



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

2021

A New Year with New Beginnings...

Every New Year brings new hopes, new challenges, new opportunities, new dreams, and new beginnings. It is a time to re-align and re-engage with new passion and energy. It is a time for a new song filled with new gratitude.

It is time to have a 'Fresh Start!'

From the end of 2019 through 2020, the theme of 'Fresh Calling' was stirring in my heart. The mission and vision of Trinity College of Florida was on target but a 'Fresh Calling' was required for that mission and vision. God was and is 'calling' His people to redouble their efforts for His Glory and His Honor in these latter days. This also applies to Biblical Higher Education.

*Now, in 2021 we need this Fresh Start ...
A New Beginning!*

I believe this is also for you. **God has called you to a 'Fresh Start' in 2021.** You may have been wrestling with challenges and difficulties that seem to have no resolution. You wonder: *'What do I do?'* Allow me to suggest a few thoughts for your consideration:

1. **A Meeting is Required.** A meeting with the Lord, a new and fresh meeting with Him. As it is stated in Exodus 40:17, "And it came to pass in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was raised up." It is clear that God wants to *start off* first thing with man and woman ... the first of the month ... first of the year. You meet with Him in prayer and the reading of His Word. Begin with an audience of one: God! A New Engagement with Him! And come just as you are!!

2. **Thinking is Requested.** It is important to think and write down what facts, events, thoughts, issues, and concerns that are coming to your awareness. Write those things down! As you are musing and meditating, the Holy Spirit will bring things to 'light' that require a "Fresh or New Start!"
3. **Arrangement is Imperative.** There should be a 'prioritization' of what needs to be done first. There is a plethora of things to do and places to go, but it is important to establish FIRST what must be accomplished.
4. **Action is Initiated.** Begin to 'do or act' on the *first important issue or situation.* Work at it ... Work through it ... Pray in it ... Trust Him to help you! The miraculous will happen. One Puritan writer stated that you will get a taste of 'the desire of the King for you to start NEW in this area of challenge.' "Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying 'This is the way, walk in it ...'" (Isaiah 30:21 NKJV). Some translations use the word 'voice.'

God Calls.
We Equip.
You Advance.

Sidlow Baxter writes: "We human beings are incidents, not accidents. We are significant, not irrelevant. We are dear to our Maker; and He has a purpose for each of us; a purpose

which not only spans our present, fleeting earth-life, but reaches on beyond the grave to an intended destiny out-bounding all reckonings of time."

1. *God knows our nature* as no one else does.
2. *God knows the future* as no one else does.
3. *God has a purpose for us* such as no one else does.

Now this is something to think about as you begin this New Year with a New Start! Happy New Year! Let the Glory of God be seen in YOU ... in a New Start!

The Latest Happenings

The students have returned from the fall semester which concluded after Thanksgiving due to COVID-19 concerns. All CDC guidelines and protocols for colleges and universities are in place. Masks, social distancing, and regular handwashing are in practice. The college has at least five COVID-19 rooms in Munce Hall for students who may need to be quarantined. They were used last semester successfully. Munce Hall has been refreshed and refurbished. The second floor is used for resident students as well as the three floors in L.L Speer Hall.



Pasco County Paramedics will be using rooms in our new residence hall for the next 18 months. Dispatching will be initiated from Trinity College of Florida's location. It is in the center of their call responsibilities. A complimentary CPR course was provided by Pasco County for faculty and staff.

ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education) and **NAICU** (National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities) have kept the college informed on proposed Higher Educational changes under the new Biden administration. The college will be a candidate for another distribution from the CARES Act phase four.

Work has been completed for the site visit by ABHE regarding reaffirmation of our accreditation under the U.S Department of Education. The visit will be April 6-8, 2021. Our faculty and staff have been working on this for the last two years.

Monies have been received from the Murray Trust. Activities and deliberations are ongoing. A gift from one of our President's Council members was received to assist in the mission and vision of the college. This gift helps in raising our financial ratios for accreditation.

SARA (State Authorizations Reciprocity Agreement-on-line distance learning) and **SEVIS** (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System-international students) have been approved. In addition, a new software package entitled PowerFAIDS, assisting students in their pursuit of financial assistance and status, is now in place within the Financial Aid Department.

Dates to Remember ...

- **February 8-11, 2021.** Global Impact Missionary Conference. Special arrangements have been made to comply with all CDC Guidelines.
- **February 17-19, 2021.** ABHE Conference in Orlando, Florida.
- **March 12, 2021.** President's Council Meeting on campus.
- **March 17-2021.** Ligonier Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Prayer Requests

Please Pray for God's Favor to be upon the College as we seek to honor Him everywhere possible.

Please Pray for the staff as they begin a new semester. Pray that they will have a 'listening ear' and 'helping hand.' Also, remember the faculty, that they will have wisdom to do what needs to be accomplished at the right time. Personnel changes have been made.

Please Pray for a safe and a secure semester for all resident students as well as those commuting during this pandemic.

Please Pray for the logistics, speakers, and implementation of required COVID-19 Protocols.

Please Pray for our Global Impact Missionary Conference.

Keep this in mind for 2021:

Never a **trial** that He is not there

Never a **burden** that He does not bear

Never a **sorrow** that He does not share

Moment by Moment, we're under His Care!

With a very grateful heart for His sovereignty and superintendence,



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What do you see in this picture of L.L. Speer Hall? Interesting ... is it not?

