

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) (as of October 22, 2024)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND GOAL OF TRINITY'S PARTNERSHIP RETREAT - SAFETY HARBOR '25?

>> 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 and keeping the cost of tuition affordable.

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 partnering in 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 we ask you to 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 meeting later in the week (typically Thursday evening banquet) where we will give you the opportunity to make a pledge in support of Trinity Bible College and Graduate School's annual fund. Please try to honor that pledge with a tax deductible gift(s) within the calendar year.

>> The suggested minimum gift is \$3000 (per room). More than anything, we want you to be obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading.

>> Yes, 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.

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WHERE IS THE TRINITY PARTNERSHIP RETREAT BEING HELD?

>> We are staying at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa at Safety Harbor, FL. Here's a link to the hotel photos. [Safety Harbor Resort and Spa Photos](#).

>> Please note that the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa.

>> Address: 105 North Bayshore Drive, Safety Harbor Beach, FL 34695

HOW DO I REGISTER?

>> Visit trinitybiblecollege.edu/alumni and follow the registration links. You may also email us at advancement@trinitybiblecollege.edu or call 701-349-5784.

WILL TRINITY INCUR A PENALTY OR CHARGE IF I CANCEL AND DO NOT ATTEND SAFETY HARBOR '25?

>> Regretfully yes. Depending on the contract, after a certain point (January 4, 2025), Trinity is responsible for 100% of canceled room nights. In an effort to minimize Trinity's exposure, we will release unfilled rooms on that date. 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?

>> Tampa International Airport (TPA)

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

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 also recommend you consider travel insurance unless you are confident the airlines are amenable to rescheduling. If you are looking for a good travel agent, we suggest you call or email Keri Roemmich at Jamestown Travel - 701-251-2222 / keri@jamestowntravel.com.

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?

>> Our Trinity team will not be providing transportation from the airport to the resort. Uber and Lyft are the recommended options.

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

>> It is not our expectation that you should need local transportation. ~~There are a couple of complimentary or low cost local transportation opportunities that pick up right in front of our resort.~~ More information on public transportation to follow.

I'M DRIVING TO SAFETY HARBOR '25 (OR GETTING A RENTAL), WHERE DO I PARK MY CAR?

>> Self-parking on-site is included (free) with your room. Valet parking is also available at a charge to you.

WHEN DOES SAFETY HARBOR '25 BEGIN?

>> Safety Harbor '25 Trinity Partnership Retreat begins Monday, February 3, 2025. **Please make plans to attend our first event together - Monday evening reception dinner at 6:00 PM.**

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

>> Check-in time is Monday, February 3, 2025 @ 4 PM

>> Check-out time is Friday, February 7 , 2025 @ 11 AM

WHEN DOES SAFETY HARBOR '25 CONCLUDE?

>> Safety Harbor '25 concludes on Friday, February 7, 2025 following devotions with Drs. Paul and Carol. We understand if you are not able to stay for Friday devotions in order to catch your return flight.

ARE THERE MANDATORY MEETINGS?

>> 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. During the meetings that will follow, Drs. Paul and Carol will provide you an update on the College and share their vision. On Thursday evening, we will invite your financial partnership. Pledge cards and gift envelopes will be available at this time.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK? *(Subject to change.)*

- Monday, February 3
 - 4:00 PM Check-in
 - 6:00 PM Welcome reception with plenty of food!
- Tuesday, February 4
 - 8:00 AM Breakfast buffet -
 - 9:00 AM Devotions with President -
 - 5:30 PM Dinner Cruise TBD
- Wednesday, February 5
 - 8:00 AM Breakfast buffet
 - 9:00 AM Devotions with President
 - 6:00 PM Dinner
 - 7:30 PM Hymn sing / prayer
 - After supper - fellowship/games/snacks
- Thursday, February 6
 - 8:00 AM Breakfast buffet
 - 9:00 AM Devotions with President
 - 6:00 PM Vision Banquet - Presentation from the President
 - After supper - fellowship/games/snacks
- Friday, February 9
 - 8:00 AM Breakfast buffet
 - 9:00 AM Devotions with President
 - 11:00 AM Check-out

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

>> This is a relaxed event, typically very casual. Dressing for our “themed” evening meals can be fun (we’ll let you know in advance of those themes.) Shorts, jeans, capris, sandals, beach dresses, are all appropriate. (Bryan will likely be in shorts and sandals.)

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 and self-parking will be secured by a Trinity contract with the hotel. If you are staying additional nights, those nights should be guaranteed on a personal credit or debit card presented at check-in.

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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. However, this event is not the best for younger children.

-- **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. The suggested minimum gift is based on one couple or two adults. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan or DeeDee.

WHAT IS INCLUDED AND WHAT IS NOT?

>> Included:

- Lodging for four nights.
- Breakfast as a group
- Supper nightly, Monday-Thursday, February 3-6.

>> Excluded:

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

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WHAT ARE THE ROOMS LIKE?

>> Your Safety Harbor Resort & Spa Room will have either a run of the house or bay view with deck, one king or two queen beds. Check out the link to learn more about the rooms. [Safety Harbor Resort & Spa](#)

EXTENDING YOUR RESERVATION? ARRIVING EARLY OR STAYING LATER?

>> Yes! We have made a provision with the hotel for you 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.

>> **Here's how to extend your reservation:** Please do not call the hotel or our travel agent. DeeDee and I will be handling all reservations with the hotel. You may indicate on your registration ([Safety Harbor '25 Registration](#)) of your desire for an early arrival or if you are staying later. If you are unfamiliar with doing that - please call us.

IS THERE ANYTHING WE MISSED?

>> Send us an email (advancement@trinitybiblecollege.edu).

Or give us a call:

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