

# THE PRESIDENT'S



# Circle

TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

## ***The Push and the Pull***

Have you felt the 'Push' and 'Pull' in your life ... demands, obligations, and responsibilities that are pushing you mentally, physically, and emotionally? Fears, shortages, and concerns may be gnawing on your joy, hope, and peace. The 'Push' and 'Pull' become enormous, shoving and dragging you to the 'cliff' of your limits! Is there any relief? Is there any hope of change? Is there any chance that things will change? All of these thoughts are 'bouncing' around in our thinking, planning, and working. What do I do next? Is there any help?

And then add the hurricanes of Harvey, Irma, and Maria to the agenda along with the earthquakes in Mexico and major challenges in Puerto Rico, and then just for added stress, our country's problems with North Korea and leadership in Congress and the White House to the 'kneeling' during the National Anthem and now, the horrible massacre in Las Vegas! What do we do and how do we react? ***The 'Push and the Pull'*** are everywhere!

What is my next step? Chapter 42 in the supernatural book of Isaiah must be pondered and absorbed at this moment in time:

"Thus, says God, the Lord who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: 'I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; **I will take you by the hand and keep you...**'" Isaiah 42:5-6 ESV

A Person of great and indescribable qualifications promises to take you by the hand and keep you! In this context, the promises are for Israel. *The application is for YOU!* Ponder this ... the One who created the heavens and stretched them out along the earth will 'take you by the hand!' What a promise and what a grip!! What a focus ... YOU! And here is the amazing thing about all this ... don't miss it:

"He will not grow faint or be discouraged..." Isaiah 42:4 ESV

God will not tire of you, your issues, your weaknesses, your troubles, and inabilities. He will *'take you by the hand and keep you!'*

Four things happen to you when He 'takes' your hand:

1. **He will keep you:** Protection, Security, and Contentment are yours!
2. **He will give you:** Purpose, Guidance, Provision, and Direction are yours!
3. **He will bring you:** Solution, Destination, and Relief are yours!
4. **He will tell you:** Information, Insight, and Revelation are yours!

There is gigantic wealth described in all these words. The passage pulsates with hope, strength, and 'spiritual electricity.' And the following words at the beginning of the passage are the markers and characteristics of **Jesus:**

"He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; *a bruised reed he will not break and a faintly burning wick he will not quench*; he will faithfully bring forth justice." Isaiah 42:2-3

Are you at a 'breaking point?' Are you losing your 'last glimmer of hope,' "plundered and looted, trapped in holes, and hidden in prisons?" Isaiah 42:22 ESV Take courage ... He is taking you by the hand and has MUCH to SAY and DO with you! And remember, **He imitates this ... He takes the first step.** Enjoy His grip! Say **Yes** to Him ... then watch and feel what happens! It is time to 'get up,' 'get out,' and 'get going!'

**The Latest Happenings:**

- Four days of **Spiritual Emphasis** occurred last month, conducted by the Grace Family Church of Tampa. Speakers stressed themes of God’s Call, Our Passion, Our Courage, and Personal Authenticity. There were breakout sessions and the worship time was student-directed.

 September 26-29	<p><b>Tuesday Chapel</b>  <b>CALLED</b>                  Finding Your Uniqueness</p> <p><i>Ralph Johnson</i>                  Campus Pastor @ GFC Year</p>	
	<p><b>Wednesday Chapel</b>  <b>PASSION</b>                  Pursuit of God</p> <p><i>Chris Davis</i>                  Director of the Dream Center</p>	
	<p><b>Thursday Chapel</b>  <b>COURAGE</b>                  Preparing to Jump</p> <p><i>Stephen Garcia</i>                  Student Pastor @ Van Dyke</p>	
	<p><b>Friday Chapel</b>  <b>AUTHENTIC</b>                  Unleashing the Real You</p> <p><i>Angela Mott</i>                  Local Outreach Coordinator</p>	

- Construction on our **New Student Residence Hall** continues to move forward. The floors of this three-story facility are now being assembled.

**County Commissioners Kathryn Starkey and Mike Wells, along with Dr. Paula O’Neil, Pasco County Clerk,** were present as the first wall was lifted into place on August 21.



- Hurricane Irma** passed through the Trinity area. Twelve students and four adults rode out the storm on campus. Those who provide food services at the College helped the community by serving over 4,000 meals during the days of the hurricane. The College lost trees, but damage was minimal. The still walls of the new construction were anchored in place and remained firm.



- The **President's Council**, consisting of business professionals, clergy, educators, and community leaders, will meet this month. They provide counsel, expertise and contacts for the College prior to the Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for November 3.
- **September 20, 2017** marked 85 years of Higher Biblical Education for Trinity College of Florida. All during this collegiate year we will be celebrating what God has, is, and will be doing. The College's logo and academic seal appear in new areas of the administration building along with banners in the parking lot.



- **Monthly email contacts** with alumni and students have been initiated. Utilization of social media, the College offerings, mission, and vision area are presented. Check out our website [www.trinitycollege.edu](http://www.trinitycollege.edu).



- The Board of Trustees raised over \$15,000 to assist in compensation for our Faculty and Staff.
- As our men's basketball teams are preparing for their season, games for Trinity's men's soccer and women's volleyball teams are now underway.
- **Community Connect** is scheduled to meet on campus Friday, October 6. Local churches and faith-based ministries are invited to attend and be introduced at a special chapel. They will also be invited to set up a table and interact with students who have an interest in volunteer service.



### ***Urgent Prayer Requests ...***

- **Pray for the construction crews** as they continue to build the three-story Residence Hall. Pray for their safety, the completion of the project, and for the provision of funding.
- **Pray for the spiritual renewal and refreshment** for all our students, faculty, and staff.
- **Pray for the ministry opportunities** of our students in local churches.

- ✦ **Pray for the financial strength of the institution. Pray for our donors as well as the financial needs of our students.**

“The crying need of the hour is for the true people of Christ to seek fresh enduement of the Holy Spirit, and to give themselves to a regular, persevering intensive ministry of prayer. Prayer is the invisible, determining power which shapes the course and destinies of men and movements—aye, even of nations.” *J. Sidlow Baxter*

With much anticipation regarding what He will be doing,

