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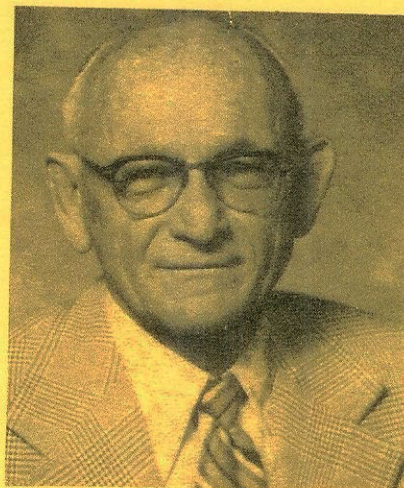
The closing 35 years of Teaching at Trinity

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President of the Class of 1934

The first class of Trinity College
then known as "The Florida Bible Institute"



DR. E. C. BRAGG

Dr. Bragg is Vice President of Trinity College and a professor in the school for more than thirty years. He is author of the book "Pauline Theology".

TRINITY COLLEGE ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET

"FIFTY-FIVE YEARS UNDER GOD - 1932-1987"

May 1, 1987 — 7:00 P.M.

Prelude	Mrs. Cheryl Doyle
Trinity College Chorale	"Proclaim The Glory" Director, Bill Touchton
Welcome	President Barry Banther
Grace	Don Jones President, Alumni Association
Dinner Music	String Ensemble Kay Mangham, Julie Mangham, Linda Bell, Marie Zero
Presentation of Alumni Awards	Don Jones
Presentation of W. T. Watson Scholarship	Mrs. Lucy Watson
Presentation of Awards	President Banther Church, Staff, Faculty
Musical Presentation	Trinity Students
The Trinity Story	
Tribute to Dr. E. C. Bragg	
Closing Remarks and Benediction	Dr. John Rigby Chairman, Board of Trustees

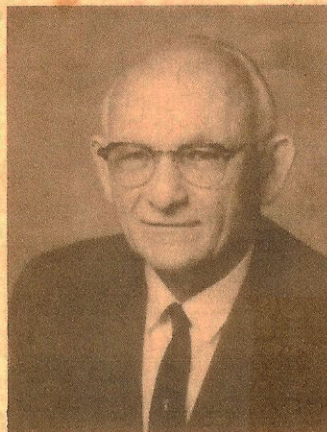


TRINITY COLLEGE of Florida

55 YEARS UNDER GOD

FIFTY YEARS IN **HIS**
SERVICE AT TRINITY . . .

"A TRIBUTE TO DR. E. C. BRAGG"



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EULOGY

A Tribute to Dr. E.C. Bragg

Dear Family and Friends of Dr. E.C. Bragg:

Soon after I became a Christian some forty plus years ago, I was introduced in a wonderful and miraculous way to Dr. E.C. Bragg. It was at that first meeting that Dr. Bragg challenged me to quit my job and come to Trinity College "by faith!" I had always thought that theologians were fuzzy-headed academicians far removed from the ruts and rigors of real life. Now I knew it! The audacity of this Bible College professor to challenge me this way! But I was hungry to study the deeper aspects of the Word of God and so, I accepted his challenge, believing he was led of the Spirit of God in his challenge, and enrolled in Trinity College, and sought to sit at the feet of this dear servant of God, Dr. E.C. Bragg. I have never been sorry!

What I discovered from Dr. Bragg's teaching and from his godly example changed my life! His teaching was not abstract, remote, dry dogma. Through his energy, humor, brilliance and his uncanny ability to translate difficult concepts into graspable truth, the Word of God came alive for me, and hundreds, yea thousands of students like me! His teaching lives on through the lives and ministries of thousands of missionaries, Pastors, and Christian workers literally around the world.

Yes, Dr. Bragg has left us. Yes, our loss, is heavens gain. But the memory of his ministry will never leave us. Because of his wealth of Bible knowledge, training and skills, his effectiveness is enhanced and lives on in the lives of his students and colleagues. A plethora of descriptive adjectives could be carefully given to describe the life and ministry and accomplishments, of Dr. E.C. Bragg. But, simply put his accomplishments are beyond calculable or appraisable value. The impact of his life cannot be measured by objective yardsticks and impressive awards or verbal kudos. In fact, if we could hear him at this moment, he'd probably shout out what he had written on my Pauline Theology paper which he had graded with a 99. Beside the 99 grade score were the words . . . "nobody's perfect!" He had an uncanny and humorous way of prodding one on to excellence.

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DR. BRAGG EULOGY

My life is richer and fuller because of Dr. Bragg's teaching. What an honor to sit at his feet and learn Pauline Theology, Eschatology, Systematic Theology, Bible Doctrine, Christian Psychology and many other subjects he was so skilled in teaching. He made no apologies for his textbook being the infallible Word of God. The Bible was paramount in his life and teaching.

With his razor sharp-mind he would cut through muddy thinking, expose kinks in logic, and encourage those he trained and taught to think straight. He had an amazing ability to keep his teaching skills honed to a sharp edge. His teaching and life was Spirit-filled. Those Spirit anointed cutting-edge skills and character created in the lives of his students a Spirit filled attitude and servant mentality to minister in today's world.

Dr. Bragg taught us sternly to live what we preach and preach what we live. He taught us that what we do in life is not nearly as important as what we are. That being is much deeper than doing for it relates to character, who we are, and how we make a life. He taught us that life also has to do with intangibles, the kind of people we become down inside, much of which cannot be measured by the plaudits of men. He challenged us to be men and women of conviction and integrity. He constantly reminded us that Christianity is more than just a creed to be believed, it is a life to be lived. His life transmitted in a deep and positive way that the Christ life was not only a path to spiritual enjoyment, it was also the Calvary road.

I would do my fellow servant dishonor if I did not mention in this eulogy the wife and family of Dr. E.C. Bragg, for Dr. Bragg loved his family. Their unselfish willingness to share their husband and father is a testimony and a challenge to those who would try and thwart the will and calling of God upon a life. Join with me today in saying "thank you" to Sister Pauline and the children for all of their sacrifice and courage, releasing their husband and father, for the work of the ministry. Sister Pauline's vital and effective behind the scenes ministry has touched us each one, for which we give praise to our wonderful Lord.



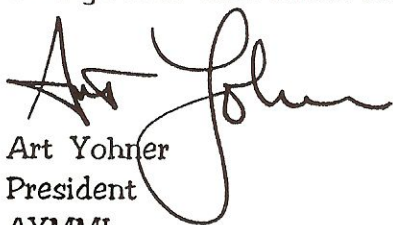
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Dr. Bragg Eulogy

Today, in fact at this very moment, I am aboard a jet-liner bound for Baltimore, Maryland. I will share missions and the Word of God at a church where an alumnus of Trinity College is Pastor. Like many of you, this Pastor and I were taught and trained under the ministry of Dr. Bragg. Dr. Bragg's homegoing now challenges us and many of you to serve the Savior with renewed vigor, for as God's servant Paul penned, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand . . . "

Dr. E.C. Bragg has gone to his reward. The Glory World echoes with the trumpet voice of God, *"Well done you good and faithful servant!"* I can see the angels cheering this faithful servant on as he enters. A chorus of praise reaches unparalleled heights, as God is glorified through Dr. Bragg's triumphant entrance.

Thank you Dr. Bragg for being God's special servant and a spiritual mentor and friend to us and to the Church world-wide! We will miss you here on earth, but we look forward to eternal fellowship in the glory world with you and the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, whom you taught us to love and serve !

Giving honor unto whom honor is due, we remain blessed beyond measure,


Art Yohner
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DR. E. C. BRAGG
TRINITY COLLEGE
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DUNEDIN, FLORIDA 33528

I WAS DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOU ARE BEING
HONORED FOR YOUR 50 YEARS AS A THEOLOGY
TEACHER AT TRINITY COLLEGE. THIS GREAT
COUNTRY OF OURS WAS BUILT THROUGH THE DEDICATION,
FAITH, AND HARD WORK OF INDIVIDUALS, AND
IT CONTINUES TO FLOURISH TODAY BECAUSE THOSE
SAME QUALITIES ARE ALIVE AND WELL IN PEOPLE LIKE
YOU. I APPLAUD YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND WISH
YOU MANY MORE YEARS OF HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT.

NANCY JOINS ME IN SENDING OUR BEST WISHES.

RONALD REAGAN

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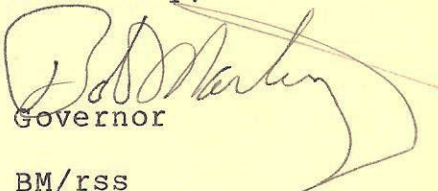
April 23, 1987

Dear Dr. Bragg:

Congratulations to you for 50 years of service as Professor at Trinity College. I am sure many have benefited from your leadership and guidance and will continue to do so through their college years.

Best wishes for many more successful years as you continue to commit your energies and talents to the education of our young people.

Sincerely,


Governor

BM/rss

Dr. E. C. Bragg



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C. 20515

Michael Bilirakis
Ninth District
Florida

May 1, 1987

Dear Dr. Bragg:

We are all aware of the importance of education, not only for the well-being of our young people, but also for the sound growth of our country.

A commitment to that ideal always has been prominent at Trinity College. Of even more importance, Trinity offers something indispensable for our nation today; moral guidance.

You, Dr. Bragg, exemplify Trinity's commitment to education as well as its commitment to moral guidance. Your fifty years of teaching Bible and Theology at Trinity College has touched innumerable lives, and, I'm sure, has contributed significantly to the fine reputation this institution enjoys.

I salute you and wish you God's continued blessings.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Michael Bilirakis".

Michael Bilirakis
Member of Congress

Dr. E. C. Bragg
Trinity College
Dunedin, FL 33528

BILLY GRAHAM

December 27, 1965

My dear Brother Bragg:

I received a letter from the Reverend Tommy Walden of the First Baptist Church of Blanco, Texas, telling me that you were sick.

I am terribly sorry to hear this and trust by the time you receive this letter that you will be much improved. As I have had a spell of illness this past year, I can sympathize.

Be assured of my affection and prayers.

Most cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Billy", written in a cursive style.

Dr. E. C. Bragg
Trinity College
Clearwater, Florida



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April 15, 1986

Dr. Ervine C. Bragg
Trinity College
P. O. Box 877
Dunnedin, FL 34296

Dear Dr. Bragg:

On behalf of the AABC Board of Directors and member schools it gives me great pleasure to write you a letter of congratulations on the occasion of the commencement of 50 years of faithful service to Trinity College. In my twelve and a half years of service with the Association, I do not recall meeting any faculty member whose tenure would exceed that of your own at Trinity.

Certainly, those of us in full-time Christian ministry count it a privilege to do battle for our Lord. I am confident that you have counted it all joy as you have engaged in conflict against the enemy for these many years. Who can measure the impact of your ministry. Who knows all the lives touched directly or indirectly by your influence? God alone knows the real measure of your ministry.

Dr. Bragg, the scriptures make it very clear that the victory goes to those who endure. You have endured, and in doing so, you have inspired us all. May this your 50th year be more rich and rewarding than all that have gone before.

Sincerely,

Randall Bell

Randall E. Bell
Executive Director

REB/fr



TRINITY COLLEGE

of Florida

453 EDGEWATER DRIVE, DUNEDIN, FLORIDA 33528-0877 PHONE: 813-733-2101 W.T. WATSON, FOUNDER

Office of The President

May 1, 1987

Dear Dr. Bragg,

I tried to write a very academic letter on behalf of the faculty, staff and the Board of Trustees. I must confess, however, that I could not do that. As I think of your commitment to Christ and His ministry at Trinity I am simply overwhelmed. You are an example and encouragement to us all.

What I must say instead is this. When Dr. Watson encouraged me to sit in on your classes I had no idea what was in store. Your lectures in Pauline Theology not only set my soul free, but humbled my heart before Christ. During those lectures I was changed by the power of the Holy Spirit forever.

If life takes the normal course you will see the Lord before me. You will leave behind a legacy of faith unparalleled in Bible college education. I pledge to you that as long as I am the steward of Trinity your ministry will not end. The message of the crucified life and awe of a holy God will be herald from every classroom. Until my last day on campus your work and more importantly your faith in our Lord will not be forgotten. Thank you on behalf of the Trinity family everywhere--you are our spiritual giant.

Your servant in Christ,

Barry L. Banther
President



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of Florida

453 EDGEWATER DRIVE, DUNEDIN, FLORIDA 33528-0877 PHONE: 813-733-2101 W.T. WATSON, FOUNDER

April 29, 1987

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Bragg, Dr. & Mrs. Daddy, Mom & Dad,

How can you even begin to express adequately the feelings that have been built in a lifetime of ministry in my life, for it was a ministry and a total one at that? There's a depth of love and gratitude that can never be told; it can only be felt by the heart.

There's a thank you for the most valuable part of my upbringing, a Christian home. Though I may not have appreciated it during the time that I was a part of it, an outside mature look back has taught me the tremendous worth that you brought to my life by providing me with a home based on Jesus Christ. The spiritual heritage that I have can never be taken from me and it is the foundation that led me into my own walk with the Lord. As my mind scans the hundreds of Scripture verses and the thousands of hymns that sing through my heart, I swell with joy and appreciation for having that as an integral part of my life. What better service could you have done for me than to have provided me with the values and desires of the Master and His work?

There's a thank you for your Christian witness to me through the years. Our home was a place of laughter and inner joy was reflected to us. I especially remember, Dad, the night that the jewelry store was robbed. We didn't see bitterness or anger at God for allowing that to happen. Rather, we saw you gather the family together at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the hardship and the lessons to be learned through it. Seeing the outworking of the inner walk with the Lord was so much more effective than thousands of sermons or personal talks.

There's a thank you, Mom, for giving Dad up so freely to others through the years. There were no complaints or bitterness over Dad's ministry and the multitude of times that it was the cause of your remaining home as "keeper of the stuff" or "minder of the children." Not only that, you were the support behind the ministry that Dad needed in order to keep him out in the fields of service. His ministry rested on your faithful service and we took note of that support and it was a testimony to us of others ways to quietly follow the Lord. It is often harder to be an unsung hero on the back-up team than to be the one on the front lines.

There's a thank you, Dad, for the classes that you taught and the sermons that you preached within my hearing. I can still remember the thrill of each lesson in Christian Apologetics as you brought before us the intricacies of creation to show the hand of the Master Designer. Your teachings, too, on the Holy Spirit that were unique to the Apostle Paul left us with no doubts as to where our lives should be in Christ. Clearly portrayed in every word was the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the filling of the Holy Spirit, and our responsibility to bow before Him and allow Him full control in our lives.

I can only say thank you for the positive impact for the Lord and for eternity that both of you have played in my life through the years. Thank you for the love, the care, the testimony and the blessing that you have been and will always be to me.

I love you both very much,
Your # 2 Daughter,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "Lynn" or "Lynn", with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the left.

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April 7, 1978

Dear Dr. Bragg,

Just wanted to let you know at this special time what a great blessing your life and testimony have been to me in these years since attending Trinity College. At the time I was in school there, I highly respected you and thoroughly enjoyed each class I had with you. But as the years go by and I find myself using the knowledge I gained through your classes (as well as others), I am realizing what a tremendous opportunity I had to attend Trinity College and have such sound Biblical training. Your Pauline Theology classes were always a joy to attend and I gained much. Although I find that in personal study I am continually building on those basic truths taught. I guess this is how it should be. Anyway, I enjoy God's Word, and I believe the foundational truths I received through classes at Trinity have had a tremendous influence in my life.

I have also greatly enjoyed knowing your daughter, Peggy. She was and is a great blessing to me. She is indeed a sweet one. I count it a privilege to have become acquainted with you and some of your family during my days at Trinity.

How it must give joy to the Lord's heart to see you faithfully teaching His Word even in these days when it is difficult for you physically! Great will be your reward in Glory I'm sure.

May our dear Saviour daily give you sufficient grace and strength to meet the tasks before you. As a former student, I thank you for your willingness to share your wealth of knowledge of God's Word to students as long as God gives you strength. I'm sure you continue to be as much of a blessing to students now as you were ten to twelve years ago when I was in school there with you.

May God richly bless you and your family. Praying much for you.

In Christian fellowship,

Mary Jane Ames

Mary Jane Abbott Ames ('68)
(Church Sec.-Treas.)

* Titus 2:11-14
(especially Vs. 13!)

"... daily ... they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." — Acts 5:42



PWANI BIBLE INSTITUTE

Africa Inland Church, P. O. Box 97005, Mombasa, Kenya

March 19, 1987

Dear Dr. Bragg,

It was our very great privilege to be able to attend Trinity College in the years 1973 and 1974, just twenty years after first coming to Kenya, and nearly 25 years after completing our Bible School training. It was a new and challenging experience for us to sit with people much younger than ourselves, and match wits and also be rewarded with some A's. We trust that our being there was a challenge and blessing to them also.

One of the highlights of our time there was the opportunity to sit under your ministry. "Pauline Theology" became a bed Rock for our Doctrinal beliefs, and we do sincerely thank you. It seems incredible that fourteen more years have gone by. Those years have found us in the teaching ministry also, training Kenyan Nationals in Bible School to reach their own. Here in our school at Pwani there are fourteen People Groups represented.

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that we approach our 35th year as missionaries, but when we compare this with your long life time ministry, we certainly cannot be proud of our own but only that we ask our Lord to receive all the Honor and Glory.

No doubt the faithful prayers of your dear wife have contributed much to your ministry. May God bless her.

We are parents and can share in your joy in knowing that your daughter, Peggy, who is our fellow missionary, was saved from death and has been led to follow her Lord in service. This perhaps is the crowning achievement of a servant of God - to have his children following the Lord.

We cannot be present this year for your "Special Tribute" but shall be very interested in the reports we shall receive.

May our loving Lord continue to bless and use you and yours in the years to come.

I Corinthians 15:58.

Your students,
Clarence & Marjorie
Clarence & Marjorie
The Bainbridges

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the old fashioned gospel

April 24, 1987

Dear Dr. Bragg,


We want to write you and let you know that you and your family have meant much to us over the many years that we have known you. Also we want to congratulate you on 50 years of teaching at Trinity. As we think back of our years there and of your classes what a blessing they were to us. We have used much of what you taught us in our ministry and only eternity will reveal the blessing you were and are even now.

As the Apostle Paul said "We thank the Lord upon every remembrance of you" and truly this is our sentiments.

Our prayer is that the Lord will give you many more years to touch the lives of students that will cross your path and that He will give you the strength and health you need daily as you continue to serve Him.

Dr. Bragg, Barbara and I want you to know that you and Mrs. Bragg have been a blessing to us over the many years that we have known you and may the Lord bless and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you.

Yours in Christian Service,



Dr. Wm. A. Berryhill,
Pastor

but thanks be to GOD, which giveth us the vic⁺ory, through our LORD JESUS CHRIST - 1 COR. 15:57

Letter of Tribute to Dr. Bragg

As a student, I appreciated Dr. Bragg for his in-depth studies in theology--so essential for missions and ministry. With each passing year I realize even more how valuable those courses were. He helped change my perspective on some topics by opening my eyes to new ideas and thoughts on doctrine and Scripture. Even on points of difference I admired his scholarly research and teaching.

Since graduating and returning to Trinity as faculty, I have had more opportunity to observe another part of Dr. Bragg that I only realized partially as a student. I have appreciated Dr. Bragg for his warmth and humour, his patience and compassion for students, and his emphasis on sanctification.

Thank you, Dr. Bragg!

Karen E. Board

Karen Edscorn Board
Class of 1982

Dear Dr. Bragg,

I graduated from
Trinity Bible College in 1978.

The main thing I can
remember when I think of
you is the love of Jesus
that shines through you.

When I would sit in your
class I felt like Jesus
was speaking right through
you. I would feel love
coming from you as you
spoke.

"As long as there is breath
in your body, you will be
used of God"

I love you,

Sabrina Talley Butler

P.S. Do you remember

the lemon pie I
made you in '78?

It was my way of saying "Thanks" and "I love you!"
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A Tribute to Dr. Bragg

Mar. 9, 1987

In 1949 or was it 1950-'51?

I studied in Trinity College.

Dr. Bragg taught in one of the classes.

I want to say that since then, although I have studied in Bob Jones University, University of New Hampshire, and Plymouth N.H. State College, I consider the teaching ministry of Dr. Bragg to be the best of all.

Dr. Bragg is a truly appointed servant of the Lord.

I thank God, upon every remembrance of him.

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My knowledge of the Word
and my service as a
missionary has been greatly
increased and strengthened
because of the time spent
under Dr. Bragg's teaching.

"The letter killeth, but the
Spirit maketh alive."

May God bless him
from the crown of his
head to the soles of
his feet! — and continue
to use him for His glory.

In Christ,

Shirley Butler
Field Secretary of
Grace Missions India, Inc.

April 16, 1987

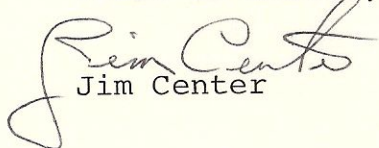
Dr. E. C. Bragg
Trinity College
Dunedin, Fl.

Dear Dr. Bragg:

Although we have only known each other for a short time through our affiliation as Board members, I have been encouraged by your expression of love for our Lord and Trinity College. I think it is an outstanding and tremendous accomplishment that you have been a guiding figure of Trinity for 50 years. The Lord has given you a very special and rewarding calling in your desire to share your love and caring for the ones that have passed through the halls of learning of this great school. I know it is with much joy, that you can look back over the years and know that you were an influential factor in the lives of those who have been called by our Lord to serve Him.

I look forward to our continued relationship and again express my appreciation to you for your selfless dedication to your career and your Lord.

Yours in Christ,


Jim Center

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SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. BRAGG

Dr. Bragg's ministry was very special to me! I had attended a church which taught almost no Bible doctrine, and his classes opened my eyes to truths I was unaware of. I praise the Lord for his teaching. Most of my weekly Bible teaching is influenced by what I learned under him.

One summer Dr. and Mrs. Bragg went to Old Orchard Beach, Maine, to minister with Dr. Watson in a camp meeting. The music was provided by the Trinity College trio of that time (1951-52), consisting of Fae Baker (Bovaird), Lin Coker (McCurry), and me. It was a special blessing to get to know Dr. Bragg on a personal basis and to see his daily walk with the Lord, plus share his humor. I am grateful for the privilege of having close contact with this man of God.

Freda Walton Clements

Dr. Bragg:

I'm the new kid on the block here at Trinity, but I certainly do not want to let your 50th Teaching Anniversary slip by without a word from me.

I am sure your greatest joy, apart from seeing your own children grow in the Lord, is to see what God has done in the lives of your many, many students through the years. Having had such a vital part in their training has to be a tremendous blessing to you in your ministry.

As one who is so devoted to making sure that timepieces run accurately, you are quite aware that the hour is approaching midnight. There is so much to be done in the world today, and it is getting exceedingly late. Praise God for men of your caliber who are willing to stand firm for the truth of the Word, and to teach it to others for so many years.

Surely when the Lord gives out the awards in Heaven, He will have a very special one to honor your patience and fortitude through these years of sacrificial service to Him.

I trust you will be kept in health and strength to continue that which God has been using you in for these past 50 years. Your students will rise up and call you blessed for being such a faithful teacher all these many years. May many of them go on in the things you have taught them, and may they, in turn, teach others also. What a fine heritage they have had.

God wonderfully bless you on the occasion of this great celebration - and continue to use your life and ministry for many years to come.

Sincerely in Christ,

Marjorie A. Collins

(Miss) Marjorie A. Collins
Faculty Member
Trinity College



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April 16, 1987

Dr. E. C. Bragg
Trinity College
453 Edgewater Drive
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Dear Dr. Bragg:

I am writing to express appreciation to you and give praise to our mighty God for your fifty years of sacrificial, but rewarding ministry at Trinity College.

It has been thirty-two years since I first went to Trinity, and the impressions which were made on me by your Systematic Theology classes in those early years have proven fundamental to all other study of the Word of God. I give deep appreciation to you for such a solid and stimulating foundation.

I would also like to express appreciation to Mrs. Bragg for her untiring devotion to, and support for the call you sensed to Trinity. The ministry of teaching, supported by the ministry of watch-making, had to be undergirded by a faithful and loyal help-mate, and you have certainly had that.

While only eternity will truly reflect the lives you have touched, please know that around the world every day the model for teaching ministry which you have set before the Trinity alumni, is being reflected out into the world in countless ways, bringing glory to our God. May the Lord continue to shower His blessings upon you and may your faithfulness to God continue to reap faithfulness from Him in your own life in the days ahead.

Cordially in Christ,

Mark Corts
Mark Corts

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C. Mark Corts, D.D., Pastor

"Striving for Excellence in Ministry."

April 2, 1987

Dear Dr. Bragg,

One of the highlights of my education at Trinity College has been to sit under your ministry. I remember your systematic theology class in 1972-1973 when you taught Soteriology. That class had a tremendous influence on my life and ministry as I came to understand clearly the doctrine of salvation.

When I returned to Trinity in 1985 I had an even deeper appreciation for you. These two years have been times of rich learning in your classes. But more important than your lectures has been your commitment to the Word, your example of victorious Christian living, and your warm expressions of friendship and encouragement.

Forgive me if I sound selfish, but I thank God for preserving you that I might be one of the privileged students who have sat under the anointed teaching of E. C. Bragg. I shall be forever grateful for the impact you have had on my life.

God bless you for your faithfulness!

With love and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Otis Derrah".

Otis Derrah
Class of '87



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June 12, 1997

Mrs. E. C. Bragg
6303 Main Street
Newport Richey, FL 34653

Dear Pauline,

I am sitting in my study preparing my upcoming message for my people. It is on the great doctrine of "justification". Before me are the notes that I purchased thirty years ago and studied as I listened to Dr. Bragg illuminate this great doctrine for me. I paused for a long time as I reflected on those days. I can still hear his voice, and see him standing before me with the passion and love of God's Word pouring from him.

Whenever I read his notes, I get that special thrill, the nervous tingling in the spine, that excitement for God's Word. I am reminded of the great salvation that is so easily taken for granted in the day to day grind of disciplined study. Somehow, Dr. Bragg shakes me out of it, even now. His voice is not stilled. The Bible is an amazing, marvelous work! It is the written revelation of Jesus Christ. No one ever gave me the sense of wonder and awe of this book until there was Dr. Bragg. No one since has equaled him. I just hope that I am able to pass on just a little bit of that special love that he gave to me. Just a little bit of Dr. Bragg's love of the Bible, and of his Lord is a whole lot. His enthusiasm was too big to be contained in himself. He gave it to all his students and still had plenty left over. I often think I still preach out of the overflow of Dr. Bragg's teaching.

In class, Dr. Bragg mentioned you often. Your place in his life was unquestioned. I'm sure that your life is very much responsible for the strength that he carried with him to class. Thanks to you! And, again, thanks for the special love of the Bible that Dr. Bragg gave to me and, I'm sure, to all his students.

I just felt compelled to write this. Thanks for hearing me!

Sincerely,

A Student of Dr. Bragg
1964-68!
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Dear Brother Bragg,

How we thank the Lord for your family and what they
they mean to Frances and myself. We are also thankful to the church
in New Port Richey and their prayer and financial support over the
many years.

I would also like to personally thank you for teaching
me the truths from the word of God. Each message I bring and each
lesson I teach is an extention of your ministry.

Inclosed is a gift for you and your wife. This gift is
to be used to take her out to eat at your special place. We love you and
thank God for you.

In Him

Charles & Frances Dreyer

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

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Dear Brother Bragg,

I consider it an honor and a privilege to pen this testimony of your life's influence on the behalf of myself and the members of my family. We do not deify a man; we do honor and express our appreciation of him, and especially to one who has held such a place in the service of the King.

You have been so many things in so many ways; a brother; a Christian of the highest spiritual caliber; a teacher par-excellence as a teacher of the blessed Book; a partner in the "labor of Love"; a disciple to the many in their desire to learn how to fully commit their lives to the Lord. But above and beyond this--a friend.

Emerson said, "the only way to have a friend is to be one." Someone asked this question of Charles Kingsley, "What is the secret of your life? Tell me that I may make mine beautiful also." Thinking for a moment the old beloved author replied, "I had a friend...a blessed thing it is for a man or woman to have a friend; one human soul whom we can trust utterly; who knows the best and worst of us, who loves us in spite of all our faults; who will speak the honest truth to us, while the world flatters us to our face, and laughs at us behind our backs; who will give us counsel and reproof in the day of prosperity and self conceit; but who, again, will comfort us and encourage us in the day of difficulty and sorrow, when the world leaves us alone to fight the battles of life the best we can."

Abraham was called "friend of God"; Jesus called those of His inner circle "friends".

May you and your good family continue to enjoy the great thrills you have always experienced in the days gone by.

Thankfully yours,

Brother Doyle

CHARLESTOWN NH

4/30/87

DEAR DR BRAGG

SORRY THIS IS LATE FOR YOUR
SPECIAL DAY.

PRISCILLA & I WANT TO THANK YOU
AGAIN FOR TEACHING US SO MANY OF THE
LORD'S GOOD THINGS. YOUR CLASSES WERE
A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR DAYS AT TRINITY.

WE THINK OF YOU OFTEN AND PRAY
GOD'S SPECIAL BLESSING ON YOUR CONTINUED
MINISTRY.

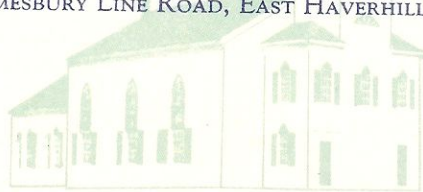
GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TODAY
AND IN THE YEARS & EONS AHEAD!

TON & PRISCILLA ERISMAN

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April 1, 1978

Dr. E.C. Bragg
Trinity College
Box 877
Dunedin, Florida 33528

Dear Dr. Bragg;

When our thoughts go back to Trinity College, they are those thoughts of indebtedness to you Dr. Bragg, for giving of yourself to the Lord's Service, both as Vice-president of the Board of Directors and also as a faithful teacher of the Word of God. You have been used of the Lord in the training of young men and women for full time christian service.

Your being Vice-president of the Board of Directors should never go unnoticed. Trinity College may be just a small Bible College on the West Coast of Florida, but it has certainly been blessed of the Lord down through the years, in both worthy faculty members and worthy graduates. "You can always tell a manufacturer by the product that it turns out," is what Dr. Minder taught. This is possible because of your able leadership.

We haven't words to explain our indebtedness to you Dr. Bragg, as a faithful teacher in proclaiming and rightly dividing the Word of God. Our hearts rejoice and shout hallelujah when we think of all that you have taught us in Bible Doctrine, Prophecy, and of course "Pauline Theology" (a must for every minister of the Gospel.) It is because of your teaching that Trinity graduates are head and shoulders above other clergymen, at least in my opinion. We learned the Word...Praise God! This is the reason why Trinity people know what they believe and why they believe it, and are not just parroting someone else, and thus are able to take an uncompromising stand on the Word of God, in this world of compromise.

We are sure that the Lord will reward you for your faithfulness in being true to the Book, down through the years. It is our prayer that you will continue to teach until the Lord takes you home, or the rapture, whichever comes first. Trinity College needs you, the Lord needs you as His workmanship, and all future students of Trinity need you, so they will be approved workmen of the Lord, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Keep up the good work, and may the Lord continue to bless you as you minister for Him.

In His Service,

James A. Erskine and Nancy
Rev. James A. Erskine, Pastor
Nancy A. Erskine

Dear Dr. Bragg,

I've thought of you often, in the years since I was in your class at Trinity. Your teaching on the Pauline Epistles helped me in shaping my life-goals. This has led me into service work of many kinds.

In 1956 I married a girl who had been in child evangelism. We have a daughter, Lois, who loves the Lord and is active in youth and missionary work here in Lancaster. In order to give my wife and daughter opportunities to learn how different churches function, we became janitors in several churches. This proved to be a very good learning and maturing experience.

We would be glad to have some of your tapes of your teaching. are

these available? I will
write to the college - for
you will be having so
much mail to read - you
will have a happy
busy time for weeks.

God bless and keep
you. Trust many of
your students can come
and see you at the
Banquet.

Love in Christ,

Class of 1950-'51

Alram Ferry

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April 20, 1987

Doctor Ervin Bragg
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Dear Doctor Bragg:

It gives me much pleasure to add my word of congratulations on your fifty years at Trinity. My, how time does fly! These years have gone by so quickly. What a wonderful heritage you leave with all the students who have sat under your leadership.

Let me take this opportunity to say you have been a big inspiration to me. One of the highlights at Trinity College has been to attend your lectures at the Clarateet Building in Temple Terrace.

It has been a privilege to meet with you and speak personally to you each year at the Seniors and Alumnae Fellowship Banquet.

My prayers and best wishes are with you as you celebrate this special event of fifty years of wonderful service for our Blessed Jesus.

May God continue to bless and use you in the days ahead.

Very sincerely, .

Lucille Gibson

K. Lucille Gibson
M A J O R

KLG/bb

March 31, 1978

Dear Dr. Bragg:

How grateful I am that God let our paths cross so that I might get to know you and your good wife as students at Florida Bible Institute years ago. You were an inspiration to me then and have been ever since. Pauline was such a wonderful person. Just sorry that I have not known your children.

Through the years I have followed your work and God's blessings have been upon it. Only eternity will reveal what you have done for so many young people in the class room. All the young people I have been instrumental in sending to Trinity College have told me what a great teacher you are, and the inspiration you have been. You will relive your life through them for years to come and then forever in glory.

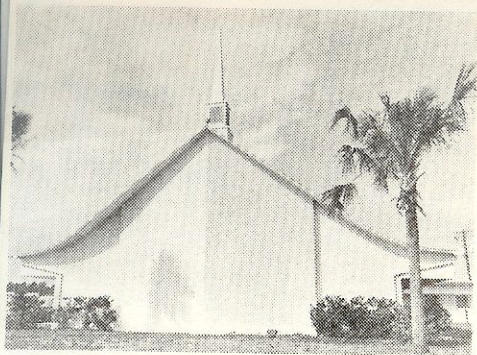
May God richly bless you in the days ahead and grant you added years, health and His blessing in all you do. I know you will continue to bless the lives of youth at Trinity College and the world through them.

With love and prayer for God's best mercies upon you, I want you to know I appreciate you and Pauline.

A friend,

Byram H. Glaze

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In Fellowship with the Conservative Baptist Association of America

April 1987

Dear Dr. Bragg,

It is a real joy to join in this special tribute to you, for you have had a profound influence on my life and ministry. I began studying God's Word under your guidance as a young teen in the Gospel Tabernacle in St. Petersburg. I remember one entire series you taught on the Revelation. Later it was my privilege to study with you for three years at Trinity College from 1951-54.

Your love for the Word, your diligence in study and your stated ambition to "master the Book", were my example. Your good humor and clarity of communication were most appreciated. You paid me a great compliment one Sunday when you told my parents, Melvin and Leila, that "Norman thinks like me."

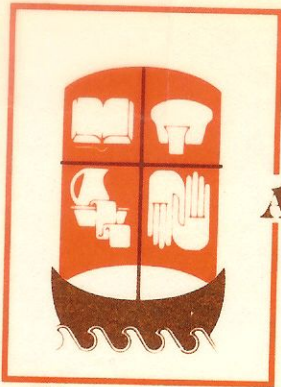
I admire many men and have studied under a number who are internationally known and whose books are well known. But my church family can honestly say that I quote Dr. Ervene C. Bragg of Trinity College more than all others combined. I still remember and use (usually giving you credit for) some of the humor you used so well to illustrate a point.

Marie and I really appreciated your sharing in our wedding ceremony over thirty-two years ago. Your prayer of dedication is still quite moving on the tape. You and your wife, Pauline, have meant much to many of us over the years.

I consider myself to have been especially blessed of the Lord through you. I think my church family of over twenty-one years is grateful for the training and example you gave me. I hold you, Dr. Bragg, in highest regard and affection.

May the Lord richly bless you and your wife in the years ahead, as you go on serving Him.

*With great love and admiration,
Norman J. Groves*



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April 15, 1987

Dr. E. C. Bragg,
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Dear Dr. Bragg:

Greetings in Christ from Atlantic Canada! I trust this letter finds you enjoying good health, actively serving our blessed Lord, and rejoicing in His choice blessings.

On behalf of our Association, Pastors, Trinity graduates, and friends here in New Brunswick, may I take this opportunity to offer congratulations and best wishes for fifty years of faithful service there at Trinity.

Only eternity will reveal the full impact of your example and exhortation to the thousands of students who have been privileged to sit in your classroom over the years.

Dr. Bragg, each of us are touched by the influence of a few great men in our lifetime. You are one such man, I believe, our Lord raised up for a unique ministry in our midst.

Often, I draw upon your wisdom, practical encouragement, and insightful teaching through your notes, lectures, your book, and tapes which I have of your classroom presentations. My ministry of 17 years has been greatly influenced by your faithfulness to the Saviour, the Spirit, and the Scriptures.

Thank you for being such a caring, humble, dedicated servant of God. My desire is to be faithful - to the faith, to the fight, and to the finish. (see II Timothy 4:7).

Warmly yours, redemptively His,

Fred D. Hanson (class of '70)

Fred D. Hanson,
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DR. ROGER P. HOGLE, Pastor

March 29, 1987

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Dear Dr. Bragg:

Congratulations! Mottrie and I wish we could be at the annual alumni banquet to personally express our sincere love and appreciation for all you have meant to us. You not only challenged us academically and spiritually, but also left a lasting mark on our lives, by selling me my wife's engagement ring and band. We have often spoken of your kindness in making it possible for us to get engaged.

Dr. Bragg, when the roll is called up yonder and we all stand before that judgment seat, you will be able to lay at the feet of Jesus many many trophies because of your faithfulness.

Thank you so much for all your have done for us. We love you.

Love,

Roger and Mottrie (Ivie) Hogle
Class of '64 adn '65 respectively