



The President's Circle



A NEW YEAR ... 2022

The Year 2022 has arrived! It is filled with new opportunities and discoveries. There are new possibilities for God's Honor and Glory on the horizon. In the midst of this 'newness' there are new challenges in the form of dead ends, detours, and disturbances. It simply is spelled '*Difficulties.*'

God, in His wisdom, has kept us alive at this moment to represent Him and make a difference in lifting up the magnificence of Jesus Christ. He is Alive, on the Throne, in the 'Know' and ... Coming Back!

Contemplate these statements from the Lord Jesus for this New Year:

"...I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12 NKJV

"...I am the light of the world." John 9:5 NKJV

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"
Matthew 6:22-23 NKJV

With the unmatched rhetoric of today that demonstrates the unhinged thinking processes in play, there is a 'false light' that demonstrates darkness. One thinks he or she has the 'light' (truth), but it is simply 'darkness.' Darkness appears as thoughts, statements, or philosophies with no understanding of results and ramifications of the action declared. It is like driving a 'car off the cliff with the understanding that the road continues.' It is frightening and ridiculous at the same time.

Jesus warned of this: "...if the light (sight, understanding) that is in you is darkness, how

great is that darkness!" Today there is much 'darkness' that is considered 'light.' It is seen culturally, religiously, politically, and practically! *It is powerful and demanding.* It is self-centered for self-gain. Only Jesus as the 'Light' can set one free to SEE THIS! It is His teachings and actions that demonstrate the truth and principles under the events that are occurring. That is why He said:

"He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness; but have the light of life."

The 'Light of Life' is knowing the TRUTH. It is knowing the REALNESS of life. It is knowing the PURPOSE of life. It is knowing the PLAN within eternity. It is knowing ETERNAL THINGS. It is knowing the THINGS OF GOD. Jesus is the TRUTH on these matters. He gives light, illuminance to these matters with NO ERROR.

What do I do with this Knowledge in this NEW YEAR?

1. **Study and Muse** on the sayings and teachings of Jesus.
2. **Understand and Review** what and why He did what He did in events and circumstances.
3. **Recognize and Rejoice** that YOU are loved by Him and you KNOW who is in charge
4. **Pray and Worship** the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, doing HIS WORK
5. **Watch and Listen** carefully for HIS SOON COMING!

Billy Graham portrays the following:

Jesus says: "Don't be afraid. I'm alive, and *I'm here to help you.* The Cross shows *the depth of My Love*, and the Resurrection shows *the depth of MY power.* Nothing can ever separate you from Me." And this will PREACH!!

New Year News ...

- ✦ **Classes began January 18, 2022.** A new semester is upon us. After a cookout with new and returning students on January 16, the spring semester was underway. President's Chapel was January 20 with two psychologists present and making presentations: Dr. David Dupere (President's Council member) and Dr. Dama Abshier. Dr. Abshier will be teaching an online psychology course. Dr. Allan Parnell and his wife, Bunny, were also present to encourage our student body. Dr. Parnell began his trucking business in 1987. "Mr. P" now has 300 employees and 200 trucks. Be on the lookout for them.
- ✦ **The campus** is currently home to EMTs in our region until their new facility is completed, as well as home to a church and another school, Genesis Preparatory School. We are strategically located on forty acres of land. This semester, Trinity is utilizing its two residence halls for housing.
- ✦ **"Sharing the Good News in Their Home"** is the theme of Trinity's **Global Impact Missions Conference**. The dates are February 7-10, 2022. Classes will be rearranged in order for the conference to begin at 10:00 a.m. each morning. Speakers, missionaries, and mission groups will be represented. Your prayer support will be deeply appreciated.
- ✦ **Reaccreditation:** ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education) will be celebrating 75 years of leadership February 15-18, 2022 in Orlando, Florida. At this gathering, Trinity College of Florida will have the final meeting with accreditors. All things have been addressed these past three years in preparation; recommendations have been answered. Following our last meeting scheduled for February 15, 2022, a decision will be made that would grant the college another ten years of accreditation. Dr. Eric Bargerhuff, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and your President will be representing the College. Your prayer support will be deeply appreciated.



Items of Interest:

- ✦ Faculty and Staff enjoyed a Christmas pot luck lunch at the college.



- ✦ The college credit line has been repaid; it had been utilized between semesters.
- ✦ Additional landscaping has been accomplished on campus; a security gate has been added for the main entrance.
- ✦ **Campus Preview** is scheduled for Monday, February 21.

- ✦ **Scholarship Chapel** will be held Thursday, March 24, 2022.
- ✦ **President's Activities:**
 - Speaking and meeting with pastors of various churches
 - Ministered in three funerals recently
 - Attended and participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new performing arts building at Pasco Hernando State College



- Attended the Shell Point CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community) Board of Directors meeting in Fort Myers, Florida
- ✦ The **Trinity College of Florida Quest (Degree Completion) program** has been redesigned. Two eight-week modules per semester will be offered on Monday nights; the first course will run from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. followed by the second course 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. This is stretched out over eight weeks and an eight-week summer session which allows the student more time to complete the assignments while also providing a variety of content since the student will be attending two classes instead of just one on Monday evenings. The rate of completion, reducing burnout, and developing a sense of accomplishment will occur. Watch for more information on the Trinity College of Florida website.
- ✦ The Shepherds Theological Seminary will conduct a **regional pastors' conference**, "Biblical Christianity & Popular Culture," on campus Tuesday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m.
- ✦ A donor has provided three lunches for Trinity's students this fall through Barnyard Barbecue foods.
- ✦ **Attention Alumni:** Our library offerings have been placed online for use. Check out this link: <https://www.trinitycollege.edu/library/> Dr. Bragg's teachings are available!

Prayer Requests:

- ✦ *Please Pray* for our new students who are beginning at Trinity in the midst of a collegiate year. Pray for their adjustment with friends and classes.
- ✦ *Please Pray* for our faculty and staff as they begin a new semester with new challenges.
- ✦ *Please Pray* for the degree completion program, *Quest*. Understanding the new format is important. The "teach out" process is available.
- ✦ *Please Pray* for students as they deal with schedules and finances.
- ✦ *Please Pray* for the incoming class of students scheduled for August 2022. New systems are in place to provide ease and understanding for the prospective student.

"Suffering and success go together. If you are succeeding without suffering, it is because others before you have suffered; if you are suffering without succeeding, it is so that others after you may succeed."

Words spoken by Dr. Edward Judson at the dedication of a church in New York City

Something to think about!

Looking forward to His Return,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark T. O'Farrell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'O'.

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