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2019 ... Wake Up Time!

A New Year Has Arrived! By now you have settled into your normal schedule and responsibilities. 2019 is here! Time does fly! What will happen this year?

The following Scripture leaped from its location and captured my attention:

“This is all the more urgent, **for you know how late it is; time is running out.** **Wake up,** for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here...” Romans 13:11-12 NLT

“Besides this, knowing the time, it is already the hour **for you to wake up** from sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is nearly over, and the daylight is near...” Romans 13:11-12 HCSB

“And do this, knowing the time that **now it is high time to awake out of sleep;** for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, **the day is at hand...**” Romans 13:11-12 NKJV

It is time for the Believer to ‘WAKE UP’ from the ‘SLEEP’ ... time is running out! As one studies eschatology, as one reflects on the events of the day, and as one hears and feels the confusion in leadership in and outside the church, **it is time to wake up!** My dear sisters and brothers: The day is at hand! We must do all we can for the sake of the Kingdom, for people to be trained, and for souls to be awakened ... **it is NOW time!**

If we do not wake up, here are some of the dangers:

1. *A Huge Potential for LOSS:* Loss of Glory for Him, loss of souls, loss of activity and action to make a difference for all eternity. The *Loss Potential* is beyond estimation. It is incalculable! As believers, we cannot afford this!
2. *Disappointment for the MASTER:* Because as His children, if we fail to hear His voice, feel His desires, and fail to perform His bidding, we bring disappointment and loss.
3. *Missing the BEST for US:* We lose out on the joy and fulfillment that would have been ours if we would have been faithful! The ‘abundance’ and the ‘fulfillment’ will not be our gifts! They will be missing!
4. *The ‘SECRET’ from God will not be administered:* The question is asked: ‘What do you mean by SECRET? The SECRET is SECRET!’ God has something special planned for those who have been ‘at task’ and ‘on alert!’ Hints of this are given throughout Scripture, but one example is this: “...To him who overcomes, I will give some of the *hidden* manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone and on the stone a new name written *which no one knows except him who receives it.*” (Revelation 2:17 NKJV) *What will that be? What does that mean?* Hidden things, positions, encouragements, and enrichments are on the agenda for the one who cares, works, and overcomes!

It is time to WAKE UP! We do not want to MISS OUT! In 2019, it is time to know and do the will of God with what He has given you in FAITH. MOVE ON ... MOVE UP ... MOVE FORWARD!

The Latest Happenings ...

- ✦ The **Global Impact Missions Banquet** is scheduled for February 7, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. - at the East Lake Woodlands Country Club. 100% of the proceeds is intended to assist our students on Gospel-oriented missions trips this summer. A table of eight can be sponsored for \$300 with guests of your choice. It will be an inspirational meeting with guest presenters. If you have any questions, you may contact Dr. Joe Allotta, Director of Church Ministries and Missions Coordinator, at jallotta@trinitycollege.edu.



Global Impact Missions Banquet

February 7, 2019

East Lake Woodlands Country Club

- ✦ The **Light Up the Night** fundraiser will be held on the campus of Trinity College of Florida on February 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. It will be an evening of emphasis via music, presentations, and exhibits stressing the need to address the devastating activity of human trafficking. Approximately 2,000 are expected to be in attendance. This event is a highlight for the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, Pasco County and Pasco County leaders. Food trucks will be present along with other amenities. This is the first time this event has been held in West Pasco County and hosted by Trinity College of Florida. The public is invited and there is no charge for attendance. Leslie Rewald, co-Director of Psychology and Counseling and Director of Trinity's online program, is giving leadership to this endeavor. This event is family friendly, including live music, a kids' zone area with bounce houses, face painting, horse mounted Sheriff's posse, food vendors, and a helicopter landing, concluding with a candle light ceremony.

- Over eighty attended the 2018 Annual Christmas dinner for faculty and staff. Dr. Ken Whitten, Senior Pastor of Idlewild Baptist Church, gave the Christmas address. The dinner was held at Fox Hollow Golf Club in Trinity. Members of the Board of Trustees and President's Council members were also in attendance. It was a time of reflection, fellowship, enjoyment, and a time to 'bond' for all who were present.
- Improvements around the campus have recently included energy saving lighting and continued work on the landscaping.



- Ruth Munce Hall is being refreshed for future use. It will be excellent for married students and other Christian workers.
- Our **85th Anniversary Birthday Celebration** was brought to a close last month with one more meeting scheduled for this month. A **Big Thank You** to Chairman Ed Allen, Ph.D., the committee and workers, along with the consultation of Rev. Ed Brandt, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of Brandt & Associates. Results will be forthcoming. *Thank you to all who gave and participated.* Two recent gifts of \$20,000 and \$5,000 were received.
- The 2019 ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education) Annual Conference is scheduled for February 20-22 in Orlando, Florida. Continuing education seminars, and plenary sessions occur to enrich, educate, and energize colleges, universities, and seminaries that are Christian educational institutions. The Vice Presidents and President will be present along with the Assistant to the President in Marketing and Enrollment. The theme this year is *Leveraging Cultural Insight for Adaptive Change*. (ABHE is comprised of 146 institutions in the U.S. and Canada, 49,943 students and 2,493 programs of study.)

Urgent Prayer Requests ...

Pray for our recruiters (Admissions team) as they reach prospective students for the 2019-2020 collegiate year. Pray for their contacts, engagements, meetings, seminars, and speaking opportunities. We are stressing Biblical Excellence, Character Transformation, and Career Opportunities at Trinity.

Pray for our Faculty and Staff by name, www.trinitycollege.edu. Ask our Heavenly Father to equip them for the days ahead and that He would grant them insight, strength, and direction as they deal with the students. Pray that they would be refreshed spiritually in their positions of impact and influence.

Pray for our need of a Student Activity Center. This facility would be utilized for sports, meetings, alumni gatherings, and community meetings. Now that all resident students are on campus, a place of gathering and entertaining other colleges, and universities is desperately needed. **Cost: \$2.5 Million**

Pray for Spiritual Renewal. Pray that our students would sense a deep need to be all that God wants them to be.

Pray for our donors and avenues of resource that they will be enlightened and encouraged to assist the College in preparing women and men for 21st century ministries in the church, through the church, and for

the church *in the world*. *Time is of the essence* ... as one translation of the Scriptures states: **Time is running out! We know what to do ... we have students who want to do His will ... we desire the resourcing to make this a reality!**

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so ***you may know*** what is the hope of His calling, what are the glorious riches of His inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power ***to us who believe***, according to the working of His vast strength.” Ephesians 1:18-19 HCSB

His Calling ... His Inheritance ... His Power

Let the journey begin,

