



The President's Circle



Thanksgiving ... My Determination and His Appreciation

"I will praise the name of God with a song
And will magnify Him with **thanksgiving**.
This also shall **please** the Lord better than an ox
or bull
Which has horns and hooves.

The humble shall see this and be glad
And you who seek God, ***your hearts shall live.***
Psalm 69:30-32 NKJV

There is something *magnificent* here ... there is something *life changing* here ... there is something *powerful* here! Do you see it? Do you feel it? Read the verses again ... what do you sense?

The word translated 'thanksgiving' (*toda*) is found 31 times in the Old Testament and 9 times in the New Testament. It is the "giving of thanks." Something happens when I truly give thanks to the Lord. There are tangible and non-tangible happenings. A focus and change occur when you give thanks to Him! It is lifting and encouraging, not to mention enriching. In fact, did you see the last words of verse 32?

"...your hearts shall live."

A giving force occurs ... *LIFE!* Appreciation genuinely expressed in words from the heart to the giver of the blessing. It is a force that changes the life of the receiver. Transmit that proclamation with a song and **MAGNIFY** (*gawdal*) Him with thanksgiving! So much is occurring when I truly give thanks that it must be constant **determination** ... to see and give thanks!

And then look at the reward ... **His Appreciation!** *Can you comprehend this?* This pleases the Lord and your heart shall live!

When we give thanks, that action pleases our Heavenly Father. It demonstrates to Him the following:

1. **We possess a spirit of dependence.** We are unable to be or do what He desires without His intervention and assistance. Magnification (Glorification) comes to Him who is totally deserving. He is glorified and then we experience from the glorification blessing, enrichment, and empowerment.
2. **We proclaim His sufficiency in all things and worthiness in all actions.** This is transmitted to His creation, creating peace, joy, and confidence. Much is accomplished by our giving of thanks in the unseen world and in non-tangible influences. Yes, there is mystery in this ... and for all eternity, we will be ever reviewing and entering this mystery.
3. **We pleasure in Him. We simply enjoy Him!** We are redeemed people with a longing and growing pursuit of spending time with Him, listening, looking, and then laboring with great happiness and power. *And you know how you feel when one simply enjoys being with you, PERIOD.*

With these thoughts in mind, bathe your thinking on these verses of Scripture:

- ✦ "Sing to the Lord with **Thanksgiving...**"
Psalm 147:7 NKJV
- ✦ "**Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ**" *Ephesians 5:20 NKJV*
- ✦ "Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be known to God..." *Philippians 4:6 NKJV*
- ✦ "Continue earnestly in prayer being vigilant in it with **thanksgiving.**"
Colossians 4:2 NKJV
- ✦ "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, **thanksgiving** and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen." *Revelation 7:12 NKJV*

Let **Our Determination** Grow and Grow and **His Appreciation/Pleasure** Always
Be Present from now and forevermore!

News to Know ...

- ✦ **Our New Dining Lounge** has taken on a fresh appearance for our student body. Booths, new tables/chairs, lighting, painting, flooring, and additional amenities for computers and devices are now in use by our students. A new outdoor canopy and chairs/tables along with lighting are in process for addition to the outside.



- ✦ **Campus Preview:** Potential students are visiting Trinity College of Florida. The next Campus Preview is scheduled for November 15, 2021. Check our website for details.



- ✦ **College Dress up Event (Spirit Week) and School Tailgate Party ...**



- ✦ **David Knapp**, Trinity College Class of 2006 and missionary/church planter in Costa Rica, spoke in chapel.



- ✦ **Sports Activities** have begun in men's soccer and basketball teams!



- ✦ About 40 pastors attended a one-day **pastors' conference** on campus provided by Shepherds Theological Seminary. Presenters were: Dr. Tim Sigler, Provost and Dean, Dr. Al Potter, Distinguished Professor of Pastoral Theology, Attorney David Gibbs, III, President and General Counsel of the National Center for Life and Liberty and Dr. Michael Vlach, Professor of Theology.



- ✦ Multiple **ZOOM** meetings are taking place for prayer, legal issues, millennials, financial, and religious liberty.
- ✦ Our **New Gate** has been completed. It is available for students and visitors alike. Law enforcement, paramedics, faculty, and staff along with business and church meetings enjoy the campus facilities via the new gate process.

- Bible Study **Presentation to Pakistan** was made by President O'Farrell.
- Community and Church Events (**Fall Festival**)



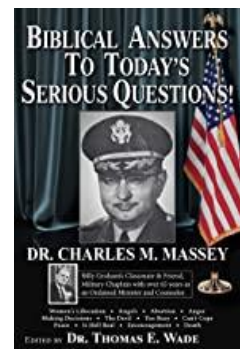
- **Faculty/Staff Update** was given by President O'Farrell: PowerPoint presentation.
- Classes will not be held November 22-27 for **Thanksgiving break**.
- **Dr. Eric Bargerhuff**, Vice President for Academic Affairs, was a presenter at the ABHE Academic Officers Leadership Conference November 1. **Anthony Abell**, Vice President for Enrollment Services, will be presenting at the Society of Biblical Literature in San Antonio, Texas. The President will be conducting a wedding and attending another wedding during November; he has been guest speaking Sunday mornings.

Items to Pray About:

- *Please Pray* for our students who are "in the seat" this semester. Many are taking online courses at the same time which adds to time challenges.
- *Please Pray* for the athletic games that are scheduled for both basketball and soccer.
- *Please Pray* for our faculty and staff as they work with our student body.
- *Please Pray* for the needed funding by the college for activities with students.
- *Please Pray* for our admissions department as they work with potential students for fall 2022.

Dr. Thomas E. Wade, Board Member of Trinity College, has compiled the messages and presentations by Dr. Charles M. Massey, entitled: "Biblical Answers to Today's Serious Questions." The Kindle edition is available on Amazon.com. Tom Wade, PhD, is Professor Emeritus and a Certified Research Administrator at the University of South Florida where he served as Professor for Electrical Engineering and Associate Dean for Research for 25 years. The book contains messages and presentations that Dr. Massey has made. As Billy Graham's Classmate and Friend, and as Military Chaplain with over 65 years as an Ordained Minister and Counselor, Colonel Massey shares special insights in serving the Lord from his days at Trinity to the Pentagon.

A Must Read!



Serving the King of kings and Lord of lords with you,

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Titus has his eye on you!