



## The President's Circle



### A 'Must' for 2023

A great deal of challenges, demands, requests, and obligations have been coming your way ... *and even in retirement!* How do you handle all of this? What do you do, say, think, and even pray over? This is a new year ... 2023 ... with all the modern technology and equipment. How is this possible?

Dr. A.B. Simpson, founder of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, wrote this to his constituency in 1886:

**"A Year with Jesus: Let us seek its plan and direction from Him. Let us take His highest thought and will for us in it. Let us look to Him for our desires, ideals, and expectations in it ... Let Him be our guide and Way ... Let Him also be the sufficiency and strength of all the year. Let our holiness be the 'law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.' Let our health be the 'life of Jesus manifest in our mortal flesh.' Let our faith be 'the faith of the Son of God who loves us.' Let our peace and joy be His peace and joy. And let our service be not our works, but the grace of Christ with us ... Let us learn the meaning of the ministry of prayer ... Let it be a year of deeper, wider, higher, diviner things."**

***This is still the BEST for us today!***

What is the 'MUST' you ask? It is focusing on Jesus! His Person, Work, Teaching, Promises,

and Problem Solving! Dr. Sidlow Baxter made this reflection for the New Year:

- We are His **branches:** We Live in Him.
- We are His **friends:** We Joy in Him.
- We are His **servants:** We work for Him.
- We are His **witnesses:** We speak for Him.

All four 'unions' are described in John 15:5,15, 20, 27: Union, Communion, toiling, and telling are all found in these spiritual and practical statements of union.

**Dr. Baxter uses the expressions 'inward fellowship with Christ and a daily useableness by Christ.' May this be the 'MUST' of 2023!**

At the Day of Pentecost, empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter stood up and preached (all were hearing the Gospel in their own language). He focused on this one thought:

"Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified, both **Lord and Christ.**"

Acts 2:36 NKJV

They were convicted and about three thousand souls were added to the family of God. (Acts 2:41)

With this focus and 'must,' we march forward into 2023 for the Glory and Honor our Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ!

## News to Use ...

- ✦ Our new serving area for students is being utilized this semester!



- ✦ Our **Michelle Chauncey**, Director of Elementary Education, has retired after 20 years of teaching. The following was expressed by her to the Trinity College of Florida family:

*It has been my privilege and blessing to work side by side with many of you over the last 20 years. God has blessed me to work with the students of Trinity College and to see so many successful Christian teachers in both Christian and public schools here and abroad... I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words and the engraved cute cutting board. Please know that I am praying for you all and I am so thankful for Dawn Scilex, who is an answer to my prayers. I truly believe, Lord willing, that she can take the elementary education program to the next level. May the Lord be with you all as you continue to serve Him. I will continue to pray for Trinity College, for God's blessing and for God to direct the leadership into the future.*

- ✦ It is my privilege to present to you **Dawn Scilex**. Dawn has extensive experience in education, serving for years as a teacher and administrator in the Pasco County School District. She received her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Clearwater Christian College, her Masters in Elementary Education from Nova Southeastern University, and is currently working on her Doctoral degree in Education with Cappella University. We are excited for the vision and energy she has towards building our elementary education program and overseeing the future development of a Secondary Education program at Trinity College.



*Dawn Scilex*

- **Joanne Hagicostas** has accepted the position of Registrar beginning March 1. Joanne comes to us with a background in tax preparation, nursing, and customer relations within the airline industry. Her skills, knowledge, and attention to detail and software will be a great help to the College.

### **Did you know:**

- The amount of \$210,465 in 375 gifts were given for the Scholarshare program in the past year compared to 369 gifts amounting to \$123,035 received the prior year.
- Stephen Davey, President of **Shepherds Theological Seminary**, has notified us that the Seminary will be unable to conduct classes on the Trinity campus this semester due to lack of enrollment. Dr. Davey has indicated that Shepherds will gladly consider a Cluster site at Trinity College, which may build interest and perhaps set the stage for another attempt at launching a teaching site in the future.
- Twelve **student groups** dealing with ministry opportunities and responsibilities have been scheduled for students to attend during the weekly schedule when plenary chapel services are not being held.
- Pasco County Sheriff's Officers have been on campus serving our students with their presence.
- The President will be attending the **ABHE Annual Conference** February 15-17 with other college personnel. Concentrations on various responsibilities such as student development, enrollment, and finances will be on the schedule.
- **Global Impact Missionary Conference** is scheduled for February 6-9.
- **Campus Preview** is set for Monday, February 20. It will be Trinity's first in 2023. Potential students will be on campus for classes and the college experience.
- The **President's Council** will meet Friday, February 10. The Council is made up of professionals from all fields of life ... business, church, medical, profit and non-profits, and teachers. They provide counsel, insights, and recommendations to the Board of Trustees. Chairman Ed Brandt and Vice Chairman Tom Chapman will be in attendance and addressing the Council. The President will be making a presentation: *Sailing the Seas of Life*. It will be a review of what the Lord has been doing at Trinity College of Florida.



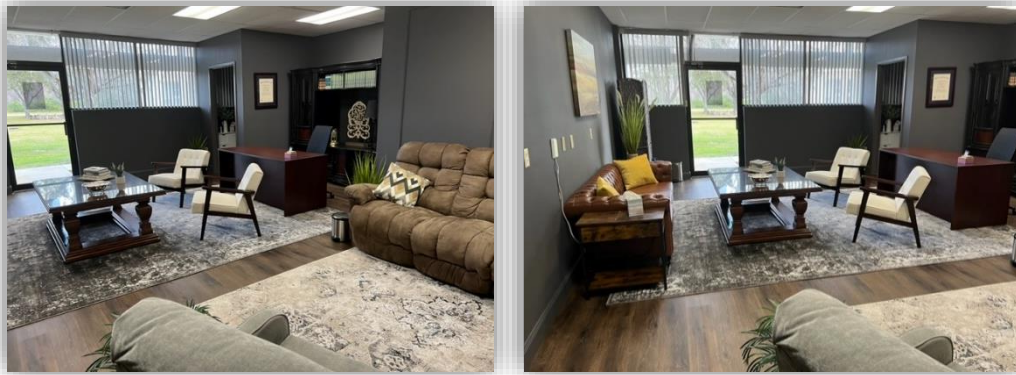
- **Dr. Tom Woodward**, Research Professor at Trinity College of Florida and Senior Lecturer with the C. S. Lewis Society has been designated a "Fellow" of Discovery Institute's "Center for Science and Culture." A Princeton graduate in history and Latin American Studies, Dr. Woodward completed his PhD in the Rhetoric of Science at the University of South Florida. His dissertation, titled "Aroused From Dogmatic Slumber: A Rhetorical History of Intelligent Design," positioned him to become an early historian of intelligent design. His thesis work became the basis for his first major book, *Doubts about Darwin: A Rhetorical History of Intelligent Design* (2003), named a *Christianity Today* Book of the Year in 2004. He then wrote *Darwin Strikes Back: Defending the*



*Dr. Tom Woodward*

*Science of Intelligent Design* (2006), and also coauthored *The Mysterious Epigenome: What Lies Beyond DNA* (2012) with ophthalmologist James Gills.

- ✦ Restoration Church and a ministry for Chinese Restaurant workers in our area are utilizing the campus. Tuesday and Thursday evenings, **Jennifer Bargerhuff**, as a Licensed/Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern, has begun providing professional mental health therapy for the students of Trinity College of Florida. Others in the Counseling Department under the leadership of **Leslie Rewald** are also serving our student body and college family.



*Trinity's Counseling Suite*

### **Urgent Prayer Requests:**

- ✦ **Please pray** for our enrollment strategies for the Fall of 2023. Interests, thinking, and decision issues are always changing. **Pray that** we have the mind of the Lord regarding the students He is sending.
- ✦ **Pray that** Trinity College of Florida will be a **"home away from home"** for all students.
- ✦ **Pray for all faculty and staff** as they serve the students.
- ✦ **Pray for** all donors. Pray that they will sense encouragement and blessing as they sacrificially give to the students in college support.
- ✦ **Pray for our enrollment team** under the leadership of Kenyata Hayes. The admissions team is working with both our traditional and degree completion programs.
- ✦ **Pray for all college activities** mentioned above. We need God's Favor and Blessing! We need to please Him!
- ✦ **Pray for the Search Committee** regarding the selection of the next president of Trinity College of Florida. Interviews are underway.

### ***Recall What God Remembers!***

This is the theme presented by Oswald Sanders. Jeremiah 2 captures the heart of God remembering His people when they really loved and served Him. This is something to think about, to remember what He remembers, and to see what is important to Him!

With a deeply grateful heart for your partnership,

Mark T. O'Farrell  
President  
Trinity College of Florida

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