



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

I've Got A Secret!

Many of my readers will be too young to remember a program entitled, "I've Got A Secret." It ran from 1952-1967. A contestant came before a panel who had a secret. The panel's assignment was to discover it. It ranged from the unusual to the humorous. You were to put on your 'detective hat' and discover it through questioning.

This came to my mind when I recognized new and afresh the 'Secret' of handling all the commotion that we are facing today. Crisis after Crisis ... Confusion at the 10th level, Chaos in the culture, seeping into the Church, and appearing in discussions and decisions. What is happening? People are unhinged. There are no anchors of wisdom and understanding. We have lost our way. Christians are being marginalized. *What are we to think?*

There is a 'simple secret' to know about handling commotion. It is seen throughout the Gospels and New Testament books as well as the entire Old Testament. It is clear, simple, and focused. Mark 5 reveals it ... ready?

"Jairus, a father, says to Jesus: 'My little daughter is dying. Come and lay your hands on her so that she can get well and live.' **So, Jesus went with him...**" *verses 23-24.*

See the secret? The event proceeds when the father is told his daughter is dead. Jesus overhears that word and says to the father: "Don't be afraid. Only Believe." *verse 36.* They arrive at his home; the scriptures record the following:

"They came to the leader's house, and He saw a commotion—people weeping and wailing

loudly. He went in and said to them. 'Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep. They laughed at Him..." *verses 38-40*

The daughter is brought to life. A miracle occurs ... ***What is the secret?*** Even when things are 'out of control' and chaotic, when there is a sense of despair, hopelessness, pain, unresolved troubles, burdens, and disputes, there is a 'Secret' to keep you on track, going forward, and in peace:

**The Secret is: *Jesus is With You,*
*Jesus is Present!***

Yes, before the intervention, the 'touch,' and resolution, *He is Present and He is with You!* He said in Matthew 28, the last words recorded: "*I am with you always to the end of the age.*" He reminded Moses and Joshua, '*I am with you*' over and over! Isaiah reminds his readers that God is with them. He says: '*I am with you!*'

Enjoy the Pleasure of His Promise that leads to the awareness of His Presence through the revelation of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit! He gives you the 'awareness,' the feeling of **companionship** that leads to **calmness** and **confidence** amid commotion! What a reality! What a Joy!

Do you have any troubles - issues with which you are dealing? Do you have burdens - things you carry? Do you have any disputes - things you need to resolve? Remember, He is in the 'boat' with you through any storm! Deuteronomy 1:12, Mark 4 and 6.

This is the Secret So Many Do Not Know!

God Calls.
We Equip.
You Advance.

Trinity's Annual Banquet

The **2021 Annual Banquet, 'A Fresh Start on a Trusted Path,'** is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of New Port Richey. A night of celebration and giving of thanks will occur with Wintley Phipps,



well-known and renowned vocal artist leading us in music, and Dr. Jeffery Singletary, Regional Catalyst for the Florida Baptist Convention as our keynote speaker. A wonderful meal is planned with all the CDC Guidelines in place along with social distancing and masks. Special recognition is in order for Dr. Dennis Cox, Vice President for Academic Affairs and long-term professor of the college. Appreciation will be given for his 36 years of tireless and sacrificial service at the college for our Lord.

Through the gifts of sponsors, the cost per meal ticket is only \$10.00 per person. To make your reservation, simply go to our website, <https://www.trinitycollege.edu/annual-banquet/>. It will be an evening to treasure! Supporting our students at this time is the CALL of the hour! Your presence will make a difference.

The **President's Council** met March 12, 2021. Projects on the dining area are underway along with security enhancements for the college. Other interests have developed to enrich the experience of our students who are attending Trinity.



- ✦ **The Board of Trustees will meet Friday, May 7, 2021 at the Trinity College campus.**
- ✦ ***Graduate Chapel is scheduled for April 28, 2021***



Dr. Philip Dearborn

- ✦ **Commencement** will be held **Saturday, May 8, 2021** at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of New Port Richey. **Dr. Philip Dearborn**, President of the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), will be our guest speaker. Dr. Dearborn has over 26 years of higher education leadership experience including teaching at the Ph.D. level.
- ✦ The **Reaccreditation Team from ABHE** has completed its work. They were on campus the week of April 4 to review activities, systems, procedures, buildings, IT, and academics. They met with faculty and staff and members of the Board of Trustees.

- ✦ **Safety Concerns:** More and more individuals are coming on campus for the space and rest. Study has been underway for this growing challenge. Through a contact of Jeremy Alvarez, our Director of Facilities, a refurbished golf cart has been secured for our security personnel. A sheriff's deputy will be posted evenings and weekends on campus for added security for Trinity students.



Urgent Prayer Requests

You can really help by praying for these issues specifically.

1. Health and Well-Being of Students and Faculty.
2. Use of HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) monies: These are grants from the government with designation.
3. Use of gift monies given to assist in debt reduction and financial ratios. New donor cultivation.
4. Prospective students for the fall of 2021. A new admissions director and financial aid director are in place to assist in this endeavor.
5. The successful and safe completion of this semester.
6. The Board of Trustees: Counsel, Wisdom, and Support to and for Administration.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in the moments of comfort but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Amen and Amen ...

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark T. O'Farrell".

Mark T. O'Farrell
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