

THE PRESIDENT'S



TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

Something New for Something Refreshing ***Part 1***

Isaiah 40-66 is simply amazing, breathtaking, and very stimulating! This portion of Scripture is as packed with personal application for the child of God now as it was when it was first penned.

In his book, *Strength for the Weary*, Dr. Derk Thomas recorded the following:

“The rabbis called Isaiah 40-66 ‘the Book of Consolation’ ... From the doom of Isaiah’s warning of Babylonian exile to the glorious words of triumphant release, without so much as a pause for breath! Glorious! God, the end and the beginning. *And when we find ourselves in the fog of despair He knows the way out*; He knows how this story will end because He has planned it and controls it.”

God breathes Comfort to His people. No, they did not listen. They were stubborn in action, and unfocused in purpose. In one passage, Isaiah states:

“...Your necks are as unbending as iron. Your heads are as hard as bronze.” *Isaiah 48:4 NLT*

Sound like someone you know? But He wants His people who are in this state to know comfort, joy, peace, and hope for the future. Dr. Thomas makes this statement to remember:

“Our comfort, or well-being in the deepest and grandest of senses, lies as a burden upon His heart.” To that I say ... Wow!

In reading through this portion of Scripture, I recorded the following verses for you:

“**For I am about to do something new.** See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. **I will create rivers in the dry wasteland** ... Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland, **so my chosen people can be refreshed.**” *Isaiah 43:19-20 NLT*

“...**Now I will tell you new things**, secrets you have not yet heard. They are brand new, not things from the past. So you cannot say, ‘We knew that all the time!’ Yes, I will tell you of **things that are entirely new**, things you never heard of before...” *Isaiah 48:6-8 NLT*

Something New for Something Refreshing! Pause, Ponder, Reflect, and Allow God’s words to penetrate your very soul. He says this to them in their bewildered and rebellious state. They are struggling, hurting, and wandering. But as He spoke to them, He is speaking to you right this moment in your ‘wasteland’ of life challenges, hurts, disappointments, and longings.

“I am doing something new for you ... do you not see it? Look around and see! Do you hear what I am saying? It is special for you!”

What happens to you when you receive something new?

We had a new couch delivered to the house ... it is new, smells new, looks new, feels new, it is NEW! It affects us in so many ways. However, there is no comparison when the Divine gives something new ... and it appears in many forms and sensed in many ways.

I will unpack this next month ... be watching, listening, and thinking in your life ... keep notes, dear reader ... **your ‘rivers of refreshing are coming!’ The smell is in the air!**

The Latest Happenings:

- ✦ In a matter of a few days, OPEN HOUSE will be occurring at the L.L. Speer Hall before the resident student body arrives for the new collegiate year. This three-story state of the art residence facility was dedicated on April 27, 2018. Now everything is in place for the public to view what God has done through His faithful servants for His students on **Friday, August 10, 2018**.

As a member of the President's Circle, you are invited to the following times:

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., VIP/Family Showing

or

5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Public/Community Showing

Light refreshments will be served. Special guests and community leaders will be present along with business organizations and educational personnel.

Over \$65,000 has been given for the furnishings of the new residence hall. Naming opportunities are available. Simply contact Mrs. Billie O'Farrell if you are interested or have questions. She can be reached at 727-569-1401 or by email, bskinner@trinitycollege.edu.

OPEN HOUSE

L.L. Speer Hall

Trinity College of Florida announces the opening of its three-story multimillion dollar newly constructed residence hall with state of the art amenities for students!



PUBLIC WELCOME!

Friday, August 10, 2018
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy light refreshments as you tour each floor ...

Trinity College of Florida Campus
2430 Welbilt Blvd.
Trinity, Florida 34655

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's Faculty and Staff Retreat, "His Excellence ... Our Best," will be Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the East Lake campus of Calvary Church. The President of St. Petersburg College, Dr. Tonjua Williams, will be on hand along with Ms. JoAnn DiBlasio, Financial Aid consultant, and Mr. Greg Mitchell, Vice President for Business and Finance. All three will bring presentations along with the President.

Upcoming Dates

August 11-13..... New Student Orientation
August 20..... Classes Begin
August 24..... 2018 Convocation Service
September 18-21 Spiritual Emphasis Week



- ✦ The Honors program at Trinity College of Florida conducted an educational trip to Greece and Italy this summer. Dr. Eric Bargerhuff, Chair of the Honors program (Bible & Theology) and Dr. Joe Allotta, Chair of the Church Ministries Department, led the group through many amazing historical places of early Christianity.



- ✦ As you may know **Trinity College of Florida has been celebrating 85 years** as a Higher Biblical Institution. Our 2018 Annual Banquet highlighted that event. To give everyone the opportunity to express appreciation for the faculty and staff, students, and heritage of the College, a special 6-month pledge campaign '**Keeping the Mission Alive for 85**' was initiated. It is a '**Birthdays Celebration of 85 years**' ... an opportunity for you to give a one-time **birthday gift** or **make a pledge** over a period of six months. Over \$100,000 has been given toward the goal of \$500,000 by the end of 2018. This gift is for:

- *Life Change* Scholarships [for students who cannot financially afford to attend]
- Keeping and attracting qualified & gifted faculty & staff
- Continue and enhance college operations in preparation for increased enrollment

On the College website, there is a special "Give" tab for you to click and make your gift.
www.trinitycollege.edu

Let's Celebrate!

The chairman of this committee is Ed Allen, PhD, Assistant to the President for Grant Writing. If you have questions, you may contact the President's Office at 727-569-1401 or email bskinner@trinitycollege.edu. Mr. Ed Brandt, President of E.W. Brandt & Associates and Vice Chairman of the Trinity College Board of Trustees, is also providing leadership. Dr. Charlie Martin, Vice President for Advancement, provides counsel and encouragement.

We Need Your Prayers and Partnership for...

- ✦ ... prospective students who are making last-minute decisions regarding Trinity College of Florida. Pray for their finances.
- ✦ ... our Faculty and Staff as they begin a new semester with new challenges and new opportunities.
- ✦ ... our student body, that a “Spiritual Refreshing and Renewal” will occur this new semester.
- ✦ ... the stewardship of all the gifts given in behalf of the students. Pray for the resources needed to provide the ‘excellence’ we desire for each student.

“The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.’” Psalm 32:8 NLT

Now that is a PROMISE!

His Best to You Always,

