

## The Christmas Story

### *Unimaginable and Incomparable!*

Matthew and Luke record the historical event of the birth of the Lord Jesus! Reading the first two chapters of Luke and then reading the first two chapters of Matthew will record in clear terms this miraculous event of God entering the human race as a baby birthed by a virgin. *Simply, absolutely, incredible and unfathomable!* Wayne Grudem writes:

“Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man in one person and will be so forever. The virgin birth made possible the uniting of full deity and full humanity in one person. This was the means God used to send his Son into the world as a man.”

This story can never be exhausted! It speaks unlimited volumes of reality, hope, forgiveness, purpose, joy, and peace. It never runs dry or boring! It is unspeakable, yet invites all to hear and know! It is the supernatural ... eternity and divinity in one. There is no tiredness about this event ... it lives and pulsates with unmatched love, engagement, and enrichment. It shines with brilliance and unmistakable revelations about God and how He loves human beings He has created. He really cares, plans, and works for the benefit of man.

### ***The Christmas Story is unimaginable and Incomparable because:***

1. It is a Supernatural Divine Historical Event ... **one of its kind.** God Almighty did this once and only once. “...but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many...” Hebrews 9:26,28 NKJV. Jesus, the baby, becoming man, taking our sins on Himself, dying the death on the cross, paying the price of forgiveness with His blood, giving us eternal life as we believe and trust Him. There is nothing like this anywhere. The story never loses its power, freshness, and sacrificial giftedness.
2. It is a Supernatural Divine Historical Event enlightened, enriched, enhanced, and empowered by **God, the Holy Spirit.** He is the Great Revealer and Applier of these truths to man. He is God’s highlighter and applier. The newness is always there! The words never lose the power! The message never loses the ‘Wow’ and ‘Wonder!’ He takes the Divine and makes it ‘Mine!!’ “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit...” 1 Corinthians 2:10 NKJV. *The Breath of God is in its reading!*
3. It is a Supernatural Divine Historical Event simply for YOU! The Christmas Story is for YOU! **It is a gift from God to YOU!** It is for YOU! God has planned, provided, and executed this promised ‘coming of Jesus’ over the millenniums for YOU! Can you imagine? You have been on His radar before you even existed! Think of it ... He wants to spend Eternity with YOU! And

the things you will see, know, and come to realize will never be fully exhausted in comprehension. There will be more and more and more ... never ending!

*The Christmas Story is unimaginable and incomparable!* What our Heavenly Father has designed and orchestrated for man is simply incomprehensible. All eternity will be necessary to begin the journey of understanding that will NEVER end.

God Calls.  
We Equip.  
You Advance.

It is time to sing and praise Him and keep singing, praising, and talking about Him as we enter 2021!

### ***The Latest Happenings***

The Fall semester has concluded. In-seat classes ended November 2. Finals and any further classroom work are being completed online. COVID-19 rooms in Munce Hall have been used successfully for resident students. Social distancing and CDC guidelines were followed and masks were required.



The next **President's Council** meeting is slated for Friday, March 12, 2021.

There will be no Annual Faculty and Staff Christmas dinner this year due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns, but monetary Christmas gifts for Faculty and Staff will be given.

One of the chapels this semester included an interview with Congressman Gus Bilirakis.



Through the efforts of Trustee Jeffery Singletary, food was provided for our student body, especially those who are living in the



residence halls. Because of COVID-19 challenges, travel and accessibility for normal needs, this was especially helpful.

Following the Christmas break, staff will return to campus January 4, 2021. New Student Orientation will take place January 14 and classes will resume January 19.

CPR training will be provided for all faculty and staff January 22, 2021. Plans are in place to house paramedics on campus until their new facilities are completed. The College is centrally located for their area of responsibility.

Trinity's **Reaffirmation of Accreditation** onsite visit is scheduled for April 5-9, 2021. All work that has been initiated for this event will be completed by December 31, 2020 and then be submitted to ABHE in a digital format.

Enrollment enhancements in software and process are now in place for the fall of 2021. Student services will be strengthened along with clear ways for guiding a prospective student to Trinity. This also includes Financial Aid analysis with clarity for students and parents/guardians.

### **Personnel Update ...**

**Mrs. Karly Dooley** has accepted the position of Director of Financial Aid. She comes from the University of Alabama. Mrs. Sue Wayne will serve in the office with Karly, assisting in the transition.

**Mr. Kenyata Hayes** is now the Director of Admissions. He has been in restaurant management and leadership positions. Mrs. Rachel Noble will continue to advise and serve as our Ladies' Volleyball Coach.

After 35+ years of service with Trinity College of Florida, **Dr. Dennis Cox** will retire from the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs. He plans to continue teaching and will act as consultant to **Dr. Eric Bargerhuff** who will assume the reins of the Academic Affairs office

until May 2021. Formal applications for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs will be received beginning in January 2021.

Our **2021 Annual Banquet** will be the venue to recognize these individuals for their outstanding service to the Lord at Trinity. **Mark this date down: Thursday, May 6, 2021.**

### **Something to Pray About ...**

**Please pray** for a safe and successful re-entry of students for the Spring semester. COVID-19 issues will need to be reviewed and addressed.

**Please pray** for New Student Orientation.

**Please pray** for our sports activities and schedules that had to be addressed this fall.

**Please pray** for the faculty and staff as they serve the students.

**Please pray** for a successful Spring semester as we experienced this Fall.

**Please pray** for the End-of-Year giving. An appeal has been sent and giving opportunities are available on the website.

**Please pray** for the students who will be traveling on a mission trip to South Africa with Dr. Joe Allotta. At the time of this writing, the trip is still on schedule.

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"In singing, the soul rejoices in the divine goodness, exults in divine excellencies, and meditates on divine promises." John Wells Puritan Sermons 1659-1689

Let the Singing Begin ...



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The monthly President's Circle has a place on our refreshed website:  
[www.trinitycollege.edu](http://www.trinitycollege.edu). Videos, news updates, and devotions are available at that location.