord returns!

FALL PICNIC BRINGS ALUMNI TOGETHER

On October 9, 2010 the Alumni Association hosted its annual fall picnic at the John B. Chestnut Park in Palm Harbor, FL. Former classmates enjoyed grilled hotdogs and hamburgers (cooked by the Association's VP, Jerry Osborn) and carry-in side dishes provided by those attending. Faculty & staff were present as Alumni reconnected (looking through old yearbooks and reminiscing about their time at Trinity). The alumni, friends and family also heard an update from President O'Farrell on the status and future plans for their alma mater. Don't miss the next event! Get connected by contacting the Alumni Association Secretary-Treasurer, Saralyn Duarte, at saralynduarte@yahoo.com.



Pictured above from the picnic are: (L to R): Charlie Linville (1963), Barbara Linville (1963), Dottie (Stephenson) Gurbikian (1964), Brenda (Johnson) Zimbrick (1965), Bill Teeple (1962), Les Harris (1964).

AMPLIFY *Adoration*

by Les Harris (1964), Alumni Association President



In 1960, Jack Brotherton (1950), returned from Chad, Africa to speak in a Trinity chapel service. As a freshman I remember his using the French word for worship adorer to describe the devotion of new believers. These new believers left a strict religious life of kneeling and bowing five times a day to appease a severe god. Jack Brotherton returned to Chad and served with T.E.A.M. He later completed a translation of the Nandjere Bible which has been used by many who now "bow before the Lord in worship and adoration."

Leaving chapel that day, I headed to my next class taught by Professor Lloyd "Bud" Bolt (1950), a classmate of Jack's. In Dr. Bolt's class we were taught that true worship was to bow our head and heart before the Lord our Maker whom we adore. At the time I knew just enough French to couple the two words and write: "I want to adore Him with adoration."

Later, in my ministry in Chad, I was thrilled to have three men whom Jack had led to Christ as boys in my classes at our Missionary Training Center. Today, those men are now serving as national missionaries. In their grass roofed churches, Chadian believers are spontaneous in their worship. Each service includes a time of "adoration" when individuals can stand and pray, read Scripture, sing a hymn, or share a testimony.

While serving in Africa, I often listened to messages delivered by Don Ralston (1961) of Lakeside Community Church in Clearwater, FL. With over 50 years of ministry, I asked Don what characteristics we should have in our worship. He shared the following elements:

HUMILITY

Psalm 95:6 tells us to kneel and bow.
Worship begins with humility.

SEEK

We worship when we seek God with all our heart.
Acts 17:27 tells us we will find Him when we seek Him with all our heart.

REFLECTION

Worship begins inside the believer.
It is an internal act of spiritual reflection.

GLORY

Consider the sum total of God's attributes.
Give God the glory due His Name.

PRAISE

Always speak well of our God.
Worship always begins and ends with giving Him praise.

In 1985, the hymn writer John S.B. Monsell penned these words,

*"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim,
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His Name."*

May we all be known as men and women who amplify His glory!

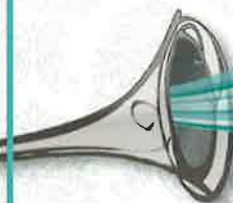
Longing to Adore Him,

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Alumni

1950s

DON (1954) & ROSE (HARRIS, 1955) HUBBARD



Since 1988, Don and Rose have been working with the ministry they started known as, Tent Making For Christ International, Inc. Since its founding, they have been involved with helping missionaries in 28 countries by participating in 99 projects. travlinhub@gmail.com

LLOYD (1950) & JOSEPHINE BOLDT

Lloyd and Josephine celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary with a family dinner. They were married on September 13, 1938 in Indiana. They have two children, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

1960s

JOHN P. SALTER (1961)



John is presently working with a pastor at Laurel View Baptist Church in Pensacola, FL. He also teaches in the public school system as a substitute for grades kindergarten through middle school.

WILLIAM "BILL" (1965) & BETH FEWELL

Bill and Beth continue to teach the Word of God in their ministry. Bill is an artist and travels to art and craft expos in New England and in the South. He designs, carves and paints wooden birds which remind others of God's care for His children (visit www.songbirdcollectibles.com). Bill and Beth spend their time between homes in Sedgwick, ME and Fort White, NC.

PEGGY BRAGG (1967)



Peggy has retired from teaching and re-activated with the Africa Inland Mission. She is currently living in their retirement center in Clermont, Florida and is working as the librarian for the library that serves the community. She has also begun teaching English as a Second Language and

is volunteering in the Lake County public library system. drorafiki@yahoo.com

1970s

SCOTT (ATTD. 1972-1973) & SUSAN HARRELL



Scott is now pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Butler, AL. Since 1973, he has pastored churches in Florida, South Carolina, California, Mississippi, and now Alabama. Scott is also the founder and president of Unchanging Truth Ministries International, dedicated to offering free training seminars to untrained pastors and church leaders in Africa. In May of this year, he will be leading the sixth trip to

Uganda and Southern Sudan to conduct weeklong seminars to give pastors basic tools for interpreting, proclaiming, and applying the truths of the Word of God. cbc@tds.net

FRED (1976) & BARBARA KORNIS



Fred is celebrating the tenth anniversary of the ministry he founded: HEARTLAND INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES (HIM). HIM have at least one hundred new nationals working in over twelve countries around the world. fred@heartforhim.org

HARRY 'BARRY' & LYNDA (WATSON) BARRON (1977)

Barry recently obtained his professional counseling license in the state of Georgia. He and wife Lynda own a private practice in counseling known as Wellspring Life Solutions, Inc. in Gainesville, GA (www.wellspringls.com). Lynda is also a licensed professional counselor and holds a Ph.D. in psychology from NorthCentral University. They have two children, Caleb (20) and Brittany (15). calbritlb@netscape.net

1980s

JOHN (1980) & TERRI THOMAS



John and Terri celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on December 20, 2010. John and Terri currently reside in Arnold, MD where John, who retired from the U.S. Navy in 2009, is a substitute teacher in the Anne Arundel County Public School System; Terri is a Leading Education Tech for the Naval Station Annapolis Child Development Center. thomassailorman@aol.com

JOE (1987) & BRENDA RINEHART

Joe and Brenda have a new book entitled: *Moving From Judgment: How to Have an Open Heart in a Closed World*. Joe and Brenda live in Washington State. jjrinehart@comcast.net

UPDATES



2000s



KEVIN (2000) & SERENA GLENN

Kevin accepted the call as Senior Pastor at Memorial Baptist Church in Columbia, Missouri in October of 2010. Memorial is associated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Since graduating from Trinity, Kevin has served in areas of student ministry, family counseling, and church consultation.

In 2006 he completed his Master of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. Kevin and Serena have been married for 17 years have two children Cameron (9) and Emily (14). kevin@kevinglenn.net



CHAD & KELLI (NICHOLS) COREY (2009)

Chad and Kelli celebrated the birth of their son, Eli Corey. Eli was born on February 16, 2011. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Chad and Kelli are excited new parents! chad_corey25@hotmail.com

2010s



TIMOTHY (2002) & LOUISE BETTELLI

Tim graduated from Stetson University College of Law in May 2010. He currently works at the Law Offices of Tragos & Sartes P.L. in Clearwater, FL. He and Louise have two children George (pictured above) and Ethan who was born August 24, 2010. The couple resides in the Indian

Rocks, FL area. tbettelli@yahoo.com



RACHEL CARLSON (2010)

Rachel is serving with the IMB in Southeast Europe Internship Program. She is working alongside fulltime workers, while connecting with local students to build bridges to faith. Her work involves helping with children's clubs, music and coffee houses for students, leadership seminars, and teaching English

while learning the local language. inthelite@hotmail.com



JEREMY & MANDY (CREGHAN, 2010)

CASEY Jeremy & Mandy were married on October 17, 2010. Mandy is currently a Child Protective Investigator with the Pasco Sheriff's Office.

creghanm@gmail.com



TOMMY (2002) & NIKKI PARK

Tommy has been involved in campus ministry at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville for the past 4 years with RUF, the campus ministry of the PCA. Tommy has also served as the Chair of the Interfaith Advisory Council that oversees the Interfaith Office at UNF. He and Nikki have one

daughter, Naphtili, and are expecting a son in July. tpark@ruf.org

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



Dave and Jen celebrated they birth of their first son, Grayson Booth. Grayson was born on October 7, 2010. Jen has completed her Masters of Divinity at Southeastern Seminary and Dave is scheduled to graduate in May 2011 with his Masters of Arts from Southeastern. jbooth@sebts.edu

MARSHALL (2006) & HELLEN (WILLIS, 1993) FAULKENBERRY



Marshal and Hellen have reached their minimum support level with Village Missions and are now pastoring the Congregational Bible Church in Red Cloud, Nebraska. Red Cloud is in southern/central Nebraska, just 6 miles North of Kansas. Marshall and Hellen have three children, Brandon (15), Lauren (13) and Christopher (10). marshall.faulkenberry@gmail.com

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A Right Decision



The decisions and choices of life are too important for us to make without calling on God for His clear direction. I love Jeremiah 33:3 (KJV), "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things that thou knowest not." There are many things that we need to know in life and God is so willing to show us if we will only ask Him. Many young people are like the fellow who was asked if he had trouble making good decisions. He thought for a moment and replied, "Well, yes and no." The Bible has much to say about the help God wants to give us in knowing how to make wise choices.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and He delighteth in His way." - PSALM 37:23 (KJV)

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."
- PROVERBS 3:5-6 (KJV)

Just how should we acknowledge God about our decisions? I recommend this roadmap:

1. What does the Word of God have to say about the choice you need to make? His word gives guidance.
2. Which choice makes the best "common sense"? Take a step back and consider what you would recommend to someone you love who had to make the same decision.
3. Pray for God to "open doors that no man can close, and close doors that no man can open."

4. If you are married, is your spouse in agreement with your decision? God gives us partners for a reason!
5. Are you being pressed to make a hasty decision? I have a rule that if I have to decide right now, the answer is no. I want to have time to make a right decision.
6. Do you have to borrow money to do it? This is not an automatic "no," but it does require caution in the decision.
7. Do you have a peace from God about your decision? I have stopped many a time because I had no peace in moving forward. I pray for God to bless a right decision with His great peace in my heart.

Decisions really do matter! I am living my life today rejoicing in the Lord for a wonderful decision made many years ago to attend Trinity College of Florida. God used Trinity to prepare me for a lifetime of ministry. My wife and I love this College and what it represents. We pray for and financially support Trinity College of Florida as do many of you.

Here at Trinity, The Office of Advancement is able to help answer your questions about joining the work at the College. Making a gift through Trinity College of Florida is easy and can even be accomplished through your estate planner, tax attorney, or local bank. You can make a difference in the lives of students who seek to become 21st century transformational leaders for Christ. It's an important choice but a right decision!

Charlie Martin (1967) is the
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Facing the Storms

by Dr. Phyllis Alderman

Sometimes we sense a storm in the air. We are not sure how it will arrive, but we have a feeling described on the weather report as - "cloudy with a slight chance of showers." Other times, storms and setbacks arrive that knock us off our spiritual, physical, and emotional balance. They hit like full blown tornados, category four hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions! They rock us, shake our foundation, and whisper words of fear, failure, and defeat into our hearts. They are unexpected and certainly unwelcomed.

Whether today's storm is health, sickness or loss of loved ones, relationship conflicts, career issues, finances, emotions, loneliness, overload, burnout, unsettling change, God is not surprised! He is eager for us to lean on Him, and not our own strategies. James wrote to the people of God facing trials - to those who had reached their limit - to those experiencing unfathomable stress,

"My, brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing this that the testing of your faith works patience; but let patience have her perfect

work, that you may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing." James 1:2-4

"In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

James speaks from experience and tells us that the antidote to the storms is not the removal of the storm but a change of perspective IN the storm! He says that an 'attitude of gratitude and praise' usher in a God-Perspective that will produce endurance and maturity! Interestingly, a very recent news article about gratitude stated that "feeling thankful can boost your health.....that 15 minutes of gratitude can decrease stress hormones in your body." We are fearfully and wonderfully made!

So, how do we grow and maintain a Heart of gratitude and praise when facing life's storms?

Consider four simple steps: **REALIZE**, **REMEMBER**, **RETREAT**, and **REFOCUS**!

1 **REALIZE** fully understand

James reminds us "WHEN you fall into" - not "IF". It is certain that storms and setbacks will come. They are inevitable and unpredictable, but we have the privilege of asking for Godly wisdom and choosing God's way to go "through" them. When we do, we come to know Him in ways far deeper than any before the storm. Lord, thank you and praise you for your presence!

2 **REMEMBER** think again

Remember the provisions and victories that have brought us this day. Take time to develop a Gratitude Journal, and make it a legacy gift to your loved ones. I remember traveling with my Pastor, (Dr. Charlie Martin) and our staff and surviving a plane crash outside of Dallas. Nothing but the miraculous grace of God could have spared us. I remember clearly surrendering my children to the Lord as we

drew closer to the ground, and can still sense the "peace that passes all understanding" as all fear was removed. It is true, "His Grace IS Sufficient!" Lord, thank you and praise you for power and might!

3 **RETREAT** withdraw into privacy or security

This is not isolation but running to "dwell in the secret place of the Most High...and abiding under the shadow of the Almighty." Psalms 91:1. Stop the "busy-ness," reset the margins, take a 24-hour cell phone break, and listen to the heartbeat of the Father under His wings. Lord, thank you and praise you for being our refuge!

4 **REFOCUS** the point where rays of light come together

Let go of what you cannot control and let the light of God's Word and the warmth of His love define the steps of our path. Then surrender and cooperate with God! Lord, thank you and praise you for showing the way!

So, rise up, lean on Jesus, and from hearts of gratitude and praise, embrace the storm singing:

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*



Phyllis Alderman, DMin serves on the Board of Trustees of Trinity College of Florida. As a professional life coach, she is also the Founder and President of Shepherd's Village, a Christian single parent housing ministry, and Changepoints for Living located in Largo, FL.

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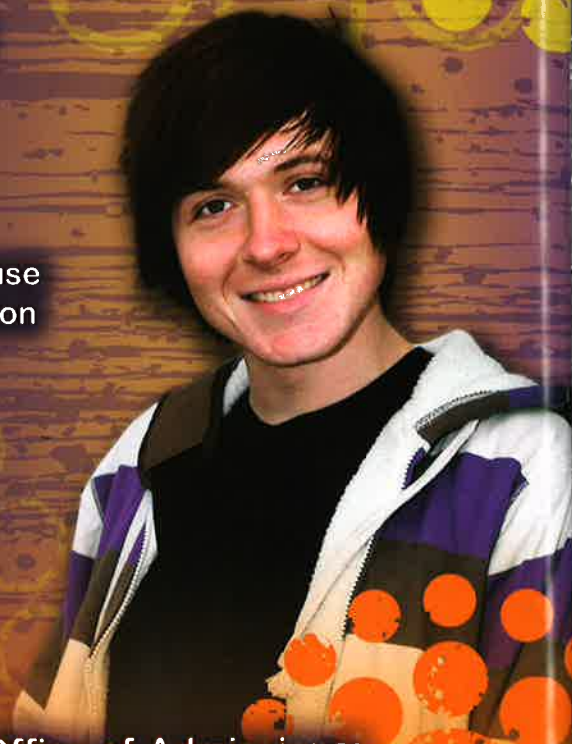
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