

THE PRESIDENT'S



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TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

Tune In and Tone On

How is your Tune? How is your Tone?

“The first work of grace is to set the soul in order, to subdue base affections, and set the soul in tune and order; to set the right price on things and to rank them as he should. What is your desire? What is the bent of our soul?” *Richard Sibbes*

“Where there is more purity, there will be more clarity.” *Thomas Manton*

“As we speak the Words of Christ, we must also have the Tone of Christ.” *Gary Friesen*

As I was meditating on the above three statements, **Tune** and **Tone** jumped out. The concept of ‘tune’ was discussed among the Puritans. It deals with the soul of man achieving ‘harmony with God, tuned into Him,’ His desires, will, and guidance. I enjoy reading their documents. As I met with several attorneys recently, one mentioned a message he heard stressing that our conversations and statements need to ‘possess’ the *Tone of Christ* as His Words were used. Thus, **Tune** and **Tone** appeared on my radar.

These two concepts need to be explored by every person today. In today’s toxic atmosphere of verbiage that use of fiery hyperboles and metaphors, *ideas are lost*. Passion takes over. Wisdom is out the door. People are not ‘tuned into God,’ thus they are not in tune so their tone is off the scale of reason. It seems everyone is looking for the next word picture that is stronger and more offensive. Is not this what Jesus said in the latter days ... “And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another?” (Matthew 24:10 NKJV)

The soul of man is cluttered with the things of this world that will provide no insight into reality and reason. The soul is not in order ... the bent of their soul is fleshly, not spiritual. Clarity is missing because purity is lacking! The tune is off and the tone is missing!

I was fascinated by the message the prophet Jeremiah spoke at the garbage dump in the valley of Ben-Hinnom recorded in chapter 19. He persuaded the leaders of the people and priests to follow him through the ‘Gate of Broken Pots’ ... and He told them about their idols, disloyalty to the Almighty, and their selfish actions. What was to happen to them because of their disobedience would be called *‘monument to their stupidity.’* (Jeremiah 18:16, 19:8) Chapters 18 and 19 must be read by you soon. What a setting for a message ... *the dump!*

‘Monuments to our stupidity’ are being erected everywhere because **we are not tuned into God**. Thus **our tone** of communication, reason, and wisdom is missing!

Dear Reader, we must stand up, speak up, and make a difference in our circles of influence! This is your moment! This is our moment ... we must not lose it! Souls, Souls, and Souls lie in the balance. Jesus is our Message!

The Latest Happenings:

- ✦ The Fall 2018 Campus Preview was Friday, October 26. This was a special opportunity to meet students, faculty, and staff, and to experience the *Trinity Connection*. Parents and students alike were given the opportunity of attending sessions on Trinity history and offerings as well as attending classes with the student body and chapel events. Chick-Fil-A participates as our food provider.



- ✦ Our **85th Birthday Celebration** continues with opportunities provided for anyone, any group, any organization, church, or business to **give a Birthday Gift** to Trinity in celebration of 85 years of higher Biblical education. Birthday gifts have been received from donors, alumni, trustees, President's Council, faculty, staff, businesses, churches, nonprofits, and friends of the College. These gifts will be used for:

- *Life Change* Scholarships [for students who cannot financially afford to attend after completing their FASFA, utilizing government funding, and gifts]
- Strengthening our faculty & staff
- Enhancing the ambiance of the College for student encouragement and learning

Dr. Ed Allen, Chairman of this stewardship drive, along with his steering committee, deeply appreciate your interest. Many are making contacts with businesses, churches, and organizations for end of the year giving opportunities.

On the College website, there is a special “Give” tab for you to click and make your gift.
www.trinitycollege.edu. **Thank you for your support!**

- ✦ **Senior Emily Hethorn** was honored at the end of the regular volleyball season. Congratulations to Rachel Noble and her staff for a strong rebuilding season.



- ✦ The President's Council met on campus October 12th while the students were on spring break. This is an advisory group of business men and women, pastors, educators, leaders in various fields of science and finance in addition to an author and psychologist. The present state of the College was presented along with needs of various departments. A vision was cast for a new student activity center. All resident students are now on campus and this facility would make it possible for visiting colleges who are playing our sports teams to come on campus and compete. It is a multifaceted facility that would be beneficial in scores of ways ranging from continuing education to community gatherings. It also could be utilized by alumni, churches, and nonprofits in the area.



Odds and Ends:

- ✦ Leadership of the College met in Orlando for a conference on Institutional Growth sponsored by ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education). Eight case studies were provided and many presenters were a part of the conference.
- ✦ The President and Mr. Steve Hunter, Assistant to the President for Marketing & Admissions, attended Pastors' Appreciation Day in Tampa. Dr. Mark Bailey, President of Dallas Theological Seminary, was keynote speaker.
- ✦ Commissioner Kathryn Starkey toured the new L. L. Speer Hall. Progress continues regarding the renaming of the road in front of the College in honor of Billy Graham.
- ✦ A community outreach event, *Trunk or Treat*, was held in the campus parking lot October 31 by the students. There were many opportunities to embrace the community with the values of Bible-based education.



- ✦ A special Thanksgiving meal is planned for the student body in celebration of the holiday.

Your Prayers are needed for ...

- ✦ ... the students' academic challenges as they conclude this semester (papers, projects, exams).
- ✦ ... a new student activity center that would serve multi-purposes: sports events, chapel, and educational venues.
- ✦ ... the continued financial need of the L. L. Speer Hall. Naming opportunities are still available and funds are being raised for furnishings and common areas. Gifts amounting to over \$133,430 have been received. The total need for furnishings is \$192,000.
- ✦ ... our Admissions team: John Keller, David DeLisle, Giselle Rodriguez, and Director of Admissions Rachel Noble. Pray for John Zuch, Associate Dean for the Degree Completion program (*Quest*), and Director of Financial Aid Sue Wayne and her team along with student assistants. Pray that they will be in the right place, doing the right things, and saying the appropriate things all for the right reasons. We need the Wisdom and Strength of the Lord.
- ✦ ... our Faculty and Staff: financial, emotional, physical, and spiritual.
- ✦ ... Advancement, Dr. Charlie Martin, and his contacts along with the President. Pray that God will speak to hearts regarding 'now is the time to invest in student lives.' ***Now is the moment!***

Scripture tells us ... *"that all the excellences of this world are but a balloon filled with air. But Christ is the everlasting fountain of all good that can never run dry. He is a never failing spring of blessings."*

William Whitaker

His BEST to you always,

