



## From the Principal...

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for to you do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

This prayer of David is a wonderful encouragement to pray. David understands his own poverty before God. He might be godly but he is not sinless. He knows his plea is always a request for grace. But he also knows that God is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon him.

These two things come together in David's prayer: a right assessment of himself and a right assessment of the God to whom he prays. He cannot demand; he has no basis for such presumption. He can only pray that the LORD might answer his prayer. But he is confident that God will, because God sees his need and because God is gracious.

Living on this side of the cross gives us additional confidence. Like David we know that God is gracious, that he is good and forgiving, and that he abounds in steadfast love. We too know that, left to ourselves, we would be lost and in desperate need for forgiveness and grace. But we know the only sure anchor for the forgiveness and grace we need. Jesus, the one who embodies these things has come, and he prays for us.

We don't have to become worthy before we can pray to our heavenly Father. We are invited to pray and he is good and forgiving. Thank you for your prayers in support of the College. Thank you too for your prayers for gospel ministry in Sydney, across Australia and around the world. The need is very great and those whom the Lord raises up to meet it do desperately need the kind of theological training that the College provides if they are to sustain a word ministry over the long haul. So please keep praying, and don't forget to drop us a line and let us know how we can pray for you.

*Mark Thompson*



## June 2022

*Page numbers in brackets after a person's name refer to profiles in SOCIETAS 2021.*

### Focus for June:

- **Exams 10 - 17 June**
  - **John Chapman Preaching Clinic 20 - 24 June**
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### Week 1: Wednesday, 1 June – Sunday, 5 June


- Give thanks to God for the **Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel**. Please pray that he would perform his duties faithfully while also seeking to bring glory to God through his role. Pray also for his wife, Cailey, that she would support him well during his time in office.
- Thank God for the many prospective students who engaged with the College at our May **Open Events**. Pray that many might be convinced of the importance of full-time study at College and join us.
- Give thanks for the **Preaching Christ Week** earlier this year. Give thanks that our Faculty and students had the opportunity to learn from God's word and prepare their own evangelistic presentations. Give thanks to God for the many visitors that came to College to teach and instruct students. Pray that the skills learnt would be used to bring glory to God.
- **Bethany & Benjamin Williams (1<sup>st</sup> year)** Please pray for us be intentional in growing deeper in our marriage. Pray for my unbelieving family members to come to saving faith in Christ and pray for my struggles with anxiety and for diligence and motivation in seeking help.
- Give thanks for those who **generously support the College** through prayer, advocacy and financial support, as we approach the annual End of Financial Year Appeal. Pray that many more would consider supporting the College in these ways. Pray especially for the planning and fundraising around the John Chapman House Capital Development Project, to allow for new and improved student accommodation and learning spaces.

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## Week 2: Monday, 6 June – Sunday, 12 June

- **StuVac (6 - 9 June)** Pray that students would be able to focus well during this week of study in the lead-up to exams.
- **Exams (10 - 17 June)** Pray that the students would be able to recall all they have learnt and not be anxious. Pray also that through preparing for their exams they might know God better and be better prepared for their future ministry.
- **Nathan & Katherine Milham (3<sup>rd</sup> year, p20)** Thank God for our new church family at South Sydney, Redfern. Pray for us as we make plans for ministry life after we leave College.
- Pray for **Andrew Heard as he finalises his talks for the upcoming John Chapman Preaching Clinic** in a couple of weeks. Please also pray for the staff members and others involved in organising the retreat, that the final preparations would go smoothly. Pray that those attending the retreat will be able to prepare well so that they can make the most of their time away.
- **George & Koula Athas (Faculty, p42)** Pray for energy through this immensely busy term. Pray for perseverance and encouragement in the face of grief, difficulties, and discouragements. Pray for the good health for our family and that we would grow in faith, hope, and love.

**2022 JOHN CHAPMAN  
PREACHING CLINIC**

 **SPEAKER ANDREW HEARD**

**DATES  
JUNE 20-22  
AND  
JUNE 22-24**

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### Week 3: Monday, 13 June – Sunday, 19 June

- **Winter Break (18 June - 10 July)** Pray that students and Faculty would have a refreshing break during their time away from time in the classroom.
- **Jonathan Wu (PhD, p15)** Give thanks that Jonathan can lecture in New Testament at Evangelical Theological College, Asia when he returns home to Singapore in 2023. Please pray for consistent, disciplined labour, so that he would complete his PhD study and return home by the end of the year.
- **Archie & Ainsley Poulos (Faculty, p43)** Please thank God that Archie's research into enhancing clergy competency has come together well and pray that it can now be used to help our pastors and our churches. Pray for the submission of Archie's PhD in the coming months, that the final stages will go well and that it will be a benefit to others. Thank God that our 18-year-old son has graduated school and is enjoying the supported employment in gardening he is doing. The disability support in our land is something we should thank God for. Thank God for the developing of ministry reflection skills growing in our students. It is an honour to see the skills and willingness of our students expand. Please pray for all our churches as we again transition from COVID-style to what will come. It has been taxing on everyone. Please ask God to give perseverance and wisdom to everyone, and a deep trust that His purposes in all our churches are for his glory and the salvation of people.

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### Week 4: Monday, 20 June – Sunday, 26 June

- **Bill Walton (1<sup>st</sup> year)** Please thank God for a smooth transition into study and to Menai Anglican Church. Please pray that I would continue developing meaningful relationships at church, and that I would humbly serve even while feeling the limitations of living far from church community.
- Thank God for the opportunities **Faculty have through their writing and other activities to help resource ministries around the world.** Pray for wisdom and insight for them as they engage in those activities and particularly that their efforts might be an encouragement to others and bear much fruit for the gospel.
- Give thanks for all those attending the **John Chapman Preaching Retreat** this week, and for the time that they have to be away together while working on their preaching skills. Give thanks for the focus on preaching the Epistle to the Hebrews, with a special emphasis on worldview. Pray for those attending as they put what they learn into practice.
- Pray for those students who are struggling with **learning biblical languages.** Pray that they would be persistent with their study and encouraged by what they're learning.

## Focus for July:

- Centre for Global Mission event 20 July
- Mission Awareness Week 18-22 July

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## Week 1: Monday, 27 June – Sunday, 3 July

- Pray for the **continued development of all employees at Moore College** so that our team would be best equipped to achieve our shared mission which is to provide excellent theological education. Please also pray that the College's culture would increasingly glorify God.
- Pray for the **Governing Board members** of the College. Thank God for the time commitment that each member makes to the various meetings of the Board and its committees.
- **Ben & Maddie Underwood (MTh, p15)** Give thanks for the two weeks of study leave that Ben has this semester. Pray that Ben can get his thesis in shape for submission by the end of semester 1 and that it would benefit his faith and understanding as he also juggles the demands of parish and family life.
- Pray for those who are suffering because of the effects of the **war going on in Ukraine**. Pray that God would show mercy to the wounded and dying and comfort the broken-hearted. Pray that God's people would be united under the reign of his precious Son.



**20 JULY 2022 | 7:30PM - 9:30PM**

**Speakers: Dr Simon Gillham and Bishop Malcolm Richards**

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**THE  
WRITTEN  
WORD IN AN  
ORAL WORLD**



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## Week 2: Monday, 4 July – Sunday, 10 July

- **Jess Dunn (1<sup>st</sup> year)** Praise God for the opportunity to study at College full time. Pray for wisdom as I mentor and support Bible study leaders as a student minister at Hope Anglican Church in Leppington. Pray that I will love God and serve him faithfully in study, ministry and all areas of life.
- Give thanks to God for the continued opportunity the **Property Department** have to play a role in supporting the Faculty and students as they teach and train for ministry. Pray for the team as they come to a busy time of year where multiple projects start with student accommodation. Pray that those in the department would also find opportunities to rest and recharge well in both body and mind.
- Pray for **Mark Earngey and Lionel Winsdor** who are on study leave this semester. Pray that as they have time away from their usual teaching load, they would study with wisdom and diligence, and pray that their research is of great benefit for others in the work of the gospel.
- Give thanks for the **Operations Team** and the opportunities they have to serve the students, Faculty and staff on a daily basis. Please pray for efficiency and wisdom in the student housing process which is now under way.

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## Week 3: Monday, 11 July – Sunday, 17 July

- **Semester 2 Term 3 Commences (11 July)** Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the start of the new term, and pray that the College community would keep serving each other with joy.
- Give thanks for the recent **appointment of Tom Habib as New Testament lecturer**, starting at the end of the year. Please pray for him as he completes his PhD research in August and submits his thesis on moral characterisation in the Gospel of John. Pray also for his family as they transition and support him in this ministry.
- Thank God for the recent **Alumni event** held at the College (50<sup>th</sup> reunion in April). Give thanks for all those who were able to attend and remember their time at College. Give thanks for the faithful lives and ministries that they have led over many years. Give thanks for the opportunity these events are for encouragement and reconnection with the College.
- **Simon Sheely (2<sup>nd</sup> year, p11)** Give thanks to God for my second year at Moore College, and for the opportunity to grow in my understanding and put it into practice. Please pray that I would persevere with my studies and that I would love people with what I have been studying.

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## Week 4: Monday, 18 July – Sunday, 24 July

- **Mission Awareness Week (18 - 22 July)** Pray that this would be a time of encouragement as students hear more of what the Lord is doing in the world, and an opportunity to consider how they might be involved in these gospel ministries.
- **Supplementary Exams (18 - 22 July)** Pray for those students sitting supplementary exams. Pray that they will be able to demonstrate their knowledge well and not be anxious as they prepare.
- Give thanks for the **Centre for Global Mission (CGM) event (20 July)** looking at word-based ministry with oral learners. Pray for Simon Gillham and Malcolm Richards as they finalise their preparations for their presentations at the event. Pray that those who attend would be encouraged to use and apply what they learn in their own ministry situations.
- **Naomi Utber (1<sup>st</sup> year)** Praise God for the joy of starting at College and for the opportunity to study God's word and develop new relationships. Please pray that I will grow in asking good questions whilst at College.



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## Week 5: Monday, 25 July – Sunday, 31 July

- Thank God for the opportunity to provide **specialised academic support** for struggling students through the work of Gordon Cain, our Academic Support Officer. Pray that students will come and receive the support they need.
- **Peter & Emma Orr (Faculty, p43)** Please pray for Peter and Emma and their four sons that they would all grow in their love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Pray for them as they seek to support elderly family members here and in Northern Ireland.
- **Christine Zheng (1<sup>st</sup> year)** Thank God for the opportunity to know God and to be equipped at Moore College. Please pray for my anxiety as I have fallen behind in my studies due to various illness, especially over the past few months. Please pray for good health and my future studies.
- Give thanks to God for the **variety of team members in the External Engagement Team**, and the work they do to effectively communicate about the College. Please pray for fundraising, the Alumni network and recruitment of future students who might be equipped for gospel ministry.

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# A theology of the Christian Life

4 AUGUST 8-12 AUGUST



## Focus for August:

- **Moore College Sunday 1 August**
  - **Annual Moore College Lectures 4, 8 - 12 August**
  - **Open Events for prospective students 30 August - 3 September**
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## Week 1: Monday, 1 August – Sunday, 7 August

- **Moore College Sunday (1 August)** Give thanks for the many churches across Sydney that will be praying for the College and hearing about the work that God is doing here. Pray that many people might be encouraged to join those who already support the College in prayer, financially and in many other ways.
  - **Chris & Susan Conyers (Faculty, p 42)** Please pray for my family and I as we continue to settle into a new church in Enfield, and as we consider how we can best serve God and his people over the long term.
  - **John Le (1<sup>st</sup> year)** Please pray that I continue to honour God with all the various responsibilities of studying at College, ministry duties at my local church, and administering to the needs of my family as well!
  - **Annual Moore College Lectures (4, 8 - 12 August)** Pray for Kelly Kapic as he finalises and delivers his lectures on 'A theology of the Christian Life' for the Annual Moore College Lectures. Pray that many people would benefit from these lectures.
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## Week 2: Monday, 8 August – Sunday, 14 August

- Pray for the team of **chaplains** who assist in the pastoral care of our students. Pray for good relationships with the students they serve and that the chaplains will balance their College ministry and other responsibilities well.
- Pray that God will **grow the students of the College in prayer, humility and love** as they explore opportunities to learn and serve amongst people from other cultures around College and in their churches.
- **Renee Miles (1<sup>st</sup> year)** Please pray that I will be able to better manage my anxiety levels, and in particular to be reminded to rest and reflect on God's character.
- Pray for those in the **satellite campuses at Croydon Park and North Parramatta**, that they might be well connected to the central campus at Newtown.

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## Week 3: Monday, 15 August – Sunday, 21 August

- **Research Week (15 - 19 August)** Give thanks for this break in the College routine for students to focus on essays. Pray that they will use this time productively.
- **Nicholas & Sophie Trevena (2<sup>nd</sup> year, p12)** Please pray for us as we are adjusting to being parents (our daughter Lucia was born December '21). Thank God for the love he has shown us through difficulties this year regarding Lucia's health, which appear to be resolving. Pray for joy and rest in this season where we can find it.
- Pray for those who are considering coming along to our **next Open Week (29 August - September 2)**. Pray for those organising and facilitating the event, that they would prepare well. Ask that those attending would prayerfully consider future training with Moore College.
- Please pray for the health of the College community, especially through the winter months. Please pray particularly for those in the College community who are dealing with sickness and grieving the loss of loved ones. Give thanks to God for the way that he has **protected the College during the COVID pandemic** so far.

**COMMANDING THE HEART**

# DECEPTION

**MATTHEW 5:33-37**

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**Centre for Christian Living**

**24 AUGUST 7.30PM - 9PM**

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## Week 4: Monday, 22 August – Friday, 28 August

- Give thanks for the **Library and Information Services Department** at College. Give thanks that they were able to continue working through the pandemic due to technology, and that they are now largely back to normal work arrangements. Pray for the health of the team members.
- **Caleb & Kirsty Torrance (2<sup>nd</sup> year, p12)** Pray that I would be diligent in my studies and that I would use my time wisely so that I can care for my family well, while also making the most of the opportunities I have at College.
- Pray that the **CCL event on Deception (24 August)** would be an encouraging time for all who attend. Give thanks for those involved in preparing for the event and pray that those attending will reflect on how disciples are called to live a life of truth.
- Give thanks for the **senior students of the College** and all that they do to serve the College community. Pray that they will be able to balance their duties with their studies and other responsibilities.

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