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## **Prayer Bulletin**

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### ***From the Principal ...***

As Christians we know the value and privilege of prayer. We are invited to address our heavenly Father as Jesus did. We are encouraged to bring any concern or burden to him. We are promised the Spirit as one who intercedes for us when we don't pray as we ought or even know how to pray as we ought. Prayer is a delightful expression of our relationship with God grounded in what Jesus has done. What's more, many of us can point to times in our lives when prayer has been our life-line. It really is a good gift from God that we should have this access to 'the throne of grace'.

Yet each of us also knows how easy it is for prayer to be crowded out in a busy timetable and how difficult it can be to be disciplined in this area. We struggle not only to pray as we ought but sometimes just to pray at all. Have you ever 'forgotten to pray'? Have you ever had one of those days when everything seems to get in the way of time alone with God in prayer? How can something so good be something from which we are so easily distracted?

The tremendous realism and practicality of the New Testament is shown in its numerous encouragements to pray. God knows our weakness and he knows what we need. James 5 has a remarkable paragraph on prayer which encourages us using the example of Elijah. He was a man just like us, but his prayers were instruments which God used to bring about his purposes. 'The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working' (James 5:16). Keep at it. God invites us to pray. God uses prayers of weak and feeble people like us who pray weak and feeble prayers.

We value your prayers for us here at Moore College. God has answered them over many years. Everything we do is dependent upon him. Please keep praying that a flood of men and women might flow out of Moore College in the years ahead, taking the life-giving message of Jesus to the world.

***Mark Thompson***

# JUNE 2017

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## Focus for June

- **Mission follow up**
  - **Give thanks for the privilege of being involved in God's mission**
  - **Pray for those who have become Christians as a result of mission**
  - **Pray for those involved in ongoing follow up**
- **Semester 1 exams**

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## Week 1: Thursday, 1 June – Sunday, 4 June

- **Mission – Bankstown** Thank God for the many Muslims (and others) we talked with about Jesus during the week. Please pray for the ongoing evangelism and discipleship of those from Muslim backgrounds.
- **Paul & Karen Williamson (Faculty p56)** Please pray that Paul would be able to carve out necessary time to make progress with his commentary on Exodus. Pray that Karen may be encouraged as she looks after the family. Pray for Matthew as he adjusts from post-graduate study to full-time employment, and for Andrew, that he may have a good 'summer' break from study before returning to Vancouver.
- **Jose & Vincy Lam (Year 2, p13)** Give thanks for the first year with our son Toby. Please pray for wisdom as we consider whether to move in to Newtown or stay where we are for next year.

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## Week 2: Monday, 5 June – Sunday, 11 June

- **Stuvac (12-15 June)** Pray that students will be able to focus well during the coming week of study in the lead up to exams.
- Give thanks for the **Moore Distance Graduation**, which was held on 26 May. Pray for the graduates that they will continue to grow in their love and knowledge of God and that they will go on serving the Lord wherever they are.
- **Jack & Katie Day (Year 3, p22)** Thank God for a good start at Neutral Bay Anglican Church this year and getting to know new brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray that God would make us more like Jesus through our studies this year.
- **Mission – Japan:** Pray for wisdom for Eifuku Minami Church as they prepare for leadership changes in 2018. Pray for the Lord to raise up more people willing to serve in gospel ministry in Japan - there are 700 universities and just 42 KGK (student ministry) workers.

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## Week 3: Monday, 12 June – Sunday, 18 June

- **Semester 1 Exams (16-23 June)** Pray that the students will be able to recall all they have learnt and will not be anxious. Pray too that through preparing for the exams they might know God better and be better prepared for their future ministry.
  - **Karina Brabham (Year 1)** Give thanks that I've been able to settle in well at College and church after a lot of change at the start of the year. Please pray that God would give me real joy in knowing him.
  - **Mission – Hobart** Give thanks for those who heard the gospel on mission and for the seven non-Christians who have been attending an Alpha Course. Pray that church members would be faithful and bold in evangelism and follow up and that seeds sown would bear fruit.
  - Pray for the **Centre for Global Mission (CGM) event** to be held on 17 June on sharing the gospel with people from a Muslim background. Pray that many will come and that they will be equipped for evangelism.
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## Ministry to Muslims Between Naivety and Hostility: engaging evangelistically with Muslims in Sydney today

**Speaker:** Dr John Azumah

**When:** Saturday 17 June 2017, 1:45-9:00pm

**Where:** Moore College, 1 King Street, Newtown, NSW 2042

Two keynote addresses and practical training in workshops on sharing the gospel with people from a Muslim background.

After dinner there will be an address by Dr Azumah on the state of gospel work with Muslims around the world. The Evening Address is open to the public and is free of charge. **There is no need to register if you are only attending the Evening Address.** This public lecture will begin at 7.15pm in the Knox Lecture Theatre (Level 1 of the Broughton Knox Teaching Centre, entry is from the College lawn via Campbell/Little Queen Streets or Carillon Avenue.)

**Cost:** \$50 (including dinner) | \$0 for the Evening Address

To register, go to <https://www.moore.edu.au/event/cgm-event-ministry-to-muslims-between-naivety-and-hostility-engaging-evangelistically-with-muslims-in-sydney-today/>

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## Week 4: Monday, 19 June – Sunday, 25 June

- **Winter Break (24 June-16 July)** Pray for a refreshing break from lectures for students and faculty and that they will return with fresh energy for the second semester.
- **Chase & Amy Kuhn (Faculty, p55)** Pray for wisdom for caring for family in the USA from afar. Pray for wisdom as we raise our children Olive and Ezra as disciples. Pray for good opportunities to share the gospel with connections through our local community.
- **Mission – Wahroonga** The members of our church were particularly encouraged by the number of new people and guests who attended the mission events across the week. Following on from mission we are training the members of our church in personal evangelism and reading the Bible with non-Christians. Please pray that God would use many 'ordinary' members of our church to carry on his mission.
- **Jenny & Dewey Griffin (Year 2, p12)** Give thanks to God for sustaining Dewey and I in my first year of College and for the support we received from family, church and the wonderful College community. Pray for our marriage that God would be glorified through it.
- **Mission – Panania** Thank God for the opportunity to partner with a church where many members have developed strong friendships with non-Christian friends through local school involvement, church play group and ESL. Pray for the ministry team, that they would be servant leaders, and that they would have God's wisdom as they lead the church in making, growing and equipping disciples of Jesus Christ.

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## Public Lecture – Wednesday 19 July 2017

### Why the Reformation Still Matters

**Speaker:** Dr Graham Cole (former member of the Moore College faculty now Dean of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago)

**When:** Wednesday 19 July, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Where:** Marcus Loane Hall, Moore College, 1 King Street, Newtown

**Who:** The lectures are open to all students and the general public

*Free event – no registration required*

## Focus for July

- **Mission follow up**
- **Mission Awareness Week (24-28 July)**

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## Week 1: Monday, 26 June – Sunday, 2 July

- **Simon & Margie Gillham (Faculty, p55)** Please pray for God to provide for our friends at NETS (the College we were with in Namibia). They have significant financial issues and many staff have been retrenched. Pray for God's wisdom for us as we work out how best to help and support our friends and the ministry there.
- **Nick & Danae Woodward (Year 3, p27)** As we start to make big decisions about our future and where we will move to work, please pray we keep the spreading of the gospel as our first priority; not comfort, not convenience, not money.
- **Mission – Auckland** Praise God for the many men and women who heard the gospel, and for those who became Christians during the week. Please pray for ongoing follow up of those who heard, that many more will turn to Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- **Lachlan Webb (Year 2)** Give thanks for God's provision for my family in the past, and pray for housing and for schools for Tobias (14) and Eleanor (11) next year.

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## Week 2: Monday, 3 July – Sunday, 9 July

- Pray for the Faculty as they finalise the marking of exams and for the students as their Semester 1 **exam results** are released.
- **George & Koula Athas (Faculty, p55)** Please pray that George will have a restful long service leave, and a fruitful study leave.
- **Carol Chan (Year 2, p12)** Give thanks that I am settling into my new church. Pray for humility and strength as I learn, and that I will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.
- **Ed & Joc Loane (Faculty, p56)** Give thanks for the opportunities Ed has to preach at various Sunday services and weekends away in Semester 2. Pray for Ed in the preparation of various Reformation commemoration events, particularly the School of Theology in September. Give thanks for the joy our five children bring to us and pray for our eldest, Jemima, as she finishes primary school this year and prepares to transition to high school.

# JULY 2017

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## Week 3: Monday, 10 July – Sunday, 16 July

- **Jane Tooher (Faculty, p56)** Thank God for my niece and two nephews living with me (Steph, Nick and Jono) and the Christian people they are. Please pray that I will be loving, wise, gentle and patient as I relate to my elderly parents. My father has recently been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.
- **Mission – Perth** Thank God for the people who came to the 'Gospel in 4 meals' follow up course after mission. Please pray that they would continue to wrestle with what they have heard and that God's Spirit would open their eyes and grant them new life in Jesus.
- **Cameron Mason (Year 1)** Thank God that I have the privilege to speak on the book of Hebrews at our youth Winter Beach Camp (10-14 July).
- Pray for faculty working on various **writing projects** over the College break. Pray that they will be able to make good progress and be refreshed for the start of the new term.
- Pray that God will continue to raise up many **new students** to study at College in 2018.

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## Week 4: Monday, 17 July – Sunday, 23 July

- **Semester 2 Term 3 Commences (17 July)** Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the start of the new term, and that the College community would keep serving each other with joy.
- **Mission – Vanuatu** Please pray for the people of Vanuatu where the recent cyclone has caused significant devastation to the islands. Give thanks for the Lord's mercy in that our contacts report no loss of life or serious injury.
- Pray for **Dr Graham Cole** as he prepares and delivers the public lecture on 19 July on the important topic "Why the Reformation Still Matters". Pray that many people will come and be encouraged and challenged from God's word.
- Pray for all churches who are continuing to **follow up contacts** made during the Moore College missions. Pray that many will be encouraged to find out more about Jesus and put their trust in him.
- **Susan Duc (Year 2, p12)** Give thanks for the growth group I am in and the friendships that are being built there amongst the women. Please pray for me as I consider what direction to take next year, that I will let God guide and shape my thinking and choices.

## Week 5: Monday, 24 July – Sunday, 30 July

- **Supplementary exams (24-28 July)** Pray for those students sitting supplementary exams. Pray that they will be able to demonstrate their knowledge well.
- **Mission Awareness Week (24-28 July)** Pray that the students will be enlightened, challenged and encouraged as they focus on world mission this week. Pray that God would use the conversations and prayers of this week in the raising up and sending of workers into his harvest.
- **Mission – Parramatta** Praise God with us for the two people who gave their lives to the Lord Jesus during the mission with St John's Parramatta. Praise God that we had so many gospel conversations with people in the public square, and pray that God would use those conversations to draw people to faith in the Lord Jesus.
- **Katrina Low (Year 1)** Give thanks for the opportunity to dig into God's word, serve as a student minister at St Mark's Freshwater and live at Carillon House. Please pray that I'd be diligent in my studies, manage my time well and that I'd grow in love for God, his word and his people.
- Give thanks for the godly men and women that serve on the College **Governing Board**. Pray for wisdom for them in the many decisions that need to be made concerning the College.



## Moore College Sunday 2017 Sunday 6 August

A day when local churches partner with Moore College to give thanks for God's gracious provision over the past 161 years and to encourage people to continue to pray for and support the College, its students, graduates, staff and faculty as well as the churches the College serves.

For more info visit <http://mcs.moore.edu.au/>

# AUGUST 2017

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## Focus for August

- **Mission follow up**
- **Annual Moore College Lectures (3 & 7-11 August)**

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## Week 1: Monday, 31 July – Sunday, 6 August

- **Annual Moore College Lectures (3 & 7-11 August)** Pray for **Carl Trueman** as he finalises his preparation and delivers the lectures on Reformation Preaching and the Modern Mind. Pray that many people will benefit from the lectures.
- **Hugh Ronald (Year 1)** Give thanks that God has faithfully provided a community of people who prioritise the gospel at Moore College and that I can seek godly advice about my future. Please pray, as I have many options available, that God would make clear his intentions for me this year.
- **Moore College Sunday (6 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 support the College in prayer, financially and in many other ways.

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# 2017 Annual Moore College Lectures

## “Reformation Preaching and the Modern Mind”

Rev Dr Carl Trueman

Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia



One evening overview lecture:

**Thursday 3rd August, 8pm-10pm**

Five morning lectures:

**Monday 7 – Friday 11 August**

*10am-12pm Monday, 9am-11am Tuesday – Friday*

Marcus Loane Hall, Moore College, 1 King Street, Newtown

*All lectures are free events and open to the general public.*

For more information or to watch the livestream online, visit  
<https://www.moore.edu.au/news/annual-moore-college-lectures/>

## Week 2: Monday, 7 August – Sunday, 13 August

- Give thanks for the opportunity for College students to teach **SRE Scripture** at Darlington and North Newtown schools. Pray that through these Scripture classes, and the many like them in other schools, children will better understand the good news of Jesus and will come to put their trust in him. Pray that we will be able to retain the privilege of Special Religious Education classes in schools.
- **Elsie Anderson (Year 1)** Give thanks for the last few months of settling into a new routine, city, church and friends and things starting to feel normal. Please pray for patience in language learning, love for new classmates and friends and that God would keep changing me to be more like Jesus.
- **Mission – Rouse Hill** Give thanks that the team members and the church were such an encouragement to one another in the task of mission. Thank God for the new people at church and kids' club as a result of the mission activities, and pray that each of them would come to put their trust in the Lord Jesus.
- Pray for those students attending the **Marriage Enrichment Workshop (Saturday 12 August)** with Keith and Sarah Condie. Pray that God would strengthen marriages here at College, and that the students who are married would joyfully work hard at their marriages for God's glory.

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## Week 3: Monday, 14 August – Sunday, 20 August

- **Research Week (14-18 August)** Give thanks for this break in the College routine for students to focus on essays. Pray that they will use this time productively.
- **Mission – Glenn Innes & Guyra** Please pray for the senior high members of the youth group who were encouraged to step into leadership of the group, and in evangelism. Pray that God would make them bold and faithful and that he would keep shaping them to be like Jesus.
- **Andrew & Felicity Leslie (Faculty, p55)** Please pray that Andrew will have a fruitful study leave as he undertakes two major writing projects as well as a number of smaller projects.
- **William & Rebecca Quach (Year 3, p25)** Give thanks that our family has connected well, and feels encouragement and joy from serving at the church plant in Smithfield. Give thanks for Sophie (our 2 year old daughter) and praise God that Sophie is growing in independence, settling in and loving kids' church and our church family. Please pray for wisdom with raising her in the Lord. Please also pray for a dependence on God in dealing with stress and anxiety.

# AUGUST 2017

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## Week 4: Monday, 21 August – Thursday, 31 August

- 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.
- **Mark & Kathryn Thompson (Faculty, p55)** Give thanks for a rich family life and the privilege of serving in the College that we all feel. Please pray for Elizabeth (our eldest) as she approaches the HSC exams later in the year. She has struggled with health issues over the past few years. Please pray for Kathryn and the wide variety of activities in which she is involved (College, two schools, CMS and other boards). Please pray for Mark with a heavy load of extra preparation in this year of Reformation celebrations. Please pray that his contributions will honour Christ and benefit his people. Please pray too for the travel involved on a number of these occasions. Please continue to pray for wisdom, humility, grace and courage in the various decisions that need to be made.
- Pray for the **Open Night (28 August) and Open Week** events, that they would be useful for those considering study at Moore. Pray that many new students would join us for training in ministry.
- Pray for the **Reformation Rally** to be held on 26 August that this will be a time of blessing and thanksgiving for all those who attend.

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# REFORMATION RALLY

**Saturday 26 August 2017**

**St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney**

Join us for a morning hearing from God's word with Archbishop Glenn Davies, Gerald Bray and Kanishka Raffel, and a service conducted from the 1552 Book of Common Prayer.

**9:00am Tea and Coffee**

**Rally: 9:30am – 1:00pm**

*Free event, no registration required*

# Personal Prayer Notes

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