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Upcoming Events

January 10

First day of class

February 3

College For a Day

February 6 - 8

Missions Emphasis

March 6

Online Session B starts

April 14

College For a Day

May 6

Commencement

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College For a
Day!



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New TBC Academic Center Transforms Campus

Alumni agree that one of the most impactful aspects of a TBC education is that Trinity is a campus that feels like family. At TBC, students are known and loved, and the importance of a relational educational model was in mind when the new Academic Center was created to expand the college.

As students approach the new Academic Center, they see the McCord family pavilion, a space to hang out and enjoy community with other Christian students. Entering the building, they find the Parkview Plaza, complete with a grab-and-go food station and ample space to enjoy each other's company indoors.

In the west wing, the Academic Center has three small-sized classrooms and two mid-sized classrooms. The center has two large lecture halls on its east wing. Additionally, the Academic Center houses a computer lab, a conference room, and offices. Each classroom is outfitted with state-of-the-art technology that enables cloud-based audio-visual capture of lectures.

While the new space and technology postures TBC to grow and expand, one thing hasn't changed: TBC professors know their students by name. With more Christian professors coming to TBC each year who hold degrees from the top colleges and seminaries in the country, the new space enhances the crucially important relational aspects of a TBC education. At the same time, the space also enables the college to deliver a relationship-based Christian Worldview education to more students than ever before.

Time spent listening to the hopes and dreams of our students in the new halls has shown that the Academic Center is much more than educational space; it is a launching pad for students who will impact the world for Christ.



Pledges for New Academic Center Exceed Goal!

To move forward with the creation of the new TBC Academic Center with confidence, TBC set a fundraising goal of \$500,000 through the Project Expand campaign.

TBC thanks God that as of November 28, 2022, the college has received pledges in the amount of \$500,305 toward Project Expand, surpassing the goal! We are so grateful for the way God moved alumni, friends, and staff toward generosity in support of this project.

Some highlights from the campaign include: TBC alumni gifts (given or inspired) of \$237,185, 95% participation rate among full-time faculty and staff, and six areas (the plaza area, four classrooms, and the pavilion area) named through major gifts. Additionally, giving levels toward the project included eight donors at the Chancellor's Circle Level, 13 donors at the President's Circle Level, and 16 donors at the Friends Circle Level.

The most significant thing about every gift received through the campaign, no matter the size, is truly the amount of the giver in the gift. TBC thanks all who passionately gave to support launching out the next generation of Christian Leaders through this Project Expand. Thank you!



Areas Named through Major Gifts

Parkview Plaza- Parkview Church- Palm Coast/LPGA, FL (Pastor Greg Peters)
Lecture Hall- Faculty and Staff of Trinity Baptist College
Mid-Sized Classroom- Anonymous Donor in honor of ElevateJax
Mid-Sized Classroom- Converge Mid-America| Southeast| Caribbean
Small Classroom- The Heavener Family
Pavilion- The McCord Family
Conference Room- Rhett and Lindsey Williams in honor of TBC Alumni Missionaries

Giving Levels

Chancellor's Circle

Converge Mid-America| Southeast| Caribbean
Parkview Church- Palm Coast/LPGA, FL (Pastor Greg Peters)
Anonymous Donor
Mac and Ann* Heavener
Matthew and Deborah* Heavener
The McCord Family
Greg* and Denise* Peters
Rhett* and Lindsey Williams

President's Circle

Fellowship Baptist Church- Thonotosassa, FL (Pastor Mike Grover*)
Southside Baptist Church- Warner Robbins, GA (Pastor Jerry Walls)
Finley* and Julie Hair
Pastor Tom* and Lisa Messer
Dr. John and Tricia Williams

Friends Circle

JJ* and Melissa* Alderman
The Closs Family
The Miller Family
Matthew and Kristie Page

(* indicates alumni of TBC)



Student Life

The summer brought about a lot of change and transition within our staff and facilities. Most notably, the opening of the main Academic Building (affectionally referred to as the MAC) is an answered prayer.

Imagine a brand-new facility in which our students can learn, glean, and grow, coupled with incredibly gifted instructors and student leaders who are living an ALL-IN mission to be the change in our college, community and culture, and you have a glimpse of what is happening on our campus.

Our returning students have taken ownership of the campus life experience. The net result of this has been renewed energy and enthusiasm within our community. This has helped synergize the collective efforts of our institution in encouraging ways as we prepare for our Spring '23 semester.

Developing each student's character as well as their spiritual, intellectual, and physical acuity is the hallmark of our college. This is being lived out by our student body and has yielded the fruit of discipleship expanding within campus life. 14 new peer-led small groups started this semester. With 7 student leaders returning from last year's discipleship pipeline, we were able to facilitate a weekly discipleship strategy that saw more than two hundred active participants.

Every year brings unique opportunities to leave a lasting impression on our community and the students God has entrusted to our institution. As we inch closer to the finish line we look back and reflect with thanksgiving on the birthing of new things this semester. Student-led Worship Nights, Prayer at the Pergola, Campus Discovery Sundays, and the Student Life Department assuming oversight of Hebrews Café, just to name a few.

I invite you to join me, our staff, and the student leaders in praying for God to continue to grow our reach within our community.

Vaughn Brown
Dean of Students



Alumni Spotlight Cindy Ragland ('17) ALL IN on the First Coast

Cindy Ragland (2017) first connected with First Coast Women's Services as a student while fulfilling her internship requirements for TBC's Christian Counseling degree. She is now the Director of the north side branch of FCWS, a non-profit organization providing free medical services and evidence-based education on all options regarding unplanned pregnancy.

Cindy says that people who come to FCWS are usually in crisis mode. Each case must be treated with utmost care and compassion. Unplanned pregnancy is a delicate situation to begin with. As a Christian who believes in the sanctity of human life, being sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading is essential. Cindy says that the first appointment is the most critical one as they present all the program information and options.

"While some may come to the clinic thinking that their only option is abortion, the FCWS team emphasizes that there are two more options available to every parent: adoption and parenting." Cindy emphasizes that this difficult conversation must be approached without judgment. "For them, the pregnancy is a crisis. Whatever started that crisis – whether it was assault, or an abusive situation, or they just weren't planning on this, we let them know we are listening. Each case has a story. And more often than not, that story is extremely complicated. Otherwise, that individual wouldn't be approaching the situation as a crisis! And when in crisis mode, it is easy to overlook the facts.

FCWS also offers ultrasounds done by a nurse on the first visit. Statistically, if the parent hears the heartbeat, they are more open to considering alternatives to abortion.

Many people have a preconceived idea that there is no support beyond the decision to keep or not keep the baby. But FCWS believes and acts under the conviction that each decision (adoption, abortion, or parenting) requires long-term support for the parent(s).

Cindy says that more than ever before, the overturn of Roe vs. Wade has made it necessary for the Christian community to get involved.

"We need tangible help! I have to constantly remind myself: it isn't about how I think it should be. It is about how He thinks it should be. How we are responsible to meet people where they are."

FCWS adoption support includes resources detailing the various ways that adoption can be arranged.



Adoption isn't a cookie-cutter scenario. There are a variety of ways to arrange for another individual or family to care for a child long-term. Each is a unique process and with varying levels of involvement from the birth parent. The options and requirements are reviewed at length, volunteers are available to accompany the parent to appointments and help process paperwork.

Parenting programs include a variety of classes and financial aids that empower the birth parent(s) to be successful.

FCWS offers a program called "Earn While You Learn". This program offers parenting classes on everything from basic infant care through child development information. By attending, parents earn items from the on-site boutique which offers everything from diapers and formula to maternity clothing and baby bedding. Some partnering churches and organizations host baby showers for clients, donate new items, or put together layettes to be made available at the boutique.

"You know, it is about the baby but it's about more than just that. Often, through the parenting classes we find out there is a deeper issue – forgiveness, hurts, abuses, that have left their mark."

FCWS does not offer abortion services, but they do offer healing programs to parents who chose abortion. Cindy says that this is the hardest aspect of her job at FCWS.



"The world in general does not explain to women the mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of an abortion. This, in turn, leads to more complications. You have women who have breakdowns, who unfortunately can't come to terms with what they have done and deal with suicidal thoughts. Some go into depression, or develop severe dysfunction in their relationships, and often it can be traced back to their choice."

Even if the parent(s) still chose abortion after they leave FCWS, they are welcomed back for a ministry called "Abortion Healing."

"We have to remember that none of this is a surprise to God. He knew about this day. He knew what was coming. We still have to be here for the mother. We have to follow up. He wants her – He created her! ...You just never know what can happen or how God can use them (the parents) later on. I am an example of that myself! I would have never thought God would give me the opportunity to be a director of a center like this, given that I have a background concerning abortion. But now I can share my testimony to these young ladies and I'm not speaking from something I read in a book. I know what it's like to be pressured by a family member and by fear."

Fear is often the greatest enemy during crisis. During crisis, it is normal to experience fear and it can be paralyzing. Cindy says that one of the strategies her team uses to help young parents overcome fear is to slow down and see beyond the immediate situation to their life as it could be in the future.

"A lot of times people can't see past their immediate crisis and that's normal. Most people just need someone to talk to and help them process. Making this huge decision alone can cause even more chaos."

FCWS programs are open to the fathers as well.

FCWS offers a men's ministry, staffed by male volunteers who work with the fathers. "Women don't know what it feels like to be a man in this circumstance! Being a teenage father is a huge deal. In one case, a young man was making a decision based upon his fear of perpetuating the abuse that he had endured as a child! Not only did this young man need clarity in his decision, but he needed someone to mentor him through his own childhood trauma."

It takes dedicated and compassionate volunteers to run FCWS effectively.

FCWS is mainly volunteer-staffed and there is always a need for more help! Cindy says that everyone can help in one way or another. "God can use any and all of it! Hopefully, the end result of all of this is salvation – God is after that person's soul!"

Cindy emphasizes that this work can only be done by listening to and resting in the Holy Spirit. "Some days are hard. We don't now what is going to happen when they walk out the door, but the Holy Spirit is always able to work!"



TBC Eagles Update

In this season of gratitude, we have three specific things to be thankful for:



ROSTER GROWTH

Since 2020, total student-athlete enrollment has increased 16%. The strongest growth year over year came in the men's soccer program.

KING CHASING

In Athletics people talk about chasing rings. But we try to keep our athletes focused on chasing the King.

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve..."
Mark 10:45

Over the last two years, TBC Student-Athletes have volunteered over 4,100 hours to various causes and activities. This includes serving at the Rescue Mission, conducting free sport clinics in underserved communities, and participating in NCCAA Christian Service Projects.



COMPETITION

Since 2020, every team has made it to the regional playoffs except one. A TBC team has competed in 16 of the last 17 region tournaments.

Also, during that time 4 teams have made it to NCCAA Nationals, and 4 of our 7 programs have spent time in the NCCAA national rankings.

God continues to bless Eagles Athletics. Be sure to support us in person at a home game or if a TBC team is competing in your area. Our current coaches and players love meeting our alumni.

John D. Jones
Athletics Director
Trinity Baptist College





TBC at the NAS Jax Air Show

The estimated record-breaking attendance at this year's air show was somewhere around 500,000 people so we were able to get our name in front of a huge number of local individuals! Many stopped by for materials, we engaged in dozens of detailed conversations and had 17 prospective students inquired on the spot!



College For a Day

Each semester TBC hosts two different College for a Day (CFAD) events. Visiting students enjoy a tour of the campus, sit in on classes, join us for chapel, and meet with a Q&A panel of current students. CFAD is open to groups or individual registrations.

Who do you know who should attend an upcoming CFAD? Two different dates are available for next semester: February 3 and April 14 – scan the QR code on the cover to register! (cost is \$10 per student and parents/guardians attend free)



EARLY ADMISSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know that TBC offers early admissions scholarships? New students who meet the following deadlines may qualify!

\$250 Application Scholarship

Deadline: December 31

Requirements: Submit admissions application and application fee at my.tbc.edu

\$500 Acceptance Scholarship

Deadline: February 28

Requirements:

- Complete admissions checklist at my.tbc.edu
- Submit reservation deposit

\$750 Financial Check-In Scholarship

Deadline: April 30

Requirements:

- Select financial awards and set up payment plan

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Eagle Cup

We are grateful to God for the season of generosity that took place at TBC during the 2021-22 Academic year! As you may know, the Eagle Cup is awarded to the decade of TBC graduates that collectively gives the highest amount in total gifts to the college from July 1-June 30 during each academic year, and also to the decade with the highest participation rate during that same period of time.

Alumni pulled together to give \$170,381 in the 2021-22 Academic Year! We thank God for your generosity in giving back to your alma mater!

As for the Eagle Cup winners for the 2021-22 Academic Year, congratulations to the 1990s for total amount given, and congratulations to the 1970s for having the highest giving participation rate.

Thank you again and Go Eagles!