



The President's Circle



Ready for Change?

I am very confident that many who read the above title would respond by saying, "You better believe I am! I am more than ready! Difficulty after Difficulty, Event after Event, Action after Action, Frustration after Frustration ... *something* must change. I can't keep this up!"

Well, I have GOOD NEWS: Events, Attitudes, and Actions will be changing for ALL. For those of the Faith, Something New, Something Breathtaking, and Something Unmatched will be happening.

As believers in the Lord Jesus, we are very familiar with John 3:16, but do we know Acts 3:16 as well? It occurs within the proclamation regarding the healing of the man who was lame from birth. He had an unchanging experience for over 40 years (4 decades plus) (Acts 4:22). Peter is proclaiming that this change was possible, but not 'from our own power or godliness.' (Acts 3:12)

This healing and transformation were only made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ! Peter said:

"By faith in His name, His name has made this man strong, who you see and know. So the faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in front of all of you." Acts 3:16 CSB

Change comes through His Name ... His intervention. He is the Source! He is the Changer ... Not our abilities, our giftedness, our accomplishments, our achievements, our positions, our education. It is from Him and For Him! It is only through His involvement and participation.

The Work of God must be done through Our WALK with Him. His favor and blessing bring change!

Are you ready for something Different? Something Fulfilling? Something Lifting and Liberating?

The people ran toward the man who was walking, leaping and praising God (Acts 3:8). The people were 'utterly astonished' (Acts 3:11). How did this happen? The change of 'strength and perfect health' (perfect soundness Acts 3:16) was his!

Are you ready for this? Are you ready for Something New, Something Fresh, Something Else, Something Better? Something that would be life changing in joy ... in action ... in attitude ... and in productivity? Something that would speak to your family and friends?

All of this is possible through faith in Him ... in His Character ... in His Promises ... in His Power! It is your focus on Him ... how to please Him ... how to follow Him ... how to honor Him!

Over and over as seen in Acts and other epistles such as Romans, Jesus is not DEAD ... He is Alive! His disciples were different. They were changed ... *He is Alive!* Thousands came to Faith under their preaching ... *He is Alive!* He is not dead but risen from the dead! Reflect on these words for US:

Abraham's Faith: "He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God because he was fully convinced that what God had promised, He was also able to do. Therefore, it was credited to him for righteousness. How it was

credited to him was not written for Abraham alone but also for us. It will be credited to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead." *Romans 4:20-24 CSB*

"... It is Christ who died, and further is also risen who is even at the right hand of God who also makes intercession for us." Romans 8:34 NKJV

Jesus is Alive ... for Us ... to provide Miraculous Change! And you are not left out!

Simply come to Him in thought and focus, address Him, ask trusting and watch and feel what happens even before the answer you need. Something Else, New, Fresh, and Better will happen! You will find yourself 'walking leaping and praising' as the lame man experienced being liberated from paralysis of over forty years. **Your paralysis will also be GONE!**

The Latest Happenings ...

✦ **The President's Council** met in February 2023. A number of reports were made along with the presentation entitled *Sailing the Seas of Life*. Enrollment strategies and Academic changes, additions, and needs were presented.

The following was accomplished:

- Five New Vacuum Cleaners were purchased for L.L. Speer Hall.
- A gift of \$5,000.00 was received for grant writing and money for the President's Fund.
- A number of Monetary Gifts were presented along with a new TV for the third Floor of L. L. Speer Hall.
- A gift of \$10,000 was presented for IT.
- Breakfast and a working lunch were served with special reports from the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Ed Brandt and Vice Chair, Tom Chapman.



- ✦ **Our 2022-2023 Basketball Season** resulted in the following:

Women's Basketball Team: First Place in Regional Competition

Men's Basketball Team: Second Place in Regional Competition. In addition, this season a 'junior varsity team played in addition to the regular basketball team.



- ✦ **The 2023 Global Impact Missions Banquet** will be held March 30. Students going on mission trips this Summer will make presentations; gifts of support will be requested.



- ✦ The **2023 Scholarship Chapel** occurred Thursday, March 23, 2023. Nine donors along with a few guests were also present. Thirty-two awards were distributed to students in amounts varying from \$200.00 to \$2,000.00. The theme centered around 2 Corinthians 9:8 NKJV:

*"And God is able to make **all** grace abound toward you, that you **always** having **all** sufficiency in **all** things may have an abundance for **every** good work."*



Events of Importance

The date of the **2023 Annual Banquet** has been delayed pending the results of our Search Committee seeking God's person for the next President of Trinity College of Florida. It is the desire of the Board of Trustees and leadership of the College to welcome the new President and family in addition to having our current President and First Lady in attendance at this significant event of **new beginnings!**
Exciting times are ahead. Please Watch for Details!

- ✦ **Trinity's 2023 Commencement** will be at *The Chapel*, 8833 Mitchell Blvd., Trinity, FL 34655 in their new sanctuary and facilities. Special recognitions are also on the agenda for this occasion in *The Chapel's* beautiful 2,000-seat 'state of the art' building. The time is: **Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.** Our Board of Trustees Chairman, Rev. Edward Wm. Brandt III, will be the guest speaker. He graduated from Trinity College in 1968, and is a nonprofit organization executive and consultant.

✦ ***Urgent Prayer Requests:***

Please Pray for the Search Committee of Trinity College Florida and the Board of Trustees as they search for the next President of Trinity College of Florida.

Please Pray regarding our need for operational monies as we approach the summer, in addition to the preparation of the 2023-2024 Annual Budget.

Please Pray for the \$21,000 needed to complete the mandatory fire suppression improvements for Munce Hall. One half the cost (\$42,000) has been raised. It has been required by Pasco County. Upon total payment, access can be gained by our student body. (Certification will be approved.)

Please Pray for the needed improvements for IT development and service. Presently, \$30,000 is needed.

Please Pray for Dawn Scilex and Cindy Perkins as they move forward in grant writing. Over 17 grants have been submitted with 9 showing interest and 2 have been granted for educational purposes. Our Financial Aid Director, Karly Dooley, has also been participating.

Please Pray for enrollment activities for the Traditional and Degree Completion Programs. It is imperative that we do the right thing at the right time to encourage and assist potential students in the desire to seek God's plan for their lives.

Words Given to Zerubbabel ... Truth for any leader serving Him:

"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: '**Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,**' says the Lord of hosts." *Zechariah 4:6 NKJV*



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