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“...Indeed, the ‘right time’ is now...”

2 Corinthians 6:2 NLT

The Scripture above has been read by me hundreds, if not thousands, of times in my Christian experience. As I read once again these verses, these words ‘jumped out’ at me:

“...indeed, the ‘right time’ is now. Today is the day of salvation.”

2018 has arrived. It is the New Year ... the time for new year’s resolutions, commitments, changes, and arrangement of priorities. It is a time to turn over a ‘new leaf,’ get a fresh start, and engage in habits and practices that are beneficial to you and others!

In concert with this, the following paragraph in the book, *America at the Crossroads*, by George Barna struck deep into my soul:

“...Americans are not ideological purists. One significant reason for the ideological confusion and inconsistency that prevail in America today—apart from the labels people embrace—is: **we no longer possess an anchor for truth.** In contemporary America, **truth is whatever we say it is. We have adopted the mindset that everyone must determine their own truth,** and nobody can legitimately question the veracity of the perspective for that individual.”

What is happening to us? Even as I write I received notice that a Christian church in England was celebrating Muhammad’s birthday and the birthday of Jesus together in December. What is **happening?**

Indeed, the ‘right time is now’ to do what needs to be done and to be all God wants us to be. Listen and factor in the last two months of activities within our nation (not to mention the world). It is now time **to be, to do, and to stand** in relationship to what God wants! I am totally convinced that what believers would like to do for Him or give to Him in a ministry of their choosing, or be in obedience to His Word, the ‘right time is NOW!’ Later will be too late!

There is a rising hostility toward Christians, a secularization of society that is growing exponentially and extremely off balance in beliefs, distorting their behavior, and a deepening of ‘foolishness’ in processing facts and making decisions and judgments. We are losing our way. Some may even say, we have lost our way! The ‘anchor of truth’ is gone. It is the book of Ecclesiastes in full motion!

“When I considered all that I had accomplished and what I had labored to achieve, I found **everything to be futile and a pursuit of the wind. There was nothing to be gained** under the sun.” Ecclesiastes 2:11 HCSB

But there is Good News! The Word of God gives Truth. God’s truth shapes beliefs. Beliefs are foundational for Values. Values give birth to Godly Character. And Character is the platform of behavior. Truth is not subjective; it is objective, presented by the Almighty! Making it even simpler, clearer, and concise, Paul tells the believers in Ephesus: “... *the truth is in Jesus.*” Ephesians 4:21 NKJV

Jesus is our ‘gold standard.’ There is none other! In fact, I am confident that you believers who are reading this immediately think of John 14:6 NKJV, a statement from Jesus:

“... I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me.”

The clock is 'ticking!' What you have been planning to be, to say, to do, and to give, do it NOW. Time is of the essence. Indeed, the 'right time' is now! Delay is no longer an option!

The Latest Happenings:

- ✦ Many Christmas celebrations and recognitions for students, staff, and faculty occurred during the holiday season.



- ✦ Trinity College of Florida was approved to secure an authorization for initial participation in the Florida State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement in order to offer online courses out of state. Digital marketing will be utilized to make this visible in the marketplace. In addition, the Quest program is offering special scholarships this year, recognizing 85 years of service.
- ✦ During our annual student missionary conference, (Global Impact), we are having a special banquet planned for March 1. Below you will find the announcement for your information. If your schedule permits, your participation would be welcome. Reservations can be made by going to www.trinitycollege.edu/missiontrip. The following is from Dr. Joe Allotta who is leading this endeavor:

On Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 6pm, we are excited to bring back the Global Impact Missions Banquet. This will be an incredible evening filled with great food and interesting speakers. Trinity College has a long history of sending students on to mission fields around the world, and we want to financially support those students who will be engaged in Gospel-centered mission work this Spring and Summer. At the same time, our eyes will be set to the future as we begin to prepare the path for foreign students to study at Trinity College so that they might be more effective ministers of the Gospel once they return home.



Global Impact Missions Banquet

*Sending Trinity Students around the World,
Bringing Students around the World to Trinity.*

*Silent Auctions Items &
Table Sponsors Still Needed*
contact jallotta@trinitycollege.edu

*\$50 per person
Space Limited*

Register

Thursday March 1, 2018

Doors open @ 6pm

East Lake Woodlands Country Club
1055 East Lake Woodlands Parkway Oldsmar, FL 34677



- ✦ Construction continues on the new three-story Residence Hall which will accommodate 90 students. Windows are now in place with extensive work being completed on the inside.



April 27, 2018 is the date of dedication for this new facility. Community leaders, dignitaries, alumni, past presidents, and other presidents of higher educational institutions along with elected governmental officials will be present. It will be a time to reflect, remember, and rejoice on what God is doing and what He plans to do!

Plan to join us and mark this date down on your calendar!

- ✦ **Congratulations** to **Coach Tom Clark** and the entire Trinity College Women's Basketball Team. On Tuesday, February 6, **Markenesja Hardy** received an award for hitting the 1,000-point mark in her basketball career at Trinity College of Florida.



Activities:

- A mission statement workshop was conducted by the Board of Trustees on January 12. Those in attendance worked on applying the "final touches" to Trinity's mission. Information from Barna's study on student expectations, aspirations, and pursuits were reviewed.
- A college-wide safety seminar was conducted on January 9 to help staff and faculty be more aware of the times in which we live! The seminar was led by Jim Howard of Trinity Security Allies.
- Gifts in amounts of \$1,000 to \$30,000, along with a number of smaller gifts were given prior to the end of the year to help assist in college operations.
- New Student Orientation was held January 11, 2018 with classes beginning January 15.

- ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education) will have their annual conference February 21-23, 2018. The President and Vice President for Academic Affairs will be in attendance.

Urgent Prayer Requests ...

- ✦ **Pray for the completion of the new Residence Hall** and the needed furnishings of the rooms.
- ✦ **Pray for the new Admissions work:** marketing, and contacts with churches, schools, businesses, and other opportunities for potential students.
- ✦ **Pray for faculty and staff**, for their enrichment and encouragement. Pray that they will have the wisdom and insight to deal with students both academically and spiritually.
- ✦ **Pray for Trinity College of Florida**, that this institution will be energized and faithful to the task of God's calling. Biblical higher education is desperately needed today.

"... My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." - Words of the Lord to Paul

Then Paul comments, "So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me ... for when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

With great anticipation,

