

# THE PRESIDENT'S



# Circle

TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

## ***The Time Has Come ...***

**“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.”** Ecclesiastes 3:1 NLT

Over the years, you have heard this verse mentioned, preached, written, and quoted. The next seven verses of Ecclesiastes illustrate the activities of man, what to expect, and how events are coupled. The older I get, I especially find verse 6(b) in the third chapter a need in my life: “*A time to keep and a time to throw away.*” So much stuff is collected over the years and not used ... don't you agree?

As I mentioned in the last President's Circle, the time has come to be, to invest, and to do what you have thought about accomplishing for the Lord Jesus in recent years or all of your life. **Time is of the essence.** Representing Trinity College of Florida at the funeral of Billy Graham, I heard Anne Graham Lotz say the same thing. An era has passed and a new era has arrived which is wrapped in the word ***Urgency!*** There was a courageous, yet calming, proclamation from her lips that is God's message to all of us. There can be no delays or detours. We must act and do NOW what we have thought and prayed about in the task of changing lives for the Master. The training of young people for the presentation of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ must be preeminent. Christians must wake up and move forward in the power of the Holy Spirit! **The Time Has Come!**

As I have been journaling the last several months in my adventures within various portions of the Bible, these words flashed in my mind as I prayed, meditated on His Word, and sought His direction. These are:

1. **Stand Up:** Stand in the guided Holy Spirit's leadership for the truth and right living. Away with 'milk toast' apathy that surrounds so many dear saints. Know what to say and do. Pray what to say and do. Give what you know will expand and enhance the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus!
2. **Stay the Course:** Do not 'throw in the towel.' Do not give up, give in, or give over! Feast on the promises of God. His Word is His Character! He can be trusted! Stay focused and faithful, and feel the 'passion' grow and expand in your inner being! God is always *Faithful* ... God is always *Aware* ... God is always *Ready* ... God is always *Able!*
3. **Step In:** It is now time to be counted on! It is now time to 'step in' to the battle and make a difference. The headlines of the *Tampa Bay Times* read after the killing of seventeen students and the wounding of scores of others: “He never went in (officer on campus).” We must go in! We must step in with the whole armor of God! *Prayed Up and Prayed For!*

**“... Yes, the set time has come.”** Psalm 102:13 NKJV

It is quite uplifting and amazing how His Spirit affirms His Direction and His Desire through His Word via systematic readings of different portions of Scripture. You see and feel it when you write it down! God is speaking to His People!

In your setting, in your family, in your church, in your community, in your responsibilities and influence, **Stand Up, Stay the Course, and Step In ...** You will be used By God Almighty!!


**The Happenings:**

- ✦ **A moment in history has arrived for Trinity College of Florida!** The long awaited and long sought-after Student Residence Hall will be dedicated to the Lord on **Friday, April 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.** Under a tent in the fashion of Billy Graham’s ministry, this “state of the art” three-story facility with more than 25,000 square feet will be viewed by educational, community, and business leaders. Donors, alumni, and friends of the College will be present along with churches and their pastors. The ribbon-cutting will involve many participants.

**Following the service, a guided tour will take place with a complimentary buffet for all attendees.** As a recipient of the President’s Circle, you are invited! Your attendance will be a crowning touch to all the Lord has done. You have partnered with us, and your influence, gifts, and prayers have made a difference.



Furnishing the 90-student residence hall, including three common areas, will cost \$192,000. The alumni as well as others are seeking to raise these furnishings that are not included in the building cost. Prayerfully consider what you might be able to do as a church, business, or organization as well as individuals. Recognition of gifts and support will be honored.

Please consider donating to help furnish the new building 

- Donation Levels**
- Donate a floor \$66,000
  - Donate a wing \$33,000
  - Donate a room & contribute to common area \$4000
  - Donate a room \$3500



**Trinity College of Florida  
Residence Hall Project 2018**

- ✦ **Trinity College of Florida made headlines** with two consecutive Men’s Basketball National Championships for 2016 and 2017. Now in 2018, the Tigers are champions once again. This time, it is the Women’s Basketball team who brought home the trophy by winning the WNIT National Championship with an amazing score of 95-55! Markenesja Hardy, who reached a career high by scoring 1,000 points this year, was the MVP of the WNIT National Championship. **Congratulations to Coach Tom Clark on a job well done.**







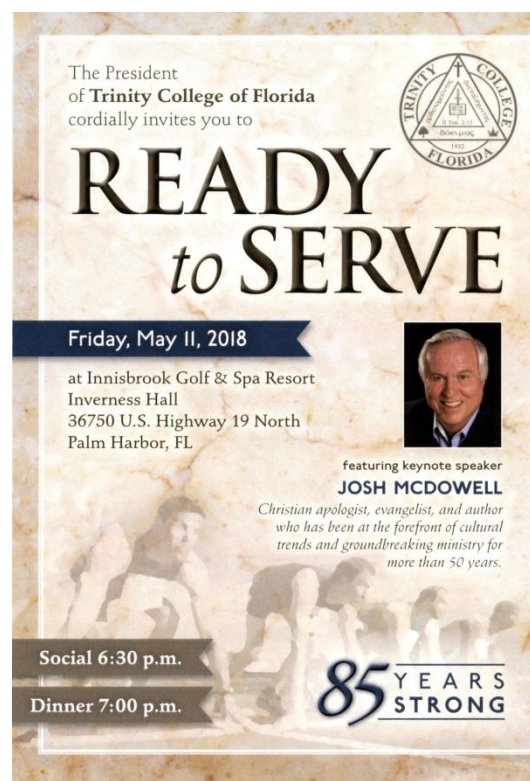
- ✦ Our **2018 Annual Banquet, *Ready to Serve***, will be May 11, 2018 at the Innisbrook Golf & Spa Resort, Inverness Hall, in Palm Harbor, Florida. Special recognitions will be in order for Dr. Billy Graham and others. Highlights of the new Student Residence Hall dedication will be presented along with awards for many of Trinity College's family.

We are excited to welcome **Josh McDowell** as our special guest and speaker. Josh is an author, apologist, and gifted speaker and he will be leading us in the importance of Biblical education in this moment of time. He has addressed more than 25,000,000 people, giving over 27,000 talks in 125 countries.

This is an excellent opportunity to sponsor a table. For more information or to obtain tickets to this event, log onto [www.trinitycollege.edu](http://www.trinitycollege.edu) and go to the "Ready to Serve" icon. Additional information can also be obtained by calling Billie O'Farrell at 727-569-1401 or emailing [bskinner@trinitycollege.edu](mailto:bskinner@trinitycollege.edu).

**Things to Note:**

- ✦ Funds were raised for mission and honors trips this summer during the **Missions Conference** March 1 and 2. More than 15 missionaries and many mission organizations were on campus for this event. One hundred twenty-five attended the Missions Banquet at the East Lake Woodlands Country Club. **Special appreciation goes to Dr. Joe Allotta and his team in making this missions conference significant and very memorable.**



- ✦ Scholarships totaling \$20,450 were awarded to 29 deserving students at **Scholarship Chapel** on March 23.



- ✦ A record number of prospective students and families were on campus for the April 6<sup>th</sup> **Campus Preview**. Activities for the day included attending classes and chapel, connecting with professors and students, and tours. A hot breakfast, Chick-Fil-A lunch and an ice cream social helped make the day special.



- ✦ **Dr. Tom Woodward and the C.S. Lewis Society** hosted a dinner April 6, 2018 at the Rusty Pelican in Tampa. The keynote speaker was Greg Koukl, renowned apologist and founder of the ministry, *Stand to Reason*.

- ✦ **Trinity College of Florida is proud to be one of Florida's Best Value Online Colleges for 2018.**



**Your Intercession is Needed ... Please Pray for:**

- The dedication of the new Student Residence Hall
- The 2018 Annual Banquet and Commencement
- New Students considering college for the first time as well as those seeking degree completion
- Admission recruitment, doing the right things at the right time for the best results
- New community and national awareness of Trinity College of Florida
- Gifts and givers to accomplish the task of refurbishing old facilities and enhancing staff responsibilities

“To thee I come *in my difficulties, necessities, distresses; possess me with thyself* ... I bless thee that thou has made me capable of knowing thee, the author of all being, of resembling thee, the perfection of all excellency, ***of enjoying thee, the source of all happiness.***” *Puritan Prayer*

With much thanksgiving and gratitude,

