



From the Principal...

Thank you for your prayers for the College during this COVID-19 season. In God's kindness, we have been able to continue operating as a college, albeit in a slightly different way. Communication and information technology have enabled us to keep teaching. E-books and e-journals have enabled students and faculty to continue their research and study. Pastoral care and one-on-one follow-ups have been stepped up, again made possible by MS Teams, Zoom and other computer applications.

While the situation remains volatile and could change at any moment, as I write this we are in the middle of a phased return of students to on-campus, face-to-face learning. Every step of this return has been a matter of earnest prayer. There are certainly new challenges in doing this, but we are acting with extreme caution. Our love for each other, for the staff, faculty, students and visitors demands nothing less. Please pray for all the logistics associated with social distance, accountability, and the other components of our COVID Safe Plan.

We have begun planning for life on the other side of this pandemic. One thing is clear: this exercise has strengthened rather than lessened our commitment to the full-time residential model of theological education and ministry formation that is one of the great distinctives of Moore College. We will need to follow our new safety precautions and procedures for quite some time I suspect (no one has a clear idea of when this crisis will be over). Yet the Lord has never given up on his purposes. We must be proactive in planning for the future, seeking to be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us, but above all else we pray. It is the Lord who is sovereign in this. That is why we are so very grateful for your partnership in prayer. Thank you.

Will you keep praying with me that the Lord will do something amazing through all this dislocation? As people all over the world are confronted by their mortality and vulnerability, may many more people come to know what we know in the gospel:

Jesus ... is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (Hebrews 7:25)

Mark Thompson



September 2020

Page numbers in brackets after a person's name refer to profiles in SOCIETAS 2020.

Focus for September:

- **New students for 2021**
- **Spring Break 5-13 September**
- **Men Praying for Moore 19 September**

Week 1: Tuesday, 1 September – Sunday, 6 September

- Give thanks for **Moore College Sunday (2 August)** and the opportunities to invite parishes to partner with the College in prayer. Give thanks for all those who faithfully pray for the College and ask that God might raise up more people to be praying for us regularly.
- **Alex & Katie Macdonald (1st year, p10)** Thank God for the ways he has provided for us at every turn in the recent months of lockdown. Please pray for us as we adjust to new routines of life, faith and study with a new baby.
- **Eva & Howard Tang (2nd year, p19)** Give thanks for health and a supportive cohort. Pray for energy and focus for our studies and ministries as we continue to navigate this strange COVID-19 period with many uncertainties and rapid changes.
- Give great thanks to God for all his provision and sustaining the **College**. Pray that students would continue growing in their knowledge, love and faith in God during this disruptive time. Pray that God will continue to provide for the College throughout the year.
- **Colin & Gillan Bale (Faculty, p42)** Give thanks for the recent holiday for all the family at Gerroa and the great time spent with our children. Give thanks also for the great joy of belonging to the Lord Jesus and all the blessings we have because of him. Pray for Gillian in the busyness of her life – working at the Centre for Effective Reading with students who have significant learning needs in rural areas of NSW, and the ministries in which she is involved. Pray for her boldness to take opportunities to speak about the Lord Jesus at work. Please also pray for Colin and the rest of the Faculty as they manage both face-to-face teaching and online classes.

Week 2: Monday, 7 September – Sunday, 13 September

- **Spring Break (5-13 September)** Please pray that this will be a refreshing break for students and Faculty.
- **John Chapman Preaching Conference (7-9, 9-11 September)** Pray for Simon Manchester (Senior Mentor for the John Chapman Preaching Initiative) as he coaches men and women in improving their preaching skills, and also as he leads clinics to help men and women serving in Bible teaching roles. Pray that those who attend will be encouraged in their faith with other like-minded Christian leaders and spurred on in their service of the Lord Jesus.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to engage with prospective students at **Open Night (31 August)**. Pray that God will raise up many **new students** to study at College, to be equipped for his harvest field.
- **Chris Thomson (Faculty, p43)** Please give thanks for Chris being granted permanent residence in Australia. Pray for him to persevere in living as a citizen of heaven and a temporary resident in this world.
- **Braydon & Merryn Lucas (2nd year, p18)** Please pray for them in the demands of ministry during COVID-19. Pray for Braydon that he can remain focused on study and always remember the blessing of having the opportunity to spend four years learning from God's word in such an amazing way.

Resourcing Ministers for Faithful Bible Proclamation



JOHN CHAPMAN PREACHING CLINICS

DATE: **7-9 & 9-11 September 2021**

LOCATION: **Coolangatta Estate**

SPEAKER: **Simon Manchester**

moore.edu.au/preaching-clinic



Week 3: Monday, 14 September – Sunday, 20 September

- **Term 4 commences (14 September)** Please pray for energy and enthusiasm for all students as they return for the final term.
- **Priscilla & Aquila Event - Retiring for work: a lifetime serving the Lord (16 September)** Pray for Peter and Christine Jensen as they speak on the day and that those who attend will be challenged by what the Bible teaches on serving the Lord.
- **Men Praying for Moore (19 September)** Give thanks for the men who gathered from all over the world earlier this year to pray for the College. Pray that many men will meet online this morning to unite in requests of our heavenly Father and that they will build a greater sense of partnership and involvement in the College.
- **Dan & Bec Ford (4th year, p37)** Praise God for the great opportunity to learn about him and his work in a really deep and rich way at College. Please pray that I would be a faithful servant and steward of the gospel in the years to come and that God would save many more people.
- **David & Amelia Höhne (Faculty, p42)** The Höhnes are thankful for the Lord's mercy to the College during this season of plague. Please pray for wisdom and patience for David as he serves the overall academic programmes of the College. Please pray for Amelia and the team at Anglicare as they seek to re-establish ESL ministries in churches around the Sydney metropolitan area and provide support for those ministries in the meantime.

 Priscilla & Aquila
Centre

 16 SEPT 2020  ONLINE



MINISTRY

RETIREMENT

WORK

**RETIRING FOR WORK:
A LIFETIME SERVING
THE LORD**
with Peter & Christine Jensen

Co-hosted by
 THE GOSPEL COALITION AUSTRALIA

PAA.MOORE.EDU.AU/RETIRING

Week 4: Monday, 21 September – Sunday, 27 September

- Give thanks for the growing number of **postgraduate research students** and pray that they will remain focused while balancing family and ministry responsibilities.
- **Phillip & Janine Morrow (3rd year, p30)** Give thanks to God for the safe arrival of our second child. Pray for our daughter Rose that she would adjust well to having a sibling. Pray that Phill's heart would be changed to love God more through his studies at College.
- **Osmond & Lucy Wong (4th year, p20)** Please pray for wisdom in deliberating over ministry opportunities for next year, and for humility and eagerness to serve and love others. Pray also for courage to make plans and to work for the good of the kingdom. Give thanks for all those who are/have been praying for us.
- Please pray for the **Marketing and Communications Department** as they promote the College and engage with the wider community. Pray for the team members, that they would use their God-given gifts to serve the College effectively.
- **Hosea Luy (1st year, p10)** Praise God for the wise and loving mentors he has given me at church and College. Pray that God would continue growing my appreciation of him. Pray also for my faith and commitment to where he has placed me to grow in my knowledge and obedience to him.



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MEN PRAYING FOR MOORE

19 SEPTEMBER 2020, 8-9:30AM



Join us in prayer online moore.edu.au/sept-prayer

October 2020

Focus for October:

- **Day of Prayer 15 October**
 - **Centre for Ministry Development workshops**
 - **Scripture teaching**
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Week 1: Monday, 28 September – Sunday, 4 October

- Give thanks for the opportunity for College students to teach **SRE scripture** classes in two local schools, North Newtown Public School and Darlington Public School. Pray that many children in these schools might come to put their trust in Jesus as a result of what they hear in Scripture lessons. Pray that this wonderful opportunity might always remain in our NSW Public Schools.
 - **Jamie & Aiesha Seyfang (4th year, p39)** Thank God for the safe birth of our son Ari in May. Pray that God will open the right door for us to serve him in Adelaide next year.
 - **Peter & Emma Orr (Faculty, p43)** Please pray for Peter and Emma as they seek to bring up their four sons in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Pray also for wider family who are facing significant health issues and/or are inaccessible because of COVID-19.
 - **Liv Chan (1st year, p9)** Praise God for the opportunity to be at College and serving at St Basil's Artarmon this year. Please pray that God will deepen my knowledge, faith and love for him so that I will live faithfully and boldly proclaim Christ.
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Week 2: Monday, 5 October – Sunday, 11 October

- **Tom & Desiree Pollett (4th year, p38)** Thanks for our wonderful and final year at College, and all of the faithful and godly Faculty and staff. Pray that I would finish well and that what I have been equipped with will be used to serve God's kingdom after College.
- **James & Melody Hoey (4th year, p38)** Thank God with us for the student minister experience at Scots Church Sydney. Pray that we would adjust to a new season of life as parents, and always point our child to his great heavenly Father.
- **Lionel & Bronwyn Windsor (Faculty, p43)** Please pray that Lionel's Term 4 long service leave is refreshing and that he will benefit from the time away from his usual responsibilities. Please pray that he and Bron will be able to use the time well amidst the uncertainties of COVID-19.
- Give thanks for those students who have finalised **ministry positions** for 2021. Please pray for those who are still looking, that they will be wise as they consider where they can best serve God and his people, and that they will trust in God's timing.

Week 3: Monday, 12 October – Sunday, 18 October

- **Day of Prayer (15 October)** Give thanks for the opportunity to put aside the College program and focus on the privilege of prayer. Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the College community.
- Pray for those amongst the Faculty who, alongside their teaching and pastoring of students, have **speaking engagements** with churches, events and conferences. Pray for energy, enthusiasm and faithfulness.
- **Max & Kate Brewer (1st year, p9)** Thank God for beginning studies this year and please pray for the safe arrival of our first child, expected in November.
- **Lawrence Ng & Joanne Wong (3rd year, p30)** Please pray for my family members in Hong Kong, for protection during COVID-19 and for peace for those who are anxious about the implications of the new legislation in Hong Kong. Pray that I will be able to focus on my studies during this anxious time.
- **Andrew & Jean Shead (Faculty, p43)** Give thanks that both Andrew (Moore College) and Jean (Notre Dame University) have been able to carry on teaching over the last few months. Pray for continued effectiveness in their respective roles. Pray also for their young adult children to manage this next phase in their lives with wisdom and grace, and that God would continually be at work in their lives.

Week 4: Monday, 19 October – Sunday, 25 October

- Give thanks for those who have been involved in the various **Moorewomen committees** either on campus or online throughout the year and for those who are involved in planning the various activities and programs for next year. Pray that these will be beneficial for the student wives and female students who attend. Pray particularly for flexibility and creativity in planning events and meetings in this COVID-19 season.
- **Peter & Leah Blake (1st year, p9)** Thank God for our marriage since December 2019. Please pray that during College we can build a strong foundation for our marriage and grow together to love God and his people.
- **Elle Bryce (3rd year, p29)** Give thanks to God for the blessing of being a student minister at St Andrew's Strathfield. Please pray that God would give me wisdom in how to best use my time for service in ministry, and for wisdom in where to go and serve after College.
- Praise God for sustaining the **staff** through this COVID-19 period. Please pray for all the staff that they may be encouraged in the contribution they make to training men and women for lifelong Christian ministry. Pray that their particular skills may be used effectively and efficiently.

Week 5: Monday, 26 October – Sunday, 1 November

- **The Distance Team** gives thanks for the many motivated distance students and asks for prayer in managing workload and current projects such as the academic review of the Preliminary Theological Certificate content.
- **Archie & Ainsley Poulos (Faculty, p43)** Thank the Lord for his gracious protection and Christian growth of our family and please pray for our planning for the future of our son with disability as he transitions out of school at the end of 2021. Pray also for our daughter as she considers life after Uni in an uncertain employment world.
- **Michael & Eunice Woo (3rd year, p31)** Thank God for providence through generous ministry partners and supporters. Please pray for Eunice and I that God might fan into flame love for Jesus and gospel-shaped priorities in family life (as new parents to Elly) and in College/ministry.
- **Ben & Kimjeng Pantlin (3rd year, p31)** Praise God for providing a place amongst the good folk at MooreWest this year. Please pray for my ongoing godliness and my continued learning as I do ministry among the saints at Glenmore Park Anglican on a Sunday.
- Please pray for various **Centre for Ministry Development (CMD) workshops** scheduled for the rest of this year. Pray for the pastors who are attending these workshops, as they continue to develop their ministry skills in relation to their practical work experience. Pray for the Acting Directors as they support pastors and churches to be effective in ministry.

Focus for November:

- **Stuvac 2-5 November**
 - **Students sitting exams 6-12 November**
 - **Final Friday 13 November**
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Week 1: Monday, 2 November – Sunday, 8 November

- **Stuvac (2-5 November)** Pray for effective study for the students as they prepare for their exams. Pray that the students will grow in their knowledge of God as they study, and that their families will be able to support them well. Pray that this week will be a worthwhile time of drawing together what they have learned and that all, particularly those who find exams stressful, might know the peace of God at this time.
- **Sam & Jennifer Herbert (1st year, p10)** Please pray that more godly pastors would be raised up and deployed in the UK, ones who will teach the gospel with love and conviction and rebuke error with clarity and patience.
- **Karina Brabham (4th year, p37)** Thank God for the way he has grown me over the last four years. Please pray that I will continue to rely on him through the coming changes of life post-College, especially as I move towards gospel ministry overseas.
- Pray for the **new mums** and their babies at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Give thanks for the opportunities for those who have visited the maternity wards on behalf of Mothers' Union over many years, and for those who make the gifts they give the women. Pray that this ministry could resume when the pandemic settles down and for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus.
- Pray for **library staff** as they seek to provide high-quality collections and services to students. Give thanks for the expansion of the digital archive collections and services. Thank God for the blessing the library brings to the College community and beyond, for their study, research and ministry.

Week 2: Monday, 9 November – Sunday, 15 November

- Give thanks for all the **students who are completing their studies** this year. Thank God for their time here at Moore College and the friendships they have made. Pray that they will enjoy their final weeks and have a memorable time as they are farewelled.
- **Term 4 concludes (13 November)** This day marks the end of the College year for students. Give thanks for all that the students have learned from their lectures throughout the year. Pray for them as they apply this knowledge to their own lives and the ministries in which they are involved. Pray that they will always delight in God.
- **Jordan & Millie Smith (4th year, p39)** Praise the Lord for the opportunity of four wonderful years at College to be shaped by God's word in community with his people. Please pray for God's provision and protection in growing our family.

Week 3: Monday, 16 November – Sunday, 22 November

- Pray for the Faculty as they continue **marking exams** and seek to finalise results for students within a tight deadline. Pray for energy and perseverance so that they will be able to work carefully and that they will be fair and consistent in their marking.
- Pray for the **Registrar's Department** as they collate and organise exam results for the various Faculty and Academic Board meetings. Please pray that they would work efficiently and accurately so that students would receive their results in a timely manner.
- **Jonathan & Jessica Adams (1st year, p9)** Thank God for the blessing and support of our wider family throughout this year. Pray that we would pursue and patiently await God's plans for the near future regarding service at church and housing.
- **Aaron & Ada Yap (3rd year, p31)** Give thanks to God that Ada is expecting and due in February. Pray that God will keep the baby and Ada safe during pregnancy and delivery. Pray also for our (and others') witness to my non-Christian family, so that they will come to know Jesus Christ.
- Give thanks for the provision of students from all over the world for our **online and community courses**. Pray that through their studies they will learn more of God's word, know him better and be excited about all that he has done for them in Jesus.

Week 4: Monday, 23 November – Monday, 30 November

- **John & Vivian Lau (4th year, p38)** Thank God for sustaining John during College through our physical and spiritual family, for the great treasures of friendship God has given John over the years. May God help John to be a faithful servant for the rest of his life.
- Pray for families living on the **Newtown, Croydon Park and North Parramatta campuses**, that they will grow in godliness as they balance the special joys and unique trials of living in close communities. Pray particularly for those about to farewell neighbours and welcome new ones. Pray that the communities will adjust quickly and that they will be welcoming to the newcomers over the next few months.
- Pray for the **Governing Board of the College** and its various committees. Thank God for the great skills and talents that the board members bring to their task. Pray for wisdom and discernment as, under God, they plan for the future of the College. Please pray particularly for wisdom as they seek an effective long-term solution to the accommodation needs of our students.

Personal Prayer Notes

