

TRINITY

BIBLE COLLEGE & GRADUATE SCHOOL

PARTNERSHIP RETREAT

Clearwater '24

FEBRUARY 5-9 - CLEARWATER BEACH, FL

Trinity's Partnership Retreat is an opportunity to join Drs. Paul and Carol Alexander for a time of encouragement, fellowship, and vision with others who believe in the mission of Trinity Bible College and Graduate School.



Lodging and planned activities are complimentary,
made possible by a generous donor of the College.

JOIN US!

Space is limited. Contact us to make your reservation.

CALL BRYAN AND DEEDEE AT (701) 349-5784
OR EMAIL ADVANCEMENT@TRINITYBIBLECOLLEGE.EDU

We would love to have you join us for the next Partnership Retreat in Clearwater, FL!

Lodging and fellowship will take place at the Marriott Suites on Sand Key. Marriott provides plenty of activities to enjoy along with a waterfront view. Onsite there is a restaurant, salon and spa, a pool, watercraft rentals, and Clearwater Beach!

A typical day includes breakfast, devotions as a group, open afternoons, and gathering once again for dinner and fellowship.

Please consider joining us for an event that has fostered friendship and financial support around the vision and mission of Trinity Bible College and Graduate School.



Trinity provides:

- Lodging for four nights
- Morning and evening meals
- Devotions with the Alexanders
- A wonderful time of fellowship

Your cost:

- Transportation to Marriott on Sand Key
- Local transportation, lunch, and excursions
- A minimum contribution of \$3000 made to Trinity within the calendar year

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL BRYAN AND DEEDEE AT (701) 349-5784
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) (as of 4-1-2023)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND GOAL OF TRINITY'S PARTNERSHIP RETREAT - Clearwater '24?

>> Trinity's Partnership Retreat has the purpose of bringing together people who currently share, or who might be interested in sharing, in the furtherance of the mission of Trinity Bible College and Graduate School to educate and train people with theological reflection and missional passion in order that people and communities everywhere hear the good news of Jesus and see his love demonstrated. Our goal is that our guests receive ministry and fellowship, and are refreshed and invigorated by spending time with Drs. Paul and Carol Alexander and so many who share in Trinity's mission. Finally, Trinity's Partnership Retreat is a fundraising event that contributes significantly to the operational costs (Annual Fund) of running the College.

IS THERE A COST TO ATTENDING TRINITY'S PARTNERSHIP RETREAT?

>> There is no "cost." The cost of lodging, meals and meeting space have been provided by a generous donor who wishes to share their enthusiasm for Trinity's mission with others in hopes they would also become involved in providing for Trinity's success. Your cost is in transportation to and from the Retreat, lunch and excursions during the day, and any incidental expenses. Trinity's Partnership Retreat is also a fundraising event. At the end of the week, we will ask all our guests to make a financial pledge that you fulfill with a tax deductible gift(s) by the end of the calendar year.

WHEN WILL YOU BE TAKING PLEDGES? IS THERE A MINIMUM SUGGESTED PLEDGE AMOUNT? MAY I BRING A CHECK? WHAT DOES MY PLEDGE SUPPORT?

>> We will have a "second meeting" later in the week where we will give you the opportunity to make a pledge in support of ministry training at Trinity Bible College and Graduate School. Please try to honor that pledge with a tax deductible gift(s) within the calendar year.

>> Minimum suggested? We suggest a minimum of \$3000. More than anything, we want you to be obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading.

>> You may certainly bring a check.

>> Pledges and offerings from this partnership event support Trinity's Annual Fund - operational expenses of the College (which also includes tuition discounts).

>> All gifts are tax deductible. You will receive gift acknowledgement statements and an end-of-year statement for your taxes.

>> You will receive a confirmation of your pledge following the Retreat.

WHERE IS THE TRINITY PARTNERSHIP RETREAT BEING HELD?

>> We are staying at the Clearwater Beach Marriott Suites on Sand Key, Clearwater FL. Here's a link to the hotel photos. [Hotel in Clearwater Beach, FL | Clearwater Beach Marriott](#)

>> Address: 1201 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

WILL TRINITY INCUR A PENALTY OR CHARGE IF I CANCEL AND DO NOT ATTEND CLEARWATER '24?

>> Regretfully yes. Depending on the contract, after a certain point (December timeframe), Trinity is responsible for 100% of canceled room nights. In an effort to minimize Trinity's exposure, we will release unfilled rooms in early December. We understand personal emergencies and unavoidable situations do arise. We would appreciate your consideration in assisting us with any expense caused by your cancellation. Alternatively, we welcome your assistance in finding a replacement.

WHAT AIRPORT SHOULD I FLY INTO?

>> St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE)

>> Tampa International Airport (TPA)

WHEN SHOULD WE BOOK OUR FLIGHTS?

>> We recommend booking your flights (if you are flying) as soon as you feel comfortable with the prices. We recommend you consider travel insurance unless you are confident the airlines are amenable to rescheduling. See TRAVEL AGENT below for contact information to Trinity's travel agent.

SHOULD WE CONSIDER TRAVEL INSURANCE?

>> We do recommend you consider travel insurance unless you are comfortable with the airlines rescheduling policies.

WHAT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION EXIST FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL?

>> Both PIE and TPA airports are close enough that Uber and Lyft are great options.

>> More shuttle information TBD.

WILL I NEED A VEHICLE DURING THE DAY FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION?

>> It is not our expectation that you should need local transportation. There is much to do by walking and there is a complimentary trolley that will take you many places, to include the Clearwater Marine Aquarium (a rescue aquarium).

I'M DRIVING TO CLEARWATER '24 (OR GETTING A RENTAL), WHERE DO I PARK MY CAR?

>> Self-parking on site is available for a reduced daily fee of \$10 per night. Valet parking is also available.

WHEN DOES CLEARWATER '24 BEGIN? WHAT TIME DOES IT START?

>> Clearwater '24 Trinity Partnership Retreat begins Monday, February 5, 2024. Check-in time 3:00 PM Eastern Time. **Please make plans to attend our first event together - Monday evening reception begins at 6:00 PM.**

WHEN IS CHECK-IN TIME? CHECK-OUT TIME?

>> Check-in time is Monday, February 6, 2024 @ 3 PM
>> Check-out time is Friday, February 10, 2024 @ 11 AM

WHEN DOES CLEARWATER '24 CONCLUDE?

>> Clearwater '24 concludes on Friday, February 9, 2024 following devotions. There is no "formal" send-off. Our last scheduled activity together is devotions with Drs. Paul and Carol on Friday morning, February 10. Check-out is 11 AM on Friday.

MEETINGS. ARE THERE MANDATORY MEETINGS?

>> We have two meetings that we ask that you join as a group. The first will likely occur on Monday evening and the second later in the week. During the first meeting, Drs. Paul and Carol will provide you an update on the College. During the second meeting, President Alexander will share his vision for the College and invite your financial partnership. Pledge cards and gift envelopes will be available at this time. Please make every effort to join us for supper each night. This has been very important to the enjoyment of our guests in the past and understanding the hearts of Drs. Paul and Carol.

IS THERE A SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK?

>> *Schedule as of: 4/1/2023*

- Monday, February 5
 - 6:00 PM reception with **hors d'oeuvres in our meeting room (Cedarwood / Cedarwood Terrace)**
- Tuesday, February 6
 - Breakfast buffet (voucher/coupon per person) - **Watercolour Grillhouse Restaurant & Buffet area**

- 9:30 AM Devotions with President - **Cedarwood/Terrace**
- 6 PM - Dinner TBD
 - Drs. Paul and Carol will be sharing.
- After supper - fellowship/games and **snacks in Cedarwood/Terrace**
- Wednesday, February 7
 - Breakfast buffet (voucher/coupon per room) - **Watercolour Grillhouse Restaurant & Buffet area**
 - 9:30 AM Devotions with President - **Cedarwood/Terrace**
 - 6 PM - TBD
 - After supper - Hymn sing with Randy McPherson, fellowship, games and **snacks in Cedarwood/Terrace**
- Thursday, February 8
 - Breakfast buffet (voucher/coupon per room) - **Watercolour Grillhouse Restaurant & Buffet area**
 - 9:30 AM Devotions with President - **Cedarwood/Terrace**
 - 6-8 PM - **Banquet in Cedarwood/Terrace**
 - Drs. Paul and Carol will be sharing
 - After supper - fellowship/games and **snacks in Cedarwood/Terrace**
- Friday, February 9
 - Breakfast buffet (voucher/coupon per room) - **Watercolour Grillhouse Restaurant & Buffet area**
 - 9:30 AM Devotions with President - **Cedarwood/Terrace**

DO I NEED TO MAKE ANY PAYMENTS OR PROVIDE A CREDIT/DEBIT CARD TO SECURE MY ROOM RESERVATION?

>> At check-in, you will be asked to provide a credit/debit card to cover room incidentals. Your room reservation will be secured by a TBC&GS contract with the hotel. A generous donor has made this possible.

ARE THERE MORE ROOMS AVAILABLE? CAN WE INVITE OTHERS?

>> Yes. By all means, if you have friends who are interested in the mission of Trinity Bible College and Graduate School and understand this is a partnership event, they are invited. Contact Bryan or DeeDee Jacobson at 701-349-5784/5770 if you have questions.

MAY I BRING MY CHILDREN TO THE TRINITY PARTNERSHIP RETREAT? ARE THERE ADDITIONAL COSTS I SHOULD CONSIDER?

>> We are delighted that you would desire to bring along your child/children. We have had other families do this on occasion. Please consider the following.

-- **We want your child/children to participate** with our group. We want them to attend breakfast, be at morning devotions, be at dinner, and engage with the rest of our Trinity guests. Each evening, following dinner, many of our guests play games or visit. We desire your children to be part of this experience as well. Our guests will want to talk with your kids and learn their story. This is a great opportunity for your children to sit among some incredible saints of God and learn their stories as well.

-- **Gift/pledge.** As you consider your gift or pledge, we'd ask you to prayerfully consider the additional costs associated with child/children's participation in the Trinity Partnership Retreat.

WHAT IS INCLUDED AND WHAT IS NOT?

>> Included:

- Lodging for four nights. Check-in: February 5 @ 3 PM / Check out: February 10 @ 11 AM
- Full Breakfast Buffet
- Supper nightly, Monday-Thursday, February 5-8. ** Note - please make plans to eat together as a group. This has proven to be of great benefit to getting to know everyone in our group.

>> Excluded:

- Local transportation and transportation from airport to hotel.
- Excursions during the day.
- Lunch during the day.
- Parking, bellman and baggage handling.
- Incidental expenses.
- Miscellaneous gratuities.

WHAT ARE THE ROOMS LIKE?

>> All Marriott Suites on Sand Key are waterfront view two room guest suites with either one king or two double beds, sofa sleeper, bathroom, and private balcony. Every suite is accessible by an elevator. Check out the link to learn more about the rooms. (Please note that the "double beds" are slightly smaller than true "queen.") We encourage you to view the rooms on the link provided.

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/tpams-clearwater-beach-marriott-suites-on-sand-key/rooms/>

EXTENDING YOUR RESERVATION? ARRIVING EARLY OR STAYING LATER?

>> Yes! We have made a provision with the hotel to arrive early or extend your stay for up to two days before or after at our contract price, at your expense. Obviously, this is based on space-availability and there is no guarantee that you will be able to remain in your same room for the duration of your stay. However, we will work with the hotel to accommodate you as best as possible. If this is your desire, please call or email Keri Roemmich at Jamestown Travel - 701-251-2222 / keri@jamestowntravel.com and she will handle your extended stay reservations. *(Please let DeeDee and I know if you are coming in early as we also will arrive a day or more early to prepare for the week! We might be able to have supper together!)*

IS THERE ANYTHING WE MISSED?

>> Send Bryan and DeeDee an email or give us a call:
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