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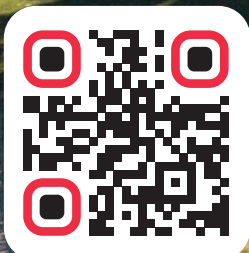
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EDITORIAL

GORDON LUK

As a boy growing up between two different cultures, I was always confused about **what courage was**.

Was courage about playing a sport like football?

Was courage about playing football in a certain way?

Was courage about being tough?

Was courage about not being afraid?

Was courage about not showing that you are afraid?

Was courage about not showing any emotion at all?

There was one thing that both cultures told me about courage: **don't show weakness!**

"If you are courageous, you cannot show any sign of weakness."

When I became a Christian, however, the Holy Spirit illuminated for me that this was not true. In Mark 14, when Jesus was at the Garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus was at his most sorrowful moment, when he was most distressed, and in so much anguish that he sweated blood—**this was courage!**

*...and he began to be **deeply distressed and troubled**.*

*"My soul is **overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,**"*

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
(Mark 14:33–34 NIV)

The picture of Jesus alone in the Garden of Gethsemane—weeping in distress, feeling the enormous weight of the task, about to be abandoned by all his friends—this is not a picture we'd normally associate with *strength*.

This is a picture of *weakness*.

It ticks all the boxes of what our world—no matter what culture you're from—would call 'weak'.

Yet, as the Holy Spirit showed me when I became a Christian, that's the point of the passage.

At Gethsemane, our Saviour felt such distress as He faced what was about to happen to Him, all while his closest friends weren't even able to stay awake.

At Gethsemane, our Saviour was abandoned by these friends, because they couldn't face what He alone was about to face.

Jesus was the only one who went to the cross because He was the only one who could.

On the cross, He saved us, because He didn't save Himself.

He won the great battle (Col 2:15), because He chose **not** to fight back, because He chose not to call His twelve legions of angels (Matt 26:53).

Our Saviour was courageous, because He entrusted Himself to His Father.

Our Saviour was strong, because He was weak.

Our Saviour was brave, because He lovingly laid down His life for us.

This year's *Societas* explores the topic of *courage*. As Christians, we are called to "be strong and courageous" (1 Cor 16:13 cf. Josh 1:7), and to "take up the armour of God" (Eph 6:11 cf. 1 Thess 5:8).

We are called to "fight the good fight" (2 Tim 4:7).

Yet, as we explore this essential topic, we must avoid what our world wrongly teaches us about courage.

We must always look back to our courageous Saviour, our almighty, all-conquering Lord Jesus Christ, who went to the cross for us, "led like a lamb to the slaughter" (Isa 53:7), and who took the cup of wrath for us (Mark 14:36).

We hope you enjoy this edition of *Societas*, joining us in marvelling at the courage of our Saviour, and praying that we would, in His strength, take courage and fight the good fight of the faith.

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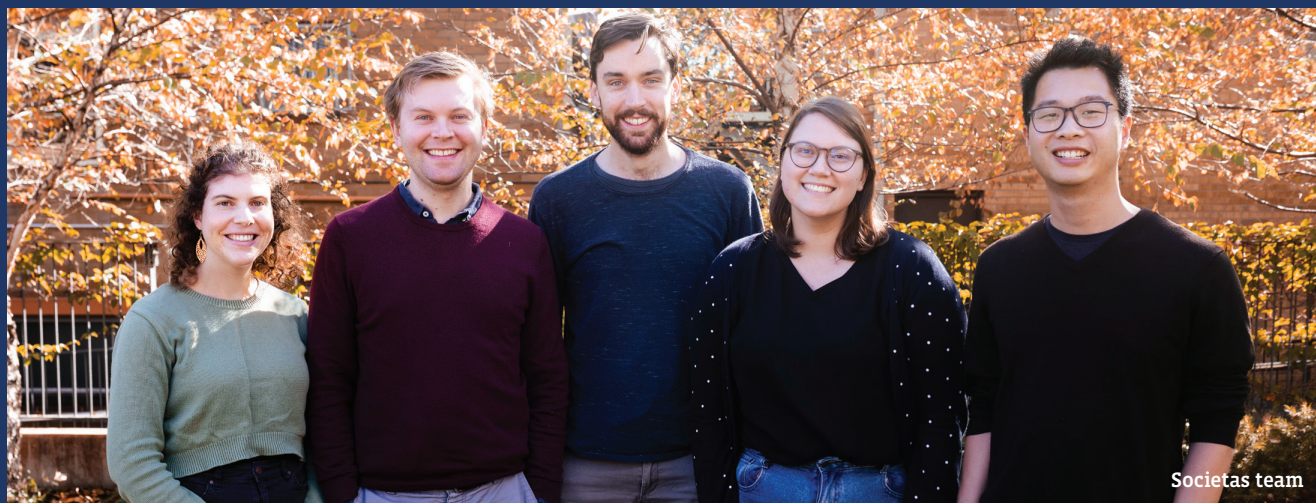
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FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

MARK THOMPSON PRINCIPAL

The apostle Paul wrote these words to the Corinthians:

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ ... (2 Cor 10:3-5)

War and fighting imagery is not unusual throughout the Bible, even in the New Testament, where we are also told to “love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matt 5:44). Paul spoke about putting on “the whole armour of God” (Eph 6:11) and, most famously of all, of fighting “the good fight of faith” (1 Tim 6:12; 2 Tim 4:7).

This war and fighting imagery is not at all popular in the current climate. Belligerent religion—crusades and jihad—is presented as one of the great destructive forces in our world. Its image is the burning and crumbling towers in New York, or, for the historically minded, Julius II, ‘the warrior pope’ who led armies into battle in the early sixteenth century. Even some Christians are embarrassed by the suggestion that we are in a conflict and that we are called to oppose the forces which reject Jesus and the gospel message. They still hope to be thought well of

by the world and do all they can to distance themselves from those who use expressions like “enemies of the cross of Christ”, “enemies of the gospel”, or “enemies of God”.¹

We ought not to be embarrassed by the warfare imagery that is found in the New Testament. It reminds us of the ferocity of the struggle, the determination of the opposition, and the need to be prepared. Life in this world is not all rest and unalloyed joy. That is what is promised to us when Jesus returns—in the new heavens and new earth, in which righteousness dwells, when every tear is wiped away, and death, mourning, crying and pain are no more (2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:4). In the meantime, we are meant to expect trouble: opposition from without and betrayal from within. It will not be unrelentingly hard or bad. There will be times of joy and encouragement. But we cannot avoid the struggle. We are in the middle of a battle.

The deeper reason for this is that in God’s plan, the very origin of evil is being dealt with by God’s wonderful work of salvation. We are saved from death and hell. We are rescued from the darkness and brought into God’s marvellous light (1 Pet 2:9). But the devil is real. He is still active in the world. He has been defeated at the cross, but until Jesus returns he is flaying about, trying to devour as

¹ Sadly for them, such expressions are found in the New Testament (Phil 3:18; Rom 11:28; Jas 4:4).

many as he can before the full-time whistle is blown (1 Pet 5:8).

We won't talk about a battle if we do not really think there is an adversary. We won't prepare like soldiers going to war if we do not really think there is anything to fight against. I fear we have very largely let the words 'hell' and 'the devil' fall out of our Christian vocabulary and that is dangerous. The Book of Revelation reminds us of the bigger backdrop for each expression of opposition, hatred and betrayal in our world, and that bigger backdrop is the violent but doomed activity of the enemy of God. The final outcome is certainly not in doubt for a moment. The devil is still a creature and only God is God. God's purposes are not threatened in the slightest, not even for a moment. He is always in control. He always triumphs. Yet it doesn't always look like that from our perspective.

The single biggest and most destructive weapon of the devil is his lies. He wants us to believe that he is powerful, that he is able to give satisfaction and fulfilment, joy and power and glory, on a scale no one else can. He wants us to abandon Christian faith as a lost cause, to conclude that the churches are on the wrong side of history. He drags us down and laughs as we believe his lies, as we pursue and embrace the illusions he presents before us, as he makes promises he not only never intends to keep but never had the power to keep. The battle is against lies and illusion on a monumental scale.

Which is why we need to stress the nature of this warfare and the only weapons we are prepared to take up for the fight. We speak the truth and seek to live the truth in the face of the deception and distortion of the evil one. We know that the antidote to falsehood and lies is a calm, careful and confident presentation of the truth, spoken with humility and love. Jesus spoke of knowing the truth "and the truth will set you

free" (John 8:32). So we take up the word of God and we pray. We pursue faithfulness and a righteous behaviour that stands in stark contrast to the self-interest and corruption of a world deluded by the evil one. Truth and peace and faith and hope—this is our armour (Eph 6:11–18).

We do not take up a metal sword, because metal swords can do nothing when the battle is against lies and untruth. Swords don't destroy arguments and they don't undo arrogant opinions. We do not rely upon ourselves because we are easily deceived and we too have been known to lie. Instead we take up the Bible. This is where God's truth is to be found. This is how lies are unmasked and the bubble of intellectual pretention is burst. The sword of the Spirit is the word of God (Eph 6:17).

So the characteristic posture of the Christian soldier is kneeling before God in prayer with our Bible open. We have no interest in belligerence. We are not spoiling for a fight. We do not take up arms.

We know we cannot secure the kingdom of God in our own strength. We cannot defeat the evil one by superior fire power. What we take by force we would have to maintain by force and that just does not work when it comes to our desire to see the nations won for Christ. Instead, we pray, and we testify to the glorious victory of the Son of God.

Fighting the good fight is not about being stronger, fitter, or even packing more fire power than the one who stands against us. We are nothing but the Lord God is everything. And the instrument he has given us is his word. It is a very different war. It needs very different weapons.





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FIRST YEAR PROFILE

SYLVIA KIM

A portrait of Sylvia Kim, a woman with dark hair, smiling, wearing a black blazer over a striped shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green foliage.

Colossians 3:2 *“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”*

I live by two broad convictions of faith: God has absolute authority over my life, and I want my life to count for eternity. And two things that count for eternity are God's word and people, so I want to invest in them.

Though I had come to faith as a child, it was in my early 30s when I had a life-changing revelation about the gospel. I realised that growing up in church and growing

up in faith are two very different things. When I was growing up, the emphasis was very much on church.

In my adulthood, I realised that my walk with God was becoming transactional. I was consumed with how to live on my own reliance rather than on the grace of Jesus. There was an asymmetry in what I believed and what that looked like in my life.

For about 25 years, I had the privilege of working in government, diplomacy and the private sector, involving working overseas and extensive travel. I realised that the ‘fine life’ does not necessarily mean that life is fine. I discovered that comfort breeds complacency. While I had a desire to make the most of the places God was sending me, I found myself ill-equipped to share the gospel.

About eight years ago, I was serving at a Korean church providing simultaneous translation of sermons to a group of non-Korean speaking members. This was a turning point for me in finding joy in sharing God's word.

I am indebted to the many people who helped me grow in faith, including many missionaries. I have always been deeply touched by missionaries, especially their common denominator: faith, humility, and the love of God. I love how their decisions, which seem irrational to me, are wonderfully rational before God.

After studying a few PTC units, God led me to do more with Moore College this year. I made the commitment to study because I do not want to be vague about something which is fundamentally important to my life and the lives of others.

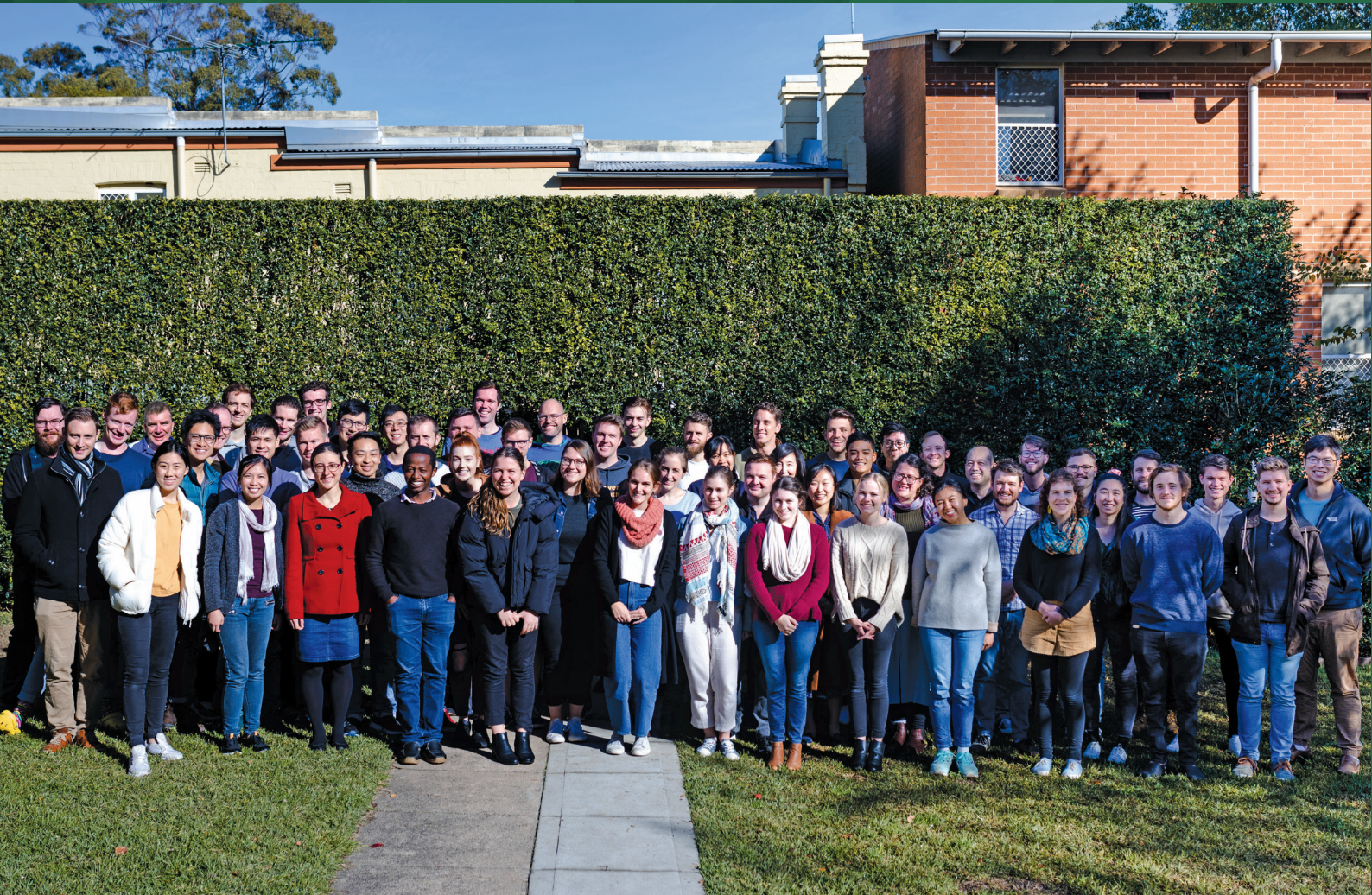
If I think of Christ first and I am rejoicing in what he has done, how does that change everything? When we know who God is and what he has done for us, we will want to go out and serve him. That is how the gospel works in our hearts. As Psalm 144 says, prosperity, protection and peace are all great blessings, but the greatest blessing anyone can experience is God himself.

As well as being part of an enriching community of God's people, I love studying at Moore as it creates a natural segue to talk about the gospel with people in everyday life.

As the saying goes, God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. I believe that God doesn't want us to stay in our holy huddles. I have discovered the real joy of sharing the gospel because I have seen its wonderful transformative power in the most unlikely of converts. My desire is to increase the gospel footprint in the places where God has put me.

People ask me, why do college now after half a century? I see too many people start out their Christian walk well, but fail to get to the finish line. When climbing the mountain of life, I believe our journey down is just as important as our journey up, because we are heading home. I want to make the most of my descent to count for eternity.

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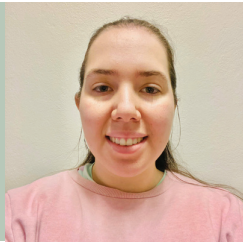


**TRACE AKANKUNDA**

I am excited to be at Moore College this year. I'm from Uganda and I moved to Adelaide to study and serve at Trinity Church Adelaide. I have left behind many friends but I hope to make more here to share our joys and challenges as we study.

**DANIEL BEMMER**

I'm married to my wife, Emily. We would love prayer for getting into good family routines as I start Moore College and Emily starts her new job as a psychologist. Please pray that we would serve God faithfully in our local church.

**SARAH BOLTON**

I love music, Jane Austen and comedy, and this year I have the privilege of serving at Northmead Anglican Church. Please pray that I will learn more about Jesus and how to love and serve his people this year.

**DAVID BURDIS**

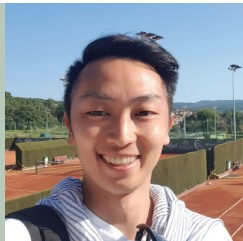
My wife, Amanda, and I are looking forward to the coming years at college. My prayer is that I would grow in godliness and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that I may proclaim the gospel clearly to all nations, for the glory of God.

**YI CAI**

Born in China and received Jesus as my Lord in Australia, I am husband to Yvonne and father to Isaac (7). Our family currently serves at Hornsby Anglican Chinese Church. Please pray that our family will continue to serve our Lord wholeheartedly in obedience and faithfulness.

**MATTHEW CAPEL**

I'm recently married to Renee and we are keen to see God's kingdom grown. We are seeking to gain a deeper understanding of God's word during our time at college. We are also looking forward to gaining tools for a lifetime of serving Jesus.

**RENEE CAPEL**

I'm excited to be studying this year alongside my husband, Matt. We're loving our time digging into God's word and preparing for a lifetime of serving Jesus. We are currently serving at St George North Anglican Church. Please pray that God would grow us and use us for his glory.

**ADRIAN CHEUNG**

I'm thankful for the opportunity to study at Moore College and enjoy fellowship here. Please pray that the Lord will shape me into the likeness of Christ and that I may be better equipped to serve him faithfully. I'm currently a student minister at Chatswood Baptist Church.

**DANIEL CHEW**

Married to Priska, father to Eleanor, and fan of coffee, camping, boardgames and LEGO Star Wars. I love reading the Bible with others and working hard to understand and teach what our God has spoken. Please pray that college would equip us as a family for a lifetime of ministry!

**SARAH CHEW**

Growing up in Kuala Lumpur, I love being part of a melting pot of backgrounds and cultures. I also love baking and reading the Bible with women! Pray that I will keep growing in love for God and his people and serve his kingdom wherever I go after college.

**ANGELINA CHUA**

Thankful for the opportunity to study at Moore for the next few years! I'm excited to learn more about God and the Bible, yet nervous about the change of routines. Please pray that God will help me to focus on Jesus, grow in godliness, and keep trusting in him.

**MELANIE CUNNINGHAM**

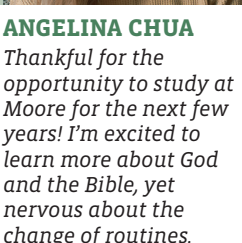
I'm currently serving at my home church, St Stephens's Anglican Normanhurst. I'm really thankful for the blessing of studying at Moore, and I'm keen to see how God will grow me and shape me over my time at college through the classes and community.

**ADAM DAVIES**

Together with my wife Annie, I'm excited to be equipped to serve in ministry! We live in Bonnyrigg in south west Sydney and are serving as student ministers at St Barnabas Fairfield. Please pray for us to be well equipped to serve God in Fairfield and beyond.

**ANNIE DAVIES**

I am studying at college to deepen my knowledge of God and his word so I can faithfully share and teach it to others. My husband is studying with the hope of becoming a church minister. I would like to support him as we serve God together as a family.

**TIM EDWARDS**

My wife, Maddy, and I are excited to be joining the Moore College community this year! We are currently living in north west Sydney and serving at Pitt Town Anglican Church. I look forward to growing in my knowledge of God and being equipped to love and serve his people.

**SARAH FITZPATRICK**

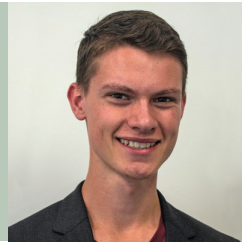
I'm so thankful for the opportunity to study at college and serve at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. But most of all, I'm thankful for God's great love for us in Christ! Please pray that I would grow to know and share his love more this year.

**JEREMY FOX**

I grew up on the Central Coast attending EV Church, and completed my MTS apprenticeship at St Thomas' Anglican North Sydney. I've enrolled in the Advanced Diploma but am thinking about further study. Please pray that I would grow in my faith and remain disciplined, hard-working and joyful!

**EDWARD HAPPER**

I'm looking forward to studying God's word full time and discovering his will and purpose for my life. Please pray that I will remove distractions, keeping Christ at the heart of my studies. I'm a musician who recently joined the Army Reserves and am hoping to becoming an Army chaplain.

**ELIJAH HARRIS**

I'm keen to study at Moore College and prepare for a lifetime of serving God's church in pastoral ministry. Please pray that I will be disciplined to keep up with the study load this year and balance college life with other responsibilities.

**DYLAN HOOD**

Grateful to have the chance to learn and grow at college. I am now serving at St Stephen's Anglican Church Normanhurst. Please pray that I will be reliant on God in and for everything this year.

**JOSHUA HOOLE**

Along with my wife, Anna, I am keen to be attending Moore this year. We have the great joy of serving as student ministers at Eastwood and Ermington Anglican Churches. Please pray that I would have a heart that longs for the lost to come to know the Lord Jesus.

**ANNA HOOLE**

It's a joy to be part of the Moore community! I'm married to Josh and it's our privilege to serve as student ministers with St Phil's Eastwood and Ermington. Please pray that I will grow in love for God and his people as I learn about him this year.

**TOM IMBER**

Grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow in God's word every day. I am part of the MBM Parramatta church plant and would love prayer for evangelistic opportunities within the area and to grow in Christian character.

**ROSS IRELAND**

My wife, Lilian, and I are grateful for the opportunity to begin our studies this year. Give thanks for the birth of Jemima, for the joy she brings to us and others. Pray that we would be well-equipped as we study at Moore and serve at Hope Anglican Church!

**CELIA JANG**

I'm married to Jireh, who serves as an Assistant Pastor at Captivate Presbyterian Church. I came to Moore College to be trained and equipped to support my husband and minister the gospel to others. Please pray that I will transition well into studying again and build solid relationships.

**SYLVIA KIM**

I am so grateful for the wonderful opportunity to be at Moore College this year. I look forward with great anticipation to studying and growing in love for God's word, and sharing that with others.

**JESS KO**

I'm currently serving at St George North Anglican Church. I'm excited, thankful and a little bit nervous about going back to study after some time. Please pray that God will continually teach me and that I will love him more, trust him more, and love others like he loves us.

**TONY KONG**

My faith grew significantly at university from the faithful Bible teaching and training I received. Returning to university to minister to students has left me hungry for further training in God's word. Pray that I will be well equipped to handle the Bible and deepen my love for God.

**JARED LIDGERWOOD**

I'm married to Erin and we have two daughters, Abigail and Maggie. We're from Moree in north west NSW and we're keen to return to the Armidale diocese to serve God as he builds his kingdom there. We love the country, and want country people to trust and follow Jesus.

**POPO LOH**

Please pray that I will be a man who is faithful and diligent in my studies, knowing that my time at Moore is an investment in being a more helpful, prayerful and godly servant for those I minister to in the future.



TIM LOWTH

Married to Naomi (who is doing an AFES apprenticeship at Wollongong University this year) and commuting from Wollongong each day. Really excited to be getting to know God better through his word this year, and to love and serve God and others.



BELINDA MAXWORTHY

Deciding to study at Moore was a long process with a lot of uncertainty. I would love your prayers of thanks to God for bringing me to this point! I would also love prayer for growth in my personal faith and discernment for what the next few years will bring.



CAMERON MAXWORTHY

Born and raised in Sydney, I am an avid brunch fan. Blessed to study at Moore in 2021. Please pray that I will continue to grow in my knowledge and love of our Lord, and for a willingness and enthusiasm to share this with those around me.

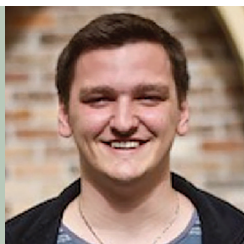


CALLUM MORRIS

I'm married to Brittany and we are currently serving as student ministers at St Thomas' North Sydney. We have come to Moore to grow in our ministry skills and one day consider going on mission.

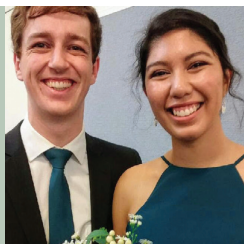
BRITTANY MORRIS

I am married to Callum and we are entering our first year of college together. Please pray that we would be diligent in our studies, love each other and our peers well, and that we would be dependent on God for all things.



JARROD NANGLE

I am from the South Coast and currently attend St Barnabas Anglican in Broadway. I've come to Moore because I have loved learning over the past couple of years what it means to lay my life down for others for Christ's glory and this feels like an encouraging next step.



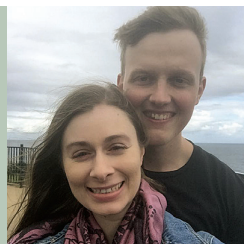
LACHLAN NEAL

My wife, Zaneta, and I are very grateful to be studying at Moore, and we're excited to see how God will grow and equip us to serve and teach his people. We're currently student ministers at St Andrew's Cathedral, and are prayerfully considering long-term mission in Japan.



CAITLIN OGG

I've moved to the 'Big Smoke' and am feeling a little overwhelmed by the changes but excited for all that is to come over the next four years. This year I'm joining Bossley Park Anglican Church. Please pray as I build relationships at college and church and start studying again.



AMY OLSSON

I'm married to Ben and we both love Jesus and the Berowra bush (or any landscape because how good is God's creation!). Please pray that God will grow me to know and love him more as he prepares me to keep serving in ministry, whatever that may look like!



MICHAEL PARKER

I'm married to Ruth and we've just had our first child, Henry. God has grown us greatly since we were at university in faith, love, and knowledge of him. We hope to continue growing in Christ-like maturity during our time at Moore College.



MURRAY REEDIE

I'm a truck owner and driver from Mittagong, married to Helen with three grown children. I'm doing one year of study at Moore to prepare for mission work with Transport for Christ Australia, who spreads the gospel amongst truck drivers. Please pray for the safety of truckies and other motorists.



JOSHUA RICH

I've recently moved from Christchurch, New Zealand with my wife, Elizabeth, and our new baby, Micah. We love Jesus, people, and adventures. Please pray that God would mature and equip us during our years at college so that we might teach and equip the church wherever God places us.



JAMES RUSSELL

I am married to Ally and we have a one-year-old daughter, Eden. We grew up going to St Luke's Miranda. After eight years in the police, I am excited to begin serving in pastoral ministry. Please pray that I would be faithful and effective in God's hands.



MARC SAFARI

I've moved to college from Parramatta, and am a student minister at Grace City Church. Please pray that God would continue to grow me into who he wants me to be, so that I can serve him as faithfully and radically as I can!



SIMON SHEELY

I serve alongside St Peter's Church in the inner west. I love gardening, exercise, and seeing people come to know our Risen King Jesus! Please pray that I would continue to grow more and more like Jesus as I study God's word.



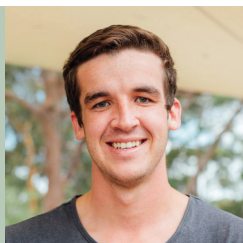
CLARE SMEALLIE

I'm so thankful to be starting at college and to be serving at St Stephens Anglican Church Normanhurst. Please pray that God would continue to shape me to be more like Jesus as I serve him, and that he would grow me in conviction and love for his word.



FELICITY SMITH

I am married to Jeremy in third year. We are very thankful for the privilege of studying God's word together at college this year. We are praying that we can be proclaiming the gospel outside of Sydney in the future!



ANDREW STANFORD

Freshly married to Sophie and having moved from Canberra, we are excited to root our lives in God's wonderful truth and loving Christian community. Please pray for us to continue trusting in God amidst lots of change and to love Christ more and more each day.

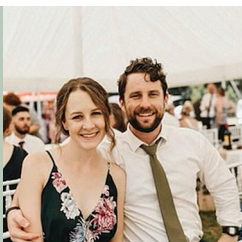


CALEB TORRANCE

Kirsty and I have moved back to Sydney from Moree and are excited to learn how to better serve God. God-willing, we hope to head back to the Armidale diocese after college. Please pray that I will be able to study well and grow in my love for God.

KIRSTY TORRANCE

Caleb and I decided quite spontaneously, due to some prompting from God, to come to Moore College this year. This was a huge and sudden change in our life plans, but we are excited to be here. Please pray that we would grow in our love and understanding of God.



NIC TREVENA

My goal is to better apply the Bible to life with courage and care. Please ask God to see this goal accomplished in a manner where I love Jesus, my wife Sophie, my church, and my society with faithfulness and purity of heart.



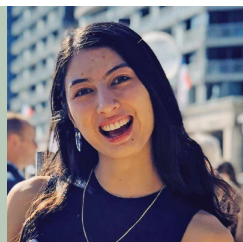
LUKE TUCKER

My name is Luke and I live in Lakemba with my wife, Emily, and our baby daughter, Beatrice. Please pray that over my time at college I would become a person who is more and more driven by their biblical convictions and godly character.



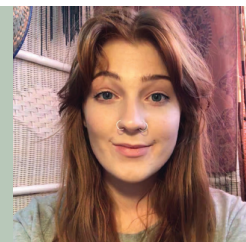
BRAYDEN WALL

My name is Brayden and I am married to Bek. I am super excited to start my studies and for all of the knowledge and relationships that will come with this. Please be praying for strength and growth as we face new challenges.



ELLIE WILLIAMS ROLDAN

Growing up in a non-Christian family, I was disciplined in faith at St Thomas' North Sydney and Credo UTS. My professional background is in management consulting and service design, which I hope to bring into my vocational ministry. I'm currently a student minister at MBM Rooty Hill.



MERRYN WILSON

Join me in giving thanks to God for the awesome opportunity and privilege it is to study. Please pray that I would continually trust in Jesus through my studies, in church and college ministry, and in fundraising.



PHILLIP WITHERIDGE

My wife, Sophie, and I love the community at Moore College and we're so thankful for the opportunity to study the Bible, meet people, and prepare for (God-willing) a lifetime of ministry. My other loves include good coffee, good books, goofy movies, and the beach.



SOPHIE WITHERIDGE

I, along with my husband Phillip, am excited to be digging deep into God's word in order to be better equipped to teach others about the saving news of Jesus. I know full-time study has its challenges but I trust in God and his strength and provision.



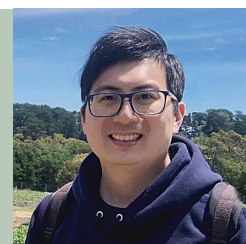
KADIN WOOD

I've moved from New Zealand with my wife, Chloe, and our son, Eli, with a heart to see faithful Bible teaching throughout New Zealand. I'll be serving at Grace City Waterloo this year, enjoying good coffee, and pointing people to the saving work of Christ!



JULIAN YIN

I am an enthusiastic student and ministry worker attending and serving at Church by the Bridge Kirribilli. My wife Emma and I are so thankful for the church community that God has placed us in. I have also joined one of the new church plants of this church.



ANDY ZHANG

I was born in China, moved to Melbourne during high school, and am now based in Sydney for college. My wife, Vicky, and I attend St Basil's Anglican Church Artarmon (Mandarin/Cantonese congregation) where I serve as the student minister. Please pray for us to grow in our convictions and godliness.

MAKING BOLD DECISIONS TO SERVE A MIGHTY GOD

ANNA HOOLE

Confused about how God might want me to serve in his world, I remember a time when a missionary on Home Assignment visited my church. Hoping to gain clarity about God's plans for my life, I took the opportunity for a conversation.

This missionary reminded me that God's word is a lamp for our feet (Psalm 119:105). Then she continued, **"But sometimes we want it to be a floodlight"**. Her answer resonated with me and led me to further reflection.

When God doesn't give us a specific instruction about the job we should take, the person we should marry, or the church we should attend, how do we decide between the many good things to do in life? How do we live boldly for Jesus when God's word serves as a lamp rather than a floodlight?

The early church in Acts gives us a few pointers for our decision-making.

BOLDLY SHARING THE GOSPEL IS THE MAIN THING

The book of Acts is bursting with the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men and women who saw Jesus as the answer to all of God's promises.

Consider the boldness of Paul in Ephesus:

"Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly over a period of three months, arguing and persuading them about the kingdom of God... This went on for two years, so that all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord." (Acts 19:8, 10)

Or what about the boldness of Apollos? This was a man who taught enthusiastically about Jesus, even though he didn't know much apart from the baptism of John. Perhaps the boldest characters in this story are Priscilla and Aquila, who bring Apollos into their home to explain God's word to him more adequately (Acts 18:24-26)!



Boldly proclaiming the gospel, and teaching others to share it, is the main game. Whatever season of life we are in, God wants us to proclaim his message of salvation in Jesus. So how did this help my husband Josh and I in our decision-making?

MAKING BOLD DECISIONS FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

Last year, the pandemic brought a great deal of uncertainty to our world. But it was also the year when Josh and I were challenged not just to consider how we could be part of sharing God's message, but to take concrete steps to serve God in a vocational way.

When we applied to study at Moore College, we joked that our first-year cohort would consist of us and about three other students. We thought that COVID-19 meant that people would reconsider their decision to let go of the security of full-time employment, and that we were some of the few (possibly foolish!) ones to willingly give that up.

You can imagine our amazement when we looked around during Orientation to see a huge crowd of first years! What a joy it has been to share class with men and women who have boldly decided to come to College—some from interstate and overseas—to be equipped to proclaim God's word.

But it's not just the decision many have made to study at College. Behind every student is a team of people boldly praying for us, and in some cases, offering their finances to support our ministry training. There's a lot of boldness going around!

OUR SOVEREIGN GOD GIVES US SAFETY TO BE BOLD

The early believers in Acts were regularly praying for boldness, and God was sovereignly answering their prayers. Let's see how God answered Peter and John's prayer after they were let go from prison for preaching about Jesus.

Peter and John prayed: *"And now Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness..."* (Acts 4:29)

God answered: *"When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly."* (Acts 4:31)

Boldness to proclaim Jesus never comes out of our own strength. By his Spirit, God enables us to speak his words and make decisions that honour him. Our great Father uses his children to tell others about the saving message of his Son.

In fact, God's sovereignty means we are safe to be bold! We can make big decisions to live for Jesus, because we know that our current home is a temporary residence. We can trust in his will and plan for our lives.

SO WHAT BOLD DECISIONS MIGHT GOD BE CONVICTING YOU TO MAKE?

For us, it was the decision to head to Moore College, to be trained to share the name of Jesus wherever that takes us. And boldness is continually required, as we are challenged not to make ministry decisions based on our own comfort, but on the needs of the gospel around the world.

Boldness might look like sharing a Bible story with your colleague who doesn't know Jesus. It might involve giving up some of your finances to support a student at College. And it might mean praying bold prayers about how God could use you for his glorious mission.




















What does the future hold for someone who wishes God's word was a floodlight rather than a lamp? It holds utter security in Jesus—whatever the circumstances—and an opportunity to make bold decisions to his praise and glory.



UNDERGRADUATE PART-TIME *Students*

Sarah Abboud	James Crossley	Josephine Gillespie	Monica Ling	Susie Schubert
Lyn Adamson	Steven de Jong	Mat Gillespie	Andrew Lui	Jordan Seifert
Michael Austin	Jasper de Keizer	Oscar Glass	Leanne Luk	Melanie Sheath
Doris-Day Awad	Matt De Siqueira Iglesias	Sarah Glynn	Ben Lukins	Jess Sheely
Simon Beard	Liam Denny	Marian Guthrie	Joel Mailei	Eddie So
Theodore Bentley	Cornelius Do	Daniel Heard	Olivia Martin	Tom Stanton
Meg Blight	Melissa Domingo	Melody Hoey	Vicki Mayhew	Jill Stevens
Nicholas Bodle	Maddy Donohoo	Kerryn Hoffman	Katherine Milham	Jonathan Tan
Paul Bogg	Lauren Drysdale	Sincere Hui	Amy Morrison	Michaela Tibi
Priscilla Boon	Matt Evans	Lilian Ireland	Chloe-Jane Muscat	Andy Tuskan
Tim Brake	James Flood	Annika Jolliffe	Zaneta Neal	Claudia Tyson
Belinda Campbell	Sam Foster	Jemima Jones	Carmen Nguy	Ryan Uy
Bec Carleton	Luke Fotheringham	Abigail Kee	Nick Orpwood	Lynne Verghese
Olivia Cason	Jordan Francis	Paul Kershaw	Sheila Pang	Scott Ward
Phil Chapman	Jeremy Freeman	Erin Latten	Boon Quah	Kate Weightman
Vivian Chen	Tahlia Freeman	John TC Lau	Craig Riley	Susie Wright
Mel Clement	Avril Friend	Aaron Lauder-Jones	Samantha Robb	Lucy Wu
Ashley Cleworth	Peter Gardiner	Gaby Lewis	Sarah Rowe	Jeanny Yao
Leonie Crossley		Wenshuo Li	Kat Saville	

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	DAVID BRACKENBURY	KATE BRADFORD	JOHN HUDSON	MICHAEL LEONG	TIM NICHOLLS	BEN UNDERWOOD

BROOKE HAZELGROVE



What do you think of when you hear the word 'courage'? I probably think of the Legend of Zelda games first, because it's the protagonist's defining characteristic, and because that's what I spent my formative years caring about.

But that doesn't really explain what courage looks like for the Christian. Godly courage looks different. It looks like honouring Jesus with our actions and choices, particularly when the outcomes are unknown.

The story of how I left the Mid North Coast and ended up at Moore Theological College and stuck around is probably one of godly courage. I started thinking about full-time ministry years back, when I realised that spending my life impacting where people spent eternity was more important than building a legacy in costume design. Six years later, during my final year of MTS, my trainer gently and lovingly pointed out that full-time pastoral ministry would burn me out two years after College, and that even though I was keen to serve Jesus, the 'normal' way of doing so wasn't a wise choice.

However, going to College was still something that was worth considering. With skills in summarising and writing, and a fire in my belly to teach big Bible ideas to people who weren't conceptual thinkers, I'd need a year at College.

So I packed up my life in Newcastle and moved into Chappo for about two months before Covid arrived. It was a wild year—I had to move out again for lockdown, barely felt like I was supposed to be at College, and honestly had no idea what I was supposed to try next.

But godly courage is a gift to us, as is steadfastness. Paul said that God, "...who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus". (Phil 1:6) And so, by God's grace, things got better.

There's something to be said for my cohort. We've taught each other, pushed each other, propped each other up. I've had to think a lot about the body of Christ in action, and how each of us, in our differences, has a place and a part to play in proclaiming Jesus to the world.

Conversations with people working in writing and publishing resources helped me see that I'd need more than just one year at College. And God, in his providence, decided that I wasn't getting the jobs I applied for over the summer. So I stuck around.

Godly courage for me has looked like coming to College in the first place. It's looked like deciding to stay, with the hope and goal of honouring Jesus by teaching people about him. I'm not entirely sure where I'm going to fit in the grand scheme of things just yet—Christian publishing is a big and small world—but letting God be sovereign is part of this courage thing too.

SECOND YEAR





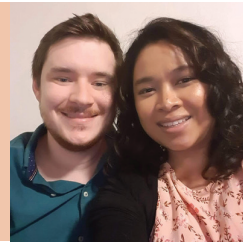
JONATHAN ADAMS

Married to Jess, and father to Zoë and Hannah. We serve at St Andrew's, Wahroonga. Please pray that our family grows in love for Jesus, and that God gives us opportunities to share the gospel with friends and relatives.



STEPHANIE ADAMS

I'm excited to be learning and growing alongside fellow students at College this year. Please pray that the things I learn about God and his word will personally impact my relationship with Jesus and enable me to serve him better. My church is St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney.



MICAH BEEL

I am married to Sophall and we are currently at Dundas Telopea Anglican. Please pray that we would be making the most of our time at College. Our plan is that we might work in ministry in Perth so please pray that God provides us an opportunity to do that.



RANDAL BENN

Excited for 2021 at Moore and another year in God's word with the support of Annette, Jacob, Zach and Imogen. Continuing to serve at Wild Street Church as we together proclaim Christ in Maroubra.



REUBEN BIRCHLEY

I'm content to be back for my next year of study, investing in my College family, ministering amongst folk in Balmain, planning to get married at the end of the year, and discerning where our Lord is leading me for the future.



PETER BLAKE

I am married to Leah and we're serving the Lord at Jannali Anglican Church. Please pray for wisdom as Leah and I think through how best to serve God at College and beyond. Please continue to pray that we will continue to grow in love of God and each other.



ASH BRAITHWAITE

Praise God for what will hopefully be a year of more stability. Thankful for Chappo and Newtown residents, for church family in Strathfield, for continued study at College, and for God's unchanging grace. Please pray I would increase in godliness and love of Jesus this year!



MAX BREWER

At the end of 2020, Kate and I welcomed our first baby girl into our family: Lucie. We are so overjoyed with Lucie and so thankful to God for his goodness to us. Please pray for us as we move churches at the end of this year.



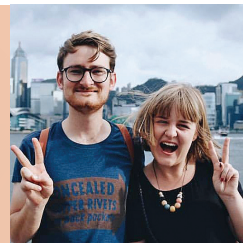
ELIZABETH CARMODY

I'm looking to serve God and his church wherever he places me. My husband Matt will be finishing College at the end of the year; please pray for wisdom as we consider what next year might look like for us.



PETER CHAN

Praise God for bringing Evangel to our family this year, Hanna and I are so excited to be parents! We are serving at West Ryde Anglican Church night church. Pray that we will adjust well to the changes and that God will be at the centre of all that we do.



ADAM CONDIE

I'm married to Georgia. We serve at Anglican Churches Springwood. It has been a joy coming into second year full-time after studying first year part-time. I'm passionate about sharing the good news of Jesus with children and excited to be preparing for a lifetime of ministry—whatever that may look like!



JORDAN CUNNINGHAM

I'm looking forward to going deeper with this year's subjects, particularly with Old and New Testament studies transitioning into the original languages. Additionally, I'm always looking to improve study habits so I can make the most of this unique period of life. It's going to be a great year!



JOSH DONOHOO

My wife, Maddy, and I come from Sydney. We've just had our first son, Ezra. Planning for ministry in the Sydney Anglican Diocese in the immediate years after College, though we're both keen to keep exploring places further afield where we might serve.



JAKE FITZPATRICK

Married to the wonderful Evie, and have just moved church to St Luke's Hornsby Heights in 2021. Please pray for Evie as she begins her first year of full-time primary teaching, and for our witness to non-Christian family.



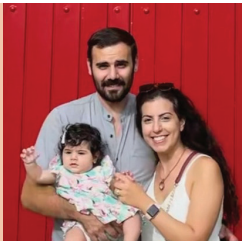
MARTIN FONG

Please pray that I would grow in character, conviction, and competency through my time at College. Pray that I would serve well at Chatswood Presbyterian Church, especially in my youth and Sunday school small groups. Pray for wisdom about what serving God would look like in the future. Thanks!



SIMON GRAHAM

I'm married to Sam and we have just welcomed Lucas into our family. This year we'll be joining Auburn and Newington Anglican Church. Please pray for us as Sam considers ministry to children and women and I study with a view to serving in school chaplaincy or parish youth ministry.



JADE HAJJ

My wife and I are originally from Lebanon. We have a new baby girl, Alice. Please pray for wisdom and perseverance as we grow in Christlikeness and as we continue to support our friends and family back in Lebanon.



DAVID HARRINGTON

My wife Maddie and I came from Adelaide to study at Moore. We have two kids (Daisy and Peter) with a third due in July. We would love prayer, that as our family expands, we will keep growing in our love for Jesus.



BROOKE HAZELGROVE

Grew up near Port Macquarie, came from Newcastle. Serving at Village Church Annandale. Thankful to be studying at College. Would love to get into writing resources post-study. Pray I keep weaving what we learn back into my life, and that I'd grow in faithful love and self-discipline in pursuing Jesus.



MICHAEL HEMANS

My wife Mel and I have two kids, Calvin and Charlotte. We love being at College and growing in our knowledge and love of God. We are trying to figure out how best to advance God's kingdom in future ministry, so please pray for wisdom in doing this.



SAM HERBERT

My family and I continue to be thankful to God for his sustaining goodness. We hope to be useful to Him as we return to the UK, that people might know Jesus, grow in Him and go for Him.



MICHAEL LATTEN

Together with my wife Erin, and children Hannah and baby Latten (due August) we're serving at Holy Trinity Kingsford, training for a lifetime of ministry, ready to be sent to Sydney and beyond. Pray that God would powerfully work through our gospel proclamation and loving service.



HOSEA LUY

This year I'm challenged to actually want to glorify God in my study and to help others learn and grow. Pray for me to be prepared to be changed through my struggles instead of just wanting to be comfortable.



ALEX MACDONALD

Katie and I, with our daughter Clare, live in Epping and go to Newtown Erskineville Anglican Church. Pray that we'll continue to adjust well to our new church, keep learning to juggle study and parenting responsibilities, and have wisdom for discerning our path over the next few years.



ROBERT MAYHEW

I am excited to continue studying God's word at College, and I am hoping we will have more time on campus this year! Please pray for me as I deepen relationships with those at College, and as my wife Vicki and I start attending and serving at Northmead Anglican.



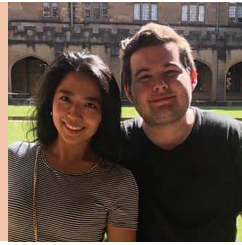
NATHAN MILHAM

We are living in Newtown and serving at Naremburn-Cammeray Anglican again this year. Katherine is continuing the Diploma and our kids are loving the Newtown life (Sophia 6, David 4, Elijah 2). We will spend the year prayerfully considering our first step after College. Where should we go?



ALAN NGUY

Our family of 3 (soon to be 4) are thankful for the opportunity to know and love God more deeply in our time at College. We can't wait to leave Sydney and head back to our hometown of Melbourne! Pray that we might grow in our usefulness for God's kingdom.



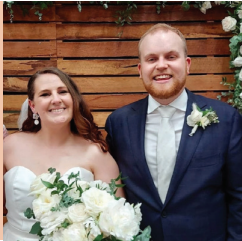
MATTHEW PETERS

Pray for my wife Saya and I as we begin our first year serving at Sydney Japanese Evangelical Church, and for wisdom as we continue to prayerfully decide what mission will look like in Japan post-college!



KEVIN PHANG

Pray for me and my wife as we continue our 3rd year of living and serving within New College Village at UNSW. There are fewer students due to COVID but plenty of non-Christians. Excited to keep learning at Moore; pray that I'll make the most of it!



OWEN ROBSON

My new wife Amy and I are excited to serve the Lord this year at St Paul's, Canterbury, as well as study the scriptures at College (Owen) and teach primary school Year 1 (Amy). Please pray as we navigate married life, and balance work, study, and rest.



JOHN SHELDON

This year I will be continuing my student ministry at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican with my wife. We give great thanks to God for His provision through a difficult year for us. Please pray that God would guide us as we discern where we can be most effective in ministry.



DUNCAN SUTHERLAND

Francesca and I were joined by Leopold at the beginning of 2021. Looking forward to the year ahead learning from the Lord through the blessing of parenthood and all its humbling challenges, alongside ministry at Vine Church Surry Hills.



SIMON SWADLING

I'm a former designer/pastry chef changing gears and heading towards full-time ministry. I'm jumping into second year, and working at Emmanuel Anglican in Glenhaven. Pray for me as I change everything about my life, and that I would grow and love others well through it all.



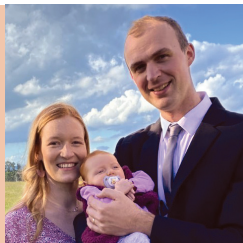
SILVANUS THIEM

I'm Silvanus and I'm married to Hannah. We live in Leichhardt with our doggo, Latte. I'm at College because heaven and hell are real, the time is short, and Jesus saves. Please pray that God would use us in his purposes to do just that.



NATHAN TUCKWELL

I did first year in 2017 and have come back to complete my degree. God has reminded me of his sovereignty, faithfulness and love in a difficult 2020 and I'm excited to be equipped to share Jesus with others with my whole life.



RICK VANCE

Jane and I had our first child Alice with much joy on March 10th this year. Praise God for his goodness and please pray for us that we will continue to love the Lord our God with all our being. Pray we will grow in God's grace.



DANIEL WALMSLEY

In 2017 my wife Suzi and I along with our kids Olive (8) and Jet (6) planted into a struggling Anglican Church in Riverstone. It is my joy and challenge to keep pastoring that church as I extend my study to be even better equipped to lead and teach.



RICHARD WONG

Having spent the last four years in university campus ministry, I've transitioned into full-time study and started serving at Life Anglican in Marsden Park. Please pray that God would open doors and opportunities for future ministry while I study and continue to grow in godliness and holiness.



TIM YOUNG

Loving God and his people has fueled my life from an early age and I'm stoked that College can train me to do both this year as an Anglican candidate. Please pray for wisdom and grace as my wife and I continue into a busy year of work and study.

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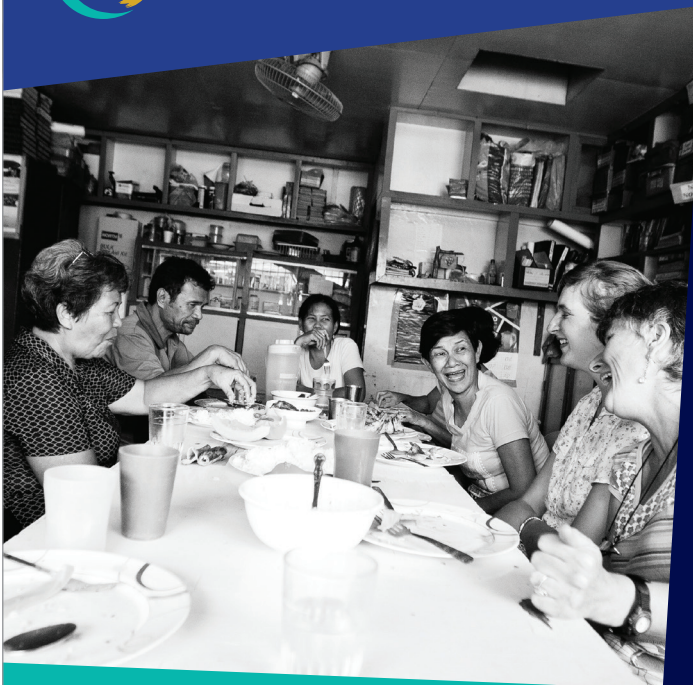
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THE VIRTUE OF READINESS

JONATHAN ADAMS

A common sentiment among Western Christians today is that following Jesus increasingly marks you as an outsider. In many respects, this is true. For example, the modern consensus about the human self and sexuality is a far cry from the biblical vision of humanity made in God's image and for his purposes. And whereas we might appeal to the liberal ideal of tolerance for our now marginal views, we find that nothing less than a full, perfect and sufficient affirmation of the modern person's right to autonomy will do. Yet even Christians, for all our clearly-defined ethics, are not immune from the pull of this permissiveness towards sex, alcohol, social media, and consumer culture more broadly. Faithfulness is indeed difficult to practise.

Orthodox writer Rod Dreher has recently suggested the West is living in a pre-totalitarian moment, yet one more Huxley than Orwell. Regular Christian commitments, he maintains, will take on a character similar to dissidence within the former Soviet Union. Except, in our society, we're not being crushed by Big Brother, but manipulated by a culture in which the 'liberated' self and its desires reign supreme.

However accurate his assessment, Dreher insists that Christians focus on a practical response, and this emphasis is salutary. Because, without dismissing the necessity of understanding our culture, merely knowing the signs of the times is insufficient to steel ourselves for faithful discipleship. Moreover, intellectualising the challenges without subsequent action likely contributes to what has been dubbed the 'Christian Persecution Complex'. This is the misguided sense that persecution is in fact rife in the West and which often stimulates an undue appetite for culture war.

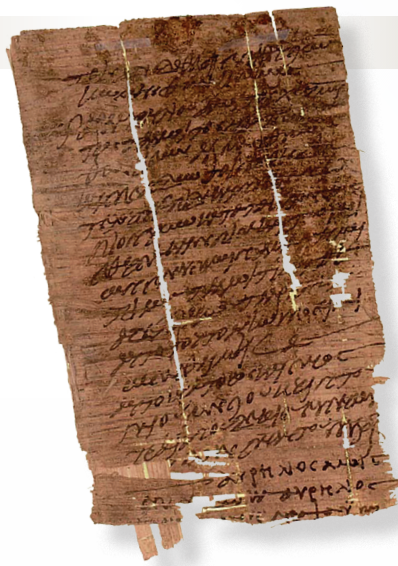
How then do we respond prudently, neither overplaying nor diminishing the actual challenge? By cultivating the

virtue of readiness, I would suggest. By virtue, I mean a moral ideal, habitually exercised, so as to develop us spiritually. You might think this sounds suspicious. Doesn't the concept of virtue bring us back to an agonising, medieval works-righteousness? Not at all, if virtue is properly understood. We have been justified only by faith—but faith, as the Reformers insisted, is never alone. The Spirit is eager to see redeemed sinners grow into Christ-likeness, which is why Peter exhorts believers to supplement their faith with various moral excellencies, that they may live fruitful lives for Jesus (2 Pet 1:5-8). In light of Scripture's witness, virtue is a midwife of good works and godly living, not a stumbling block to receiving the gospel.

But what about readiness? This is partly an allusion to a verse from Peter's first epistle: "in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being *prepared* to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." (1 Pet 3:15). Jesus told his disciples that trouble would come their way—a clear prompt for them to prepare. And we too must prepare so that, when opposition comes, in whatever form or intensity, we would honour Jesus and give sound expression to our eternal hope in him.

In practice, what the virtue of readiness looks like can be gleaned from a certain incident in the life of the early Church. On 17 July, AD 180, a dozen North African Christians in Scillium, within modern-day Tunisia, were martyred for their faith by local authorities. Remarkably, a transcript of trial proceedings has been preserved. This small window into the faith-lives of these Scillitan martyrs illustrates what the virtue of readiness looks like. Three characteristics are especially borne out.

Firstly, their theological maturity, particularly regarding the doctrine of civil authority. One martyr said he lived a life of civil integrity precisely *because* he acknowledges "my Lord, the King of kings and Ruler of all peoples." Yet these martyrs knew well that loyalty to Caesar ended where worship of God was concerned:



“honour to Caesar as Caesar, but fear to God.” Of course, in Western society, the State doesn’t demand sacrifice. Yet we would be naive to assume our spiritual loyalties aren’t ever tested. Are we clear on what we affirm about and within our society, and where we must gently yet firmly reserve the right to follow Jesus?

Secondly, the Scillitan martyrs rightly believed Christian identity entailed soldiering. The Carthaginian father Tertullian, a contemporary of these martyrs, wrote that “we were called to the warfare of the living God in our very response to the sacramental words”, referring perhaps to the baptismal exhortation to continue as Christ’s faithful servant to our life’s end. Without this and other similar NT metaphors, our expectations are skewed. We become like those two middle soils in the Parable of the Sower, vulnerable to the twin threats of hardship and worldly comforts. When told to cease from madness by the interrogator, one martyr, Secunda, confessed, “What I am is exactly what I want to be.” Such a free and firm assertion of Christian identity flows from a faith that knows

discipleship entails a cross but that our loving Father is in control. Such faith, also, is best nourished by a like-minded church family. How robust is our conception of discipleship? And are we ready to support one another deeply through our trials, reliant on God’s grace?

Finally, a strong foundation in the Scriptures. As evidenced by these martyrs, God’s word is sufficient to equip his people. We know this was so, not just from biblical sentences quoted during the interrogation, but because the transcript records that these martyrs had brought the writings of the Apostle Paul to the trial. Familiarity with the words of eternal life instructs us about what we owe Caesar and society, and what we owe Jesus. Scripture tells us this world is a vale of tears, but that we can be valiant for truth because we follow a risen and returning King.

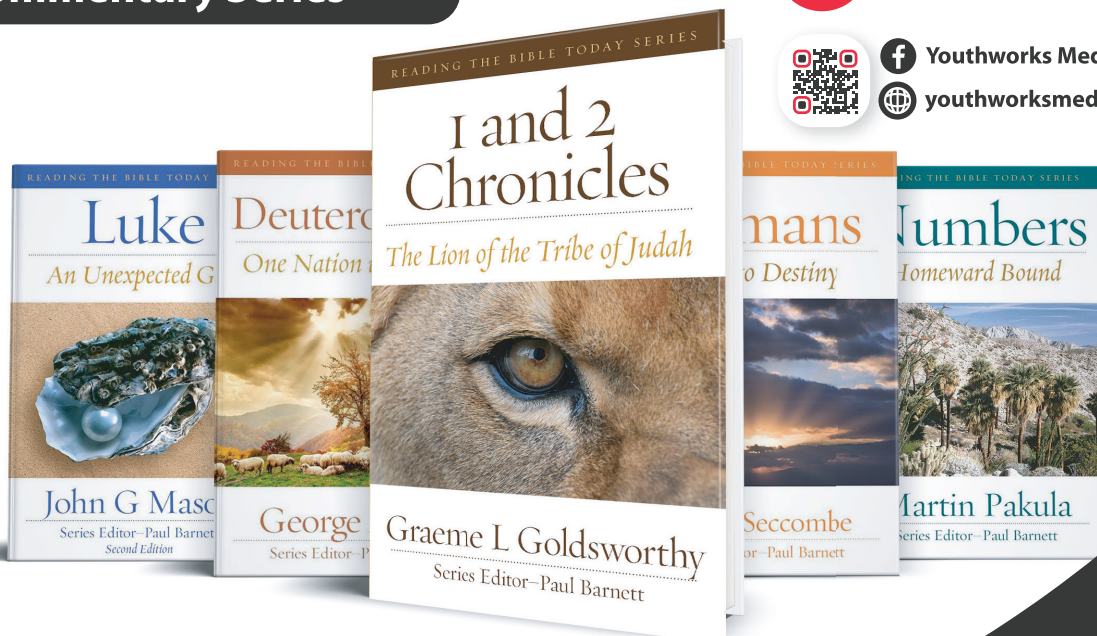
Few of us face the life and death threat of the Scillitan martyrs. But the virtue of readiness they exemplified, by the grace of God, is instructive for the Church within the West. The call to keep following Jesus remains until he returns, whatever the cultural circumstances. May God give us grace to keep living faithfully for our Saviour.



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MING YONG



I was born and raised in New Zealand to non-Christian, Malaysian-Chinese parents. My parents constantly reminded me to do well at school, get a good job, and financially contribute to the family. I had little to no exposure to Jesus.

During university, I was committed to my studies and strived to do well like my parents had always told me. God had other plans. In my second year, a classmate of mine (Michael) asked if I wanted to join him for lunch one day. At lunch, he told me he was a Christian and shared the gospel with me. I remember saying to him: "This would be amazing if it was true, but I don't think I'd be allowed to be a Christian", knowing my parents would never be okay with it. From then on, Michael and I became good friends and he would invite me to events or Bible studies, but I never budged.

Two years later, I passed university with flying colours and had jobs and scholarship offers on the table. But this all made me realise the happiness I felt was fleeting. I decided to get in touch with Michael and he invited me to church.

I remember the minister saying: It doesn't matter what he wanted us to hear, or what the world wanted us to hear, but what matters is what God says—the Bible. From then on, I realised how spiritually starved I was... and I was hungry! I went along to everything the church was running: Bible study groups, new member events, exploring Christianity courses, and book groups. I was soaking it all in and loved it.

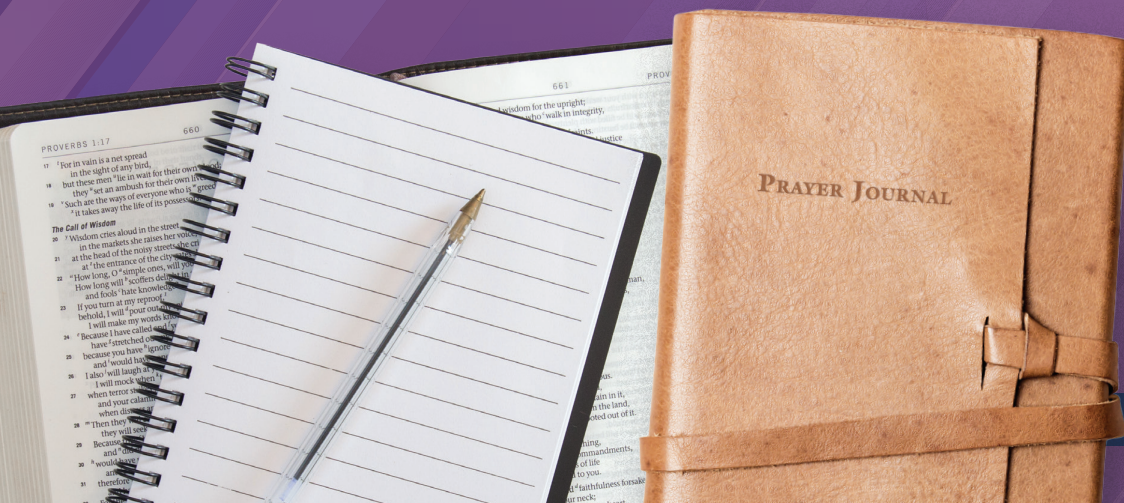
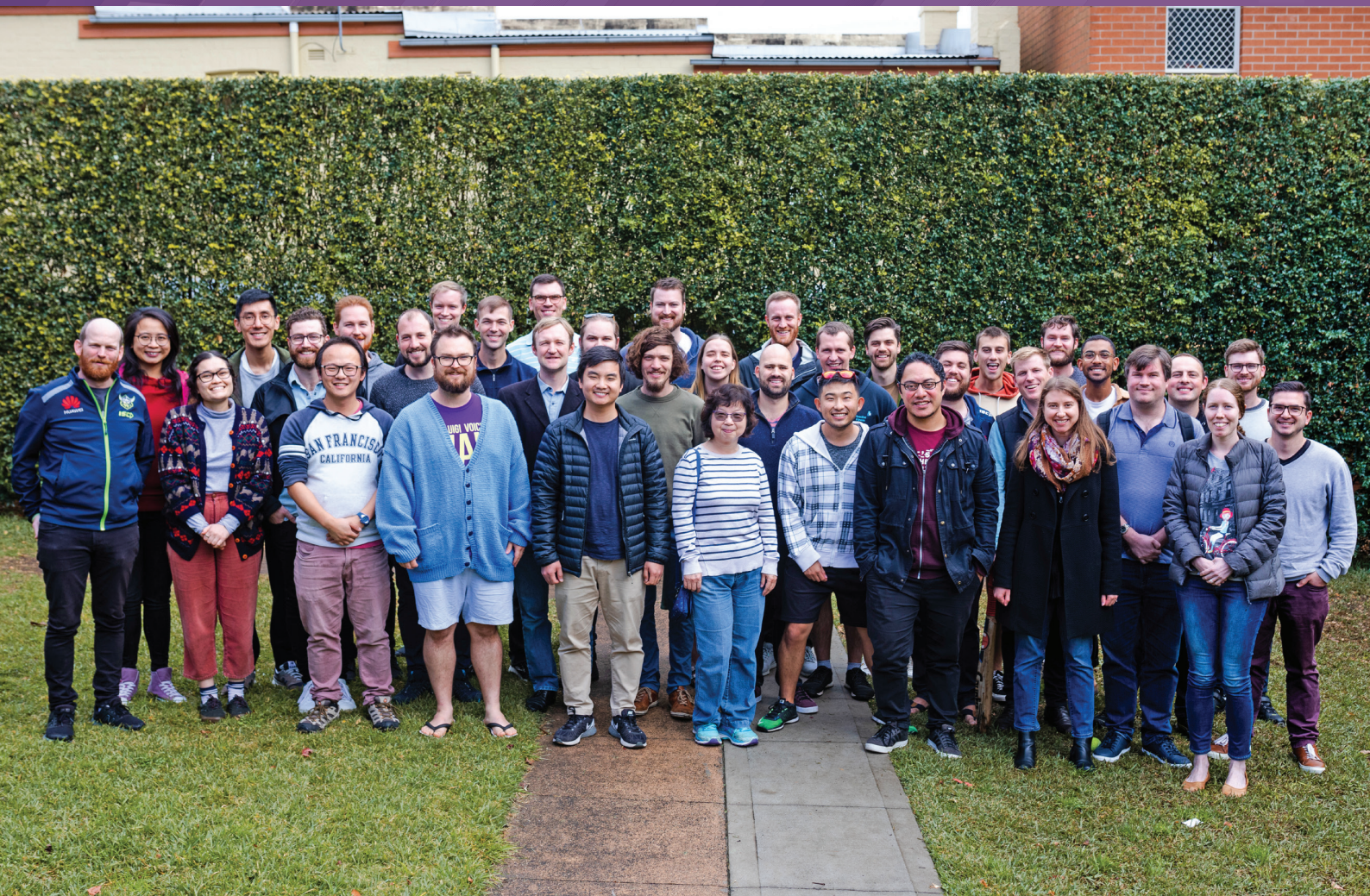
A year later, after putting my trust in Jesus and becoming a Christian, my mum had a stroke which put her into a coma for months and paralysed on one side, and my dad unexpectedly passed away from ill health. I never got a chance to share the gospel with him. These were defining moments that made me realise how fragile life is, the grief of death, and the urgency of the gospel. This was what Christ died for: the forgiveness of sins and the punishment of death.

Through the encouragement of my minister and my peers, with prayerful consideration I began a ministry apprenticeship with church. This was a fruitful and stretching time of appreciating the challenges and joys of gospel ministry. I met my wife, who was also doing a ministry apprenticeship at the same time. I witnessed people moving from death to life, and recognised the deep need for more labourers for the harvest.

After the ministry apprenticeship, my wife and I were encouraged to do further training at Moore College. My minister back in New Zealand was a Moore College graduate from Sydney who moved to plant a church in Auckland. He recognised the desperate need for faithful, Bible-based churches in a country where the churches have largely lost their way.

We admire the commitment Moore College graduates have for upholding the truths of the Bible and the heritage it has for proclaiming the gospel to all nations. Prayerfully, we would love to take this vision and these values back to New Zealand and partner with those striving to see the lost there come to know and love Jesus.

THIRD YEAR





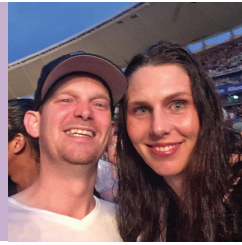
JAMES BOARDMAN

I am married to Charly and we have two sons, Elijah (3) and Joshua (1). We are currently serving at St Peter's Cremorne. Please pray that God would continue to grow us in understanding of how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.



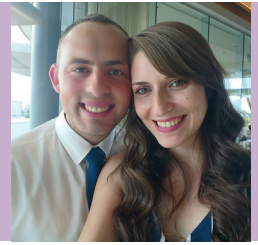
ASHLEIGH BOND

Hi! I'm Ash. I've loved being part of the college community for the last 2 years. Praise God for wonderful classmates, thoughtful lecturers, and the great joy of digging into God's word! Please pray that my love for God and his Word would continue to grow.



ADAM BREASLEY

Meet the Breasley's, Adam, Christyn, Maddy and Kiera. Praise God for his provision through last year and for new friendships in ministry. Praise God that we could experience full-time fellowship and learning on campus again! Pray that God will grow us and our girls through this experience.



ALEXANDER BROWNE

Lavinia and I are excited to be continuing our college journey into third year and starting at Hoxton Park Anglican this year. We pray God would continue to shape and prepare us for future ministry wherever we may be serving.



BRODIE CUTMORE

I'm married to Sharon, and our son is Kingsley. This year we've started serving at St Martin's Killara. We're originally from the mid-north coast, and before College we were involved in uni ministry. But looking back is easier than looking forward; we're still thinking through what the future holds.



SAM DAVIDSON

I'm Sam, married to Mel, and we have three beautiful boys aged 4, 3 and 1. We're thankful that some chronic health issues for our family are manageable enough to be part of the BHG community this year. Please pray God will continue to teach and equip us through College.



RUSSELL DENTEN

Third Year. Half-way. 2nd year at MBM Rooty Hill. Single guy. Pray for wisdom to lead teams, humility to learn well, and strength to serve in another possibly chaotic year.



ADAM FRIEND

My wife, Avril, and I feel wonderfully blessed by our time at College so far. Please pray God would keep growing us in our godliness and love as we serve these next two years at St Stephen's Penrith and continue to look towards cross-cultural ministry in the future.



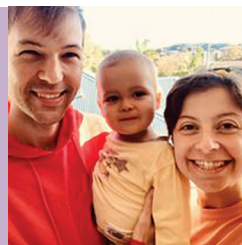
DAN GILLIS

Dan is married to Sarah. Together, they raise Eli (10), Isaac (8), Adina and Georgia (4). Dan is a full-time member of the Army heading towards chaplaincy. Dan is a student minister at St Thomas', Enfield. Pray for discernment, courage, grace within their home, and plenty of Jesus' life-giving truth!



MATTHEW GOLDMAN

I am thankful to continue to learn and grow at college and church in Redfern, being equipped for ministry wherever the Lord might take me.



JOSH GOSCOMBE

Married to Larissa, father to Zion (1) and baby due Aug '21. We are excited about encouraging and equipping parents to disciple their kids. Pray that I'll work hard at doctrine this year, especially the readings, that I might be equipped for a lifetime of ministry.



ED HANNAH

Amelia and I are excited to continue to learn and grow in knowledge of God and love of His people. Please pray that our ministry together and apart, now and always, would be characterised by evangelism and the raising of gospel workers.



MATT HEARNE

I'm married to Chloe and we have a daughter, Elise, who will be 2 in September. Please pray that we will keep growing in our love and knowledge of God and that Elise will grow up with Jesus as her Lord and Saviour!



ALEX HITCHCOCK

God is Good, college has been a wonderful time to dive into the depths of this truth whilst also experiencing it by living and learning in community. My wife Bec and son Isaac are so thankful for God's providence in this time and always.



MIKE HUNTINGTON

Mike is husband of Rach and father of Syl. Together they like to go on walks through Glebe, eat doughnuts (not Syl), and speak about Jesus.



ADAM JOHNSON

My wife Chinzia and I are looking forward to growing in our wisdom and love of Jesus and serving his people during my 3rd year of college. We are also looking forward to growing as a family with our first child coming in September!



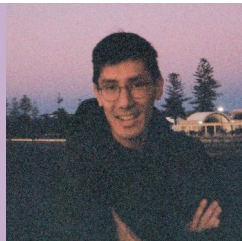
AMANI KAZOGOLO

I am looking forward to a full year ahead at college and church in Clovelly. I am engaged to Em and we are looking excited to getting married later in the year.



EDMUND LEUNG

The Leungs have had two babies born in Sydney (2019, 2021) since moving up from Melbourne. We serve at St Mark's South Hurtsville. Edmund involved in Two Ways Ministries at Moore College. We intend to go back to Melbourne to 'invest in the west' gospel-wise. Edmund, Maggie, Erastus, Gaius, Jane.



JASON LING

The last two years have been a blast. Please pray that I continue remembering my Creator in the days of my youth. Please also pray for wisdom and courage to make godly decisions about ministry life post-college. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to be here at college.



BRAYDON LUCAS

I am married to the amazing Merryn! We are attending Menai Anglican Church, where I have the opportunity to serve as Youth minister. Please pray for us as we continue to pray and think about the ministry path God wants us to take!



ANGUS MARTIN

The Martins are cherishing the opportunity we have to be thoroughly equipped to faithfully handle God's word as we are eager to be proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Saviour to a world that needs him.



TONY NGUYEN

Tony, Yenli and Lukas (2) have moved into New-town accommodation this year—please pray that we would continue to deepen friendships with others. Please pray that God would continue to give us guidance on where He wants us to serve him after college, particularly as we consider overseas mission.



JAMES RIGHETTI

This year Sarah and I are part of a 6pm congregation plant at St Luke's Clovelly. We'd also appreciate prayer for non-Christian friends and family to know Jesus, and wisdom for whether to pursue school chaplaincy immediately after graduating.



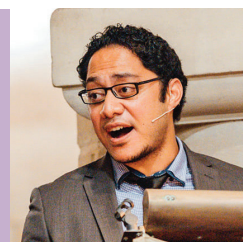
ERINA SAWYER

I'm Erina, married to Dan. I love studying in community and enjoy having people over for meals. This year I'm especially enjoying studying 'Ethics.' Please pray I'll make the most of my last year of study, and pray for Dan as he begins AFES ministry at Macquarie Uni.



STUART SHARRY

Stuart and Yukiho attend the 8:30 and 10:30 services at Church Hill Anglican. Please pray they would grow in their love of Jesus over next two years through both study and church. Please also pray for patience through the difficulty and stress of being unable to see family in Japan.



NETANE SIUHENGALU

It's another year and opportunity to continue enjoying the blessings of studying God's word, Christian fellowship and service. As I serve now at St Marks Pennant Hills, please continue to pray that God would be glorified in it all.



JEREMY SMITH

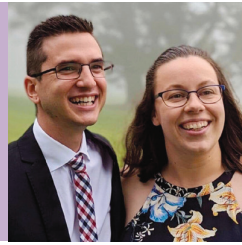
I am married to Felicity in 1st year. We are thankful to be able to study together at Moore this year. We have just started serving at Engadine Heathcote Anglican, and hope to serve Jesus outside of Sydney after College.

**LAURA SMITH**

I am serving the saints at Barneys Broadway, and am enjoying being able to work on projects to do with intergenerational ministry and sexuality, and how these are informed by the scriptures.

**TIM SMITH**

I have moved into college this year! I am thankful that this year I will have more time to spend in the library and with the college community. Please pray that I will use my time effectively this year and prepare well for the coming ministry opportunities I will have.

**DANIEL SPERINCK**

Serving alongside the saints at Church@ThePeak in 2020 was a wonderful time of growth. With God's help Rach and I will continue to disciple the youth towards maturity in Christ, enabling them to one day disciple others also.

**MATT STONES**

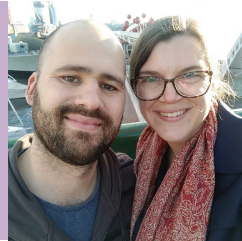
My wife Dee and I, along with Poppy, Boaz and Knox, have loved being a part of the College community over the last two years. God has been teaching us much over our time here. After college we hope to return to country NSW to continue serving the Lord there.

**EVA TANG**

I am married to Howard and we moved into college housing this year. Please pray that we will make the most of this opportunity to grow and develop relationships, while spending our time and energy wisely as we continue with studies, ministries and other responsibilities.

**NED TEUBEN**

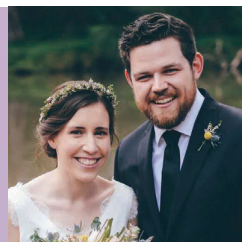
My wife Beth and I are attending West Ryde Anglican for the final two years. I am serving with the youth group and evening church. Please pray for us as we settle into a new church and for God to use us there to make and grow disciples of Christ.

**DAVID THOMPSON**

I'm married to Emma, and we are the parents of Reuben and Paige. I've really enjoyed my first 2 years of collage. Please pray that 3rd year will be as rewarding as the first 2 have been. Also pray for wisdom as we start to think about ministry post college.

**KIM WALKER**

Please pray that in my final year at college I would grow in my love and knowledge of God. Please pray for Reuben and I as we get married at the end of the year. Pray I will trust God with the changes and for wisdom with decision making.

**BRYN WEIGHTMAN**

Pray for Kate and I as we've just become parents this year and have moved church! May God use these changes to shape us to be like his Son. Pray too that we'd use 2021 to decide post-college plans for what ministry we'll join in Melbourne in 2023!

**MING YONG**

Angela and I were sent from New Zealand to be further equipped in gospel ministry. We welcomed little Timothy into the family last year in July! Please pray we will continue to actively engage with the learning and community that God has given us at college and church.

CONTINUING WITH CHRIST AS LORD

ADAM JOHNSON

During my first years of living with Christ as my Saviour and King, I worked in a warehouse that was, for lack of a better word, toxic. It was like everything was being set up to tear me away from Jesus. I had truck drivers trying to tempt me with explicit material. Colleagues who made fun of me and called me silly names when I tried (sometimes less than gracefully) to talk about the Bible. A manager who constantly wanted to make me swear or catch me sinning in some way so he could point out hypocrisy.

So, what got me through that difficult time and continues to strengthen me in the difficulties of study, ministry and living the Christian life? Thankfully, the wonderful brother who God used to call me to Christ had the wisdom to read Colossians 2:6-7 with me very early in my new life. I would love to share these verses with you, whether you are facing hard times or not. Colossians 2:6-7:

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

A little bit of background is needed before we look at these verses. The Apostle Paul is writing to a Christian church in ancient Colossae, which was facing a difficult situation. First of all, Paul himself was in prison for his faith, which already would have caused the church to worry and possibly feel ashamed. The church was also facing false teachers who were altering the gospel. Paul mentions that he rejoices in his sufferings (Col 1:24). He also wants the church to be strengthened and encouraged in the faith so they can identify and resist false teachings (Col 2:4, 8). To remind the church further that they are following the true gospel of God, Paul also earlier informed them that God is indeed powerfully working to save people through it (Col 1:6). It's against this backdrop that Paul writes the above verses encouraging the church to remain in Christ in difficult times. But what is Paul saying in Colossians 2:6-7?

The first thing Paul says is to continue living in the Lord as he was received. How was he received? By hearing the teaching of the gospel. Paul says as much in Colossians 1:7, referring to how the Colossians heard the gospel. That's the best way to remain faithful; to remain in Jesus is to hold on to the gospel. Paul then spends the following few sentences and the letter itself talking about what living in the Lord looks like. First, he says to be





“rooted and built up in him”. This describes what our posture is to be like. The idea here is to be like a building, rooted on a firm foundation that withstands earthquakes, fires, floods and all sorts of other troubles. However, the building’s builder is Christ himself—hence to be “built up in him”. It’s wonderfully comforting to know that Jesus is the one doing the building. The way for us to be built in him is by hearing the gospel, believing it and continuing to hear Jesus’ teaching. But just in case we might think this isn’t that effective, Paul elaborates on this practically.

Paul continues, “strengthened in the faith as you were taught”, doubling down on what it means to remain in Christ. It means holding on to Jesus’ teaching, the Bible’s teaching. Notice the past tense of ‘taught’. This has incredible implications for us. It means that there is no ‘secret to success’ for persevering in the Christian life. There is no secret knowledge for those who are ‘better’ or ‘more important’ or any nonsense like that. What we need for endurance is what we already have, the gospel! We don’t need to find any more encouragement than what has been already given to us. Jesus Christ’s death on the cross to save us and his resurrection from the dead to reign at God’s right hand. In this beautiful gospel, we have the affirmation of God’s love for us; he gave his only begotten son for us! We have the promise of our forgiveness and eternal life promised in our resurrection to come because of his resurrection. This promise of hope is what drives us onwards against everything this world throws at us.

What’s more, Paul further describes our posture and the only natural response we can have to this wonderful gospel. He writes that we are to be “overflowing with thankfulness”. Indeed, we have much to be thankful for in the gospel of Jesus. Yet, the other wonderful thing about the thankfulness we can have because of the gospel is that it is not affected by our current struggles. The gospel is an historical reality of God’s action in the world. It enables us to be thankful even during hard times because we have real hope. This is a significant difference and a helpful practice we can get into when things around us are so hard. To pray in thankfulness for the gospel.

So how do we endure? We cling to the gospel as we were taught in the Bible. We thank God for it because we have so much to be thankful for. By now, I hope you’ve worked out what this really looks like practically. It looks like the ordinary, daily Christian life. Regularly meeting with God’s people. Spending time in his word, the Bible, to remind yourself of what you have been taught. Praying with thankfulness, even during difficult times. Isn’t it excellent that there is no ‘secret to success’? That God has already given us everything we need to endure? I am thankful that I was taught these two verses very early in my walk with Christ. I hope they have been an encouragement to you and words you can remember in the future.

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***My family came to
Australia from Azerbaijan,***

We had no money in Dubai, even though my father started a small business importing computers. We didn't know whether we'd be able to settle down and become citizens. Nevertheless, I started going to school and it

Because we had no money, my mother also had to work as a violin teacher and performer, and it was through her Australian ex-student that the door to Australia opened for us. My father applied for the Skilled Migrant Program because a very generous agent lent us money to pay for the application. My mother's Australian ex-student also very generously offered to let our family stay with them

Now I'm now in my final year at Moore College, and with my wife and daughter, we're hoping to serve in cross-cultural mission to refugees and particularly, those from Muslim backgrounds. Just like I was shown such incredible grace by God through that church family, I want to show grace to others, to love them in word and deed, that they might also know the incredible grace of Jesus like I have.



FOURTH YEAR





JESS ANDERSON

Zac and I are having a baby in September! Please pray for our little one, for God's help as I attempt to finish 4th year this year, and for wisdom for how to use the great training I've received at Moore to serve God long-term.



TIM ASH

Naomi, Elliana and I have spent this year back at our home church in Camden. I'm spending my time focusing on preaching and working in ministry focused on young adults and families. We are excited for the opportunities in our future, but pray for direction as we look forward.



ELLE RAE BRYCE

I am incredibly thankful to God for my time here at Moore College. As I prepare to graduate, I praise God for how He has challenged, encouraged, and matured me over these last 4 years. I pray to go from here and serve university students in a country where Jesus' name is not yet famous.



LAURIE CARLETON

Bec and I are looking forward to the opportunity to study at College for another year, as well as how God will use us in ministry after college.



MATT CARMODY

Elizabeth and I are serving at Newtown Erskineville anglican church this year and It's been a blessing to be part of a Bible study this year. We are loving college atm, and would appreciate prayer for knowledge of where we can best serve God next year.



JOEY CHENG

Pray that in our final year at College and Vine Church that God will foster in Mary, Joshua, and I a deeper love for Jesus. Pray that I would grow in humility as I follow Jesus and have an increasing confidence in God's word to do the work of bringing people to salvation.



RUSDYAN COCKS

College has been a blast over the past few years! I am so thankful for the privilege it has been to spend this time growing in my love of Jesus. Still churching at Northbridge. Still living at Chappo. And still serving the Lord Jesus and His church until he returns.



RHYS EWING

Chloe and I are excited for our last year with college. Please pray for us that we could make the most of this final year and plan well for a future of ministry, hopefully on a rural NSW university campus.



MICHAEL FIGUEIRA

My wife Louise and I have our first baby joining us this year; a little girl! We are currently at St James Croydon for church. I am looking forward to consolidating my learning at college before ordination and parish ministry in Sydney.



MATT GOODMAN

I'm excited for fourth year, deeper study and another year with my cohort. I'm also excited to go out and proclaim the gospel while equipping and encouraging God's people. Please pray that my wife and I prepare well for future ministry and savour our last year while raising our two daughters.



PAUL GRAHAM

Alistair was born in 2020, and Sophie and I have loved learning to be parents. I've been really thankful for my time studying here, and to serve at Yagoona Anglican this year, but am also so looking forward to being freed up to give myself fully to gospel ministry next year.



ERIC HAN

Pray that God would refine us for the good works he has prepared for us. Pray that we might make faithful decisions for next year.



BEN HARRIS

My wife Sophie and I are excited about one more year at college. We'd love prayer for direction after college, for diligence in study, and to grow in love and gospel conviction that Jesus is king and the local church is at the heart of how God is at work in this world.



EVAN HARRIS

Please pray for Usain Bolt-like energy coming to the home stretch of college, for love for my family, and for growth in Christ-likeness. Pray that wherever Eliza, Asher and I go next year will be for God's glory.



JAISION JACOB

I'm Jaision and I'll be in 4th year in 2021. Please pray that God would use this last year at college to grow me in humility and faithfulness to serve God's people. Pray also that my love and appreciation for God and his Word would grow more throughout this year.



BEN KO

I'm so thankful to God for one more year to study the Scriptures and have them shape me to be more like Jesus. Please pray that I make the most of my time left, and that Katrina and I would have wisdom as we prayer-fully consider where God might have us serve him.



GORDON LUK

We are so grateful for the training we have received at Moore College and would love your prayers that we would, as a family, serve the Lord humbly, proclaiming the riches of His gospel so that Christ is glorified.



ANDREW MARRETT

Finishing up with 4th year college and St James Berala in 2021 before Lucy and I (+1!) are released into the big wide world. Pray for humility to keep learning, zeal for mission to keep burning, and that our love for Jesus will keep growing wherever we end up.



JESSE MORRISON

Studying at College has grown Jesse and Amy's love of God, serving in Fairfield has taught us the richness of church family (and bubble tea) and living in Newtown means our kids prefer sushi over pizza... Please pray we would serve Christ boldly in Sydney in the years to come.



PHILL MORROW

We are excited to head off into the sunset after College into regional Australia! Hoping to see many people become Christians. Please pray that God would sustain us this year and into the next part of our lives serving him! Maybe you should join us?



NICK O'NEIL

I'm Nick, married to Elissa, with 2 boys, Sammy (2) and Finn (0). We're serving at Holy Trinity Kingsford, as part of the youth ministry. Please pray for one friend to come to Christ, and for me as I study New Testament, Hermeneutics and 'Weakness' in 2 Corinthians.



VANESSA ONG

I've been humbled by all that needs to be learnt. Am thankful and privileged to be here in Moore! Please pray for generous giving as Christ Evangelical Reformed Church Malaysia collect funds to send another international student to Moore in 2022!



BEN PANTLIN

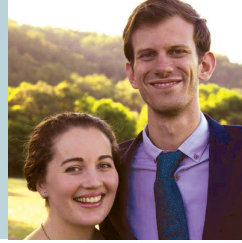
After 6 years at MTC, I will be sad to leave. Kimjeng and I have learned so much and have made some great friends. Please pray as we become parents and as we think about how we can continue to be servants of Christ and his church.

**BECKI PHILIP**

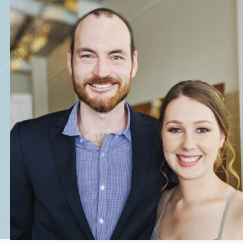
I'm continuing to enjoy the privilege of studying and looking forward to seeing how God might use it in the years to come. Pray for wisdom and discernment as Ajay (husband) and I consider what's next.

**SARAH ROOTES**

Give thanks for another year of learning! I am finding the content of 4th year subjects fantastic. Please pray with me for the future and wisdom as I seek a position that will be a good fit to use my gifts in ministry.

**ANDY RUSSELL**

Please join me in thanking God for Moore College and pray that I would suck as many blessings out of fourth year as humanly possible! Pray that I work hard, read patiently and learn humbly. Please pray that my family communicate often and honestly.

**TIM SCOULAR**

Please pray that I would be eager to learn to the end of college and beyond. Ask God that he would give Lauren and I direction as we consider different options of serving the kingdom in the future.

**RYAN VERGHESE**

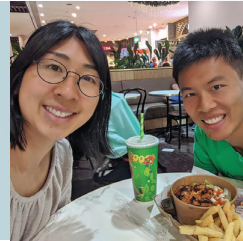
Ryan, married to Lynne, father of Alisha (3) and John (1). It's been a great delight to set apart these four years to study God's Word! We are approved for cross-cultural ministry to serve in long-term ministry overseas! We hope to board a flight at the start of 2023.

**SCOTT WILLIAMS**

This year Britt and I are at Riverwood Punchbowl Anglican Church where I'm working with newcomers and a growth group. I'm looking forward to all things college and church, and I'm looking ahead to what God has in store for us in 2021 and beyond. Can't wait. Thanks for praying!

**MICHAEL WOO**

Thankful for the 4 years at Moore. Please pray for wisdom, humility and dependence as we (myself, my wife, Eunice and our 1yo daughter, Elizabeth) prepare to head back and serve in Malaysia long term, particularly as we work out details.

**AARON YAP**

I'm married to Ada and we have a young son, Samuel. I've taken up a new student ministry position with the EU. Pray that we would be loving parents and patient with one another, for wisdom and direction in deciding what to do after college life, and for continued personal evangelism opportunities.

**FARAJ YUSUFOV**

My wife Emily and I are currently living at the ButHarGra college community and are looking forward to the birth of our second daughter in May. Please pray for us as we think through what ministry opportunities we should follow for 2022 and that we trust God in the process.

**MITCHELL ZINSLI**

I'm married to Sally and father of Nathan, Ben and Daniel. Please pray that God would guide us as we discern his plan for our family into the future.



COURAGE IN LIGHT OF THE BIG PICTURE

A lesson from Missional Failure

ELLE RAE BRYCE

Everyone has a different image that pops into their head when they hear the word 'missionary'. For me, that picture often looks like a hardy, weathered person, dusty from the toil of travelling to some distant village, having overcome all manner of physical and spiritual danger to share the gospel.

But what if you're not quite as adventurous as that? What if the idea of jumping on a plane and landing in a foreign land fills you with dread? What if you feel like you would so easily fail in the face of all the unfamiliar challenges of a new context?

I sometimes wonder at my own capacity to deal with the unique challenges and stresses of ministry life. In these moments I have found it helpful to reflect on the fact that mission is never about me. The biblical picture of mission is so much bigger. There are many passages I could point to in the Bible which reveal this to us, not to mention the entire scope of biblical

theological narrative, in which God has always been the one to reach into the world and raise up for himself people to trust and obey him. This is all the more evident in the reality of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself to humbly die on a cross (Phil 2:6-8). The bigger reality of mission is that it began before I was born, even before the foundations of the world were created (Eph 1:3-10). And it will continue unceasingly after I die, until the end of time as we know it, when a great multitude of people from all tribes and nations are gathered up at the throne of God (Rev 7:9-10).

One story which helps ground these reflections for me is that of Dr. Karl Gutzlaff, who was a German medical missionary and evangelist to China in the mid-19th century. He made seven missionary journeys by boat around the Chinese coast, adopting local attire and language to serve the people. He hired about 130 local converts to help him in the task of evangelism, giving them gospel tracts to distribute and sending them inland to where he could not go himself. These workers reported multitudes of converts, proclaiming that China was indeed ripe for the harvest.

But disaster struck when it eventually came to light that an overwhelming percentage of Gutzlaff's workers were thieving from him, reselling the tracts he provided back to him via the printers and fabricating their reports of inland conversions. Gutzlaff was absolutely crushed by this shocking news and died soon after its revelation, his spirit and body withered. He died believing that all his missionary efforts were a complete failure.

However, he never knew that as he strained to convert and train believers in China, a young English man named James Hudson Taylor was studying his missionary efforts via published reports in a missionary magazine, *The Chinese and General Missionary Gleaner*. This young man was deeply inspired by the missional creativity of Gutzlaff, having developed a heart for China





himself. Hudson Taylor became involved with the Chinese Evangelization Society, the publishers of *The Gleaner*, and it was through these influences that he would later set out to China as a missionary himself in 1853. Young Taylor would eventually go on to establish the China Inland Mission and profoundly impact Protestant mission in China, the legacy of which remains to this day through the continued work of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

Though Gutzlaff's ministry ended in heartache and apparent failure, little did he know that his ministry was influencing a young man whose work would continue his mission to China. Hudson Taylor later gave tribute to Gutzlaff as the "grandfather of the China Inland Mission."

Gutzlaff's ministry may have failed according to his own hopes and plans. However, where he died another was raised in his place. With the benefit of historical hindsight, it is clear to us that God was doing bigger things for mission in China than Gutzlaff could have expected or imagined. God continued the mission by raising and sending other men and women despite the unfortunate end to Gutzlaff's ministry.

This reminds me of Paul's approach to mission in Corinth. In the first two chapters of 1 Corinthians, Paul explored the concepts of wisdom and folly, strength and weakness. He entered ministry in Corinth keenly aware of his weak and lowly status, and how the gospel would be seen by many as foolish and weak. However, he knew that his ministry, and the resulting faith of the church, did not depend on his or any man's wisdom; only on the power of God (1 Cor 2:5). Gutzlaff's mission is an illustration of this, as his weakness was exposed in the end; yet God, in his power and mercy, continued mission to China through raising up others in his stead—those who were inspired by and able to build on the groundwork which Gutzlaff laid. That was the bigger picture of 19th century Protestant mission in China, which Gutzlaff did not know and never saw.

Reflecting on this bigger picture gives me courage to face the unknown challenges of a new context, wherever that might be. Mission is not about me. It is not about you. God has, is and will raise up workers for the harvest field. We do not have a God's-eye view of mission, but we know through the shape of the Scriptures in biblical theology, through Paul's teaching, and through centuries of Christian mission, that God is working powerfully to bring people to himself. This wonderful truth frees me up to be courageous and enter the unknown because I know that God is at work in the big picture. He is at work in me, in my fellow Moore College classmates, and in the next generation who are being raised up after us to continue doing the work under God's sovereign grace.

Elle Rae Bryce is one of the Senior Students, along with Jaison Jacob, Jesse Morrison, Sarah Rootes, Jessica Anderson, and Phillip Morrow.



FACULTY AND CHAPLAINS



MARK THOMPSON

Mark Thompson is the Principal of Moore College and teaches in the area of Christian Doctrine. He is currently writing a book on the person of Christ. He is married to Kathryn and they have four daughters: Elizabeth, Anna, Rachel and Mary.



SIMON GILLHAM

Simon and Margie have two adult children, Maddie and Noah. They served as missionaries in Namibia before coming to Moore in 2016. Simon teaches Mission and Ministry subjects at College, and Margie works raising up missionaries for CMS. They enjoy time with family and friends, sailing and riding their motorbike together.



GEORGE ATHAS

George is married to Koula, and they have two daughters, Hosanna and Josephine. George has been on faculty since 2006. He teaches in the Old Testament department, and is the Director of Research. He loves helping people know God by understanding the Bible. He also enjoys history, archaeology, good coffee, and Formula One.



COLIN BALE

Colin is the Senior Fellow. He is married to Gillian and they have three adult children—Robert, Elizabeth and Edmund. Colin teaches in Church History. Research interests are Grief in Australia Caused by World War II, and the Inter-War Period of Sydney Anglicanism. Colin enjoys time with the family, reading, classical music concerts, dog agility training (Australian Shepherds), and cycling.



CHRIS CONYERS

Chris is married to Susan, and they have five children aged 11 and under. They are part of St Matts Anglican Church in Ashbury. Chris joined the faculty this year, teaching Greek and New Testament, and recently completed his PhD on Romans. He is enjoying spending time with Moore's students and also enjoys cricket, board games, reading fantasy, and spending time with the kids.



MARK EARNGEY

Mark is married to the indefatigable Tanya, and they have four young and energetic children: Grace (8), Simeon (7), Sophia (5), and Zoe (1). The Earngey family worship weekly at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Canterbury, holiday annually anywhere north of Sydney, and recreate really well with Bluey (kids) and Blue Cheese (parents).



PAUL GRIMMOND

Paul loves his job as Dean of Students and enjoys lecturing students in Ministry and Mission. He is married to Cathy and has 3 fantastic kids and a wonderful new son-in-law. He loves working with students to develop self-awareness and relationship skills through intentional ministry reflection and he's thrilled to be studying expository preaching and thinking about how to do application better.



DAVID HÖHNE

The Höhnes have been part of the Moore College community since before the iPhone, attending Newtown/Erskenville Anglican church. David serves as the Academic Dean and teaches theology and philosophy. Amelia serves in Anglicare ministry in the Northern Region of Sydney supporting ESL ministries in local parishes. As a family we enjoy telling stories and long conversations around the dinner table.



PHILIP KERN

Philip and Amy, married in 1984, have four children, Alexandra, Philip Stephen, Eliot and James. They attend Abbotsford Presbyterian Church. Philip came to Moore in 1998 to teach New Testament. Current research interests include Galatians, Christology, and the patriarchal narratives.



CHASE KUHN

Chase is married to Amy, and they have four children. He lectures in Christian Doctrine and Ethics, and is the Director of the Centre for Christian Living. With his family, he enjoys listening to music and going fishing. They are members of St Thomas' Anglican Church, North Sydney.



ANDREW LESLIE

Andrew is married to Felicity with three children, William, Tessa, and Hugh. He lectures in Christian doctrine. Andrew loves spending time with his wife, kids and friends. He enjoys Bach, Brahms, and Mahler, the poetry of Eliot and Manley Hopkins, as well as cooking, exercise, gardening, and rest. On Sundays his family attend All Saints' Petersham.



PETER ORR

Peter is married to Emma and they have four sons, Ben, Ollie, Jonny and Daniel. Originally from Northern Ireland, he joined the faculty in 2014. He teaches the New Testament and is thankful for the privilege of time in class reading God's Word. Peter enjoys spending time with family and partaking in lunch-time cricket at college. Peter and his family attend church at All Saints, Petersham.



ARCHIE POULOS

Archie is married to Ainsley and they have three children, Georgia (married to Ben), Zoe and Archie. Archie has the joy of teaching in the Ministry Department and is currently formalising his lifelong research in developing clergy competency. He doesn't have any passionate hobbies apart from learning about anything he observes. He loves helping out in cross-cultural ministries.



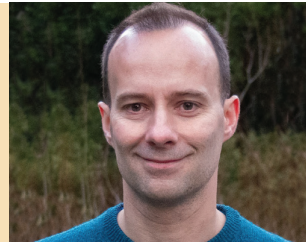
ANDREW SHEAD

Between teaching, which he never tires of, Andrew spends time with his students, preaches, and writes on the Old Testament. He is excited about the richness of the Old Testament as a source for Christian theology. Andrew is married to Jean. They have three children who fill their lives with excellent conversation.



TARA STENHOUSE

Tara serves in the Ministry Department, team teaching Advanced Diploma and Degree units. She's also the Dean of Women, overseeing the pastoral care of the female students (alongside 13 part-time chaplains), women's chapel, and the female residential community. She and Ian love relaxing down south at Jervis Bay, as well as being part of All Saints' Anglican Church in Nowra.



CHRIS THOMSON

Chris is from the UK and started following Jesus as a student. He worked in ministry at St Helen's, Bishopsgate before studying theology at Oak Hill and Cambridge. Chris moved to Moore in 2016 to teach Old Testament. His research focuses on linguistic misunderstandings in biblical interpretation, especially in relation to sin and righteousness. He belongs to Church By the Bridge in Kirribilli.



WILL TIMMINS

Will is married to Lizzy and teaches in the New Testament department. Originally from the UK, he has spent time both as a pastor and a lecturer. Early on in his Christian life he was attracted to Paul's letters, especially Romans, which continues to be his focus. He enjoys music, rugby, cricket, and the natural world.



JANE TOOHER

Jane lectures in Ministry, Church History, and is the Director of the Priscilla & Aquila Centre and lives in Newtown. She loves walking, movies and spending time with family and friends. Jane is a member of All Saints' Petersham.



PAUL WILLIAMSON

Paul and Karen have two adult sons, Matthew and Andrew. Paul has taught Old Testament at Moore since 2001. He is currently working on commentaries on Exodus and Ezekiel. Recreationally, Karen and Paul enjoy seaside walks and basketball.



LIONEL WINDSOR

Lionel is married to Bronwyn and they have three children, Adelaide, Harry and Eleanor. Lionel has been lecturing in New Testament and Greek since 2015. Lionel loves seeing people grow in joy and confidence in understanding God's word and speaking it to others.



DAN WU

Dan is married to Chrissie and they have three sons, Liam, Archie and Harry. On the faculty since 2013, Dan teaches in Old Testament and Biblical Languages. His research explored the relationship of honour, shame and guilt in Ezekiel. Dan also loves fishing, all footy and basketball.

FACULTY AND CHAPLAINS



SARAH BALOGH

Sarah is a wife, mother, friend, psychologist, music and flower appreciator. She and her husband Akos have always enjoyed working as a team in ministry, both for AFES and more recently through Akos' current position as CEO of The Gospel Coalition Australia. Sarah is extremely excited about serving the students of Moore College.



ALISON BLAKE

With my husband Michael, I've had the joy of raising our 2 children and serving in local Anglican church ministry in south west Sydney for 26 years, primarily among women and children, in hospitality, and supporting ministry wives. It's now a privilege to be members of Fairy Meadow Anglican Church and to serve students at Moore preparing for gospel ministry.



MICHAEL BLAKE

The Lord brought me to Christ when I was 22 while reading the Bible. After a Chemistry degree, 2 years in the UK, MTS at UNSW I married Alison. After College we served at All Saints' Tregear, then at St Matthew's Milperra (with Holy Trinity Panania), then 20 years at Narellan. I am now serving as a Chaplain and providing Pastoral Supervision for Ministers.



LOUISE CUNNINGHAM

Louise has enjoyed leading youth, student and church ministry over the years with a particular focus on pastoring women and mentoring women in ministry. She is excited to be involved in the chaplaincy program at a college that loves and serves men and women, training them for ministry. She is married to Roger, the Senior Minister at Emu Plains Anglican and they have three young adult sons and a daughter-in-law.



CATE HONG

Cate serves together with her husband Elvin at Australian Asian Church. They have 4 children and seek to raise them up to follow Jesus. Cate has always had an interest in sharing Jesus with people from other cultures. She enjoys proclaiming Jesus to children and youth and encouraging women in living a life of service for Jesus.



ANNA HU

Anna is married to Tim and they have 2 school-aged children. Since College she has served in a university team as a women's trainer, in motherhood and in various ministries with Tim. She is thankful for being able to spend time again at College sharing in the challenges and encouragements of ministry with the students.



ISOBEL LIN

Isobel is married to Peter, the bishop of the Georges River region in Sydney. They have three daughters. Isobel is encouraged by the next generation of gospel workers, and counts it a privilege to play a small part in their preparations for ministry. Isobel chairs the EQUIP Women's Conference. Pray that she'll continue to share Jesus in all that she does.



JOCelyn LOANE

Jocelyn is married to Ed, who was on faculty from 2014-2019. She is delighted to be back in the college community as a chaplain in 2021. They have 5 kids and are part of the church at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican.

CHAPLAINS



SARAH SEABROOK

Sarah delights in her role as Chaplain and considers it a joy to be with these Christian women and men as they work out their calling to serve Jesus. She works part time for Evangelism and New Churches (ENC) in their Evangelism arm, training and speaking evangelistically. She is married to Alistair who is the Senior Minister at Dundas Telopea Anglican where they serve alongside wonderful faithful saints with their 3 (quickly growing up!) children. Thank you for your prayers for God's work and glory.



RUTH SHEATH

Ruth, and her husband David, love serving as part of The Lakes Evangelical Church which they planted on the Central Coast 18 years ago. She enjoys encouraging, coaching and supervising people in following Jesus and serving him, and has found being involved as a Chaplain at Moore a great encouragement. Ruth loves spending time with her 3 adult children and 2 daughters-in-law and going for walks on the beach.



WENDY SWANTON

Wendy works in Two Ways Ministries as Operations Manager. Please pray for the work of TWM training students and young adults in evangelism. She and her husband Philip Swanton are involved at St Thomas' North Sydney.



JULIA WILLIAMS

This is my 8th year of Chaplaincy at College and it's such a joy to work with the students as we live and learn together. Over the years I've been mothering and ministering in university and church contexts around the inner west. Now I spend a good part of my week working with the team at Anglican Aid, helping churches overseas support their communities.



JOAN YOUNG

For most of her adult life, Joan has served in church and Bible college-based ministries. Her happiest moments are when she is focused on teaching the Bible, meeting one on one, and mentoring others seeking to follow Christ. She lives with her husband Warwick in a high rise apartment in Sydney's inner west. They are members of St James, Croydon.



THE COURAGE OF LADY JANE GREY

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INTRODUCTION

The story of Lady Jane Grey (1537-1554) is one of the great Tudor tales. It is a story about how a seventeen-year-old rose to become Queen of England, and how twelve days later, an axe severed her head from her body in the Tower of London. If courage can be defined as a firmness of mind in the face of danger, then at its heart, it is a story about courage.

But it is a story about a particular kind of courage. You see, this courage was more earthy than the legendary courage of King Arthur. It was more noble than the courage cultivated from the then fashionable Isocrates, *Orationes*. It was more humble than the then recently recovered courageous histories of the Greeks and Romans. It was a courage grounded upon the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me tell her story in miniature, focused upon her courage to know Christ, serve Christ, and proclaim Christ.

COURAGE TO KNOW CHRIST

Jane was born into the evangelical Grey family. However, she was also born into turbulent times. In 1534, Henry VIII brought about his great ecclesiastical Brexit, but by 1547 he was dead, and his son Edward VI was enthroned. In the same year, Jane Grey went to live with Henry's widow, Katherine Parr. Being a long-time evangelical married to a traditionalist king (whose beliefs could almost be described as non-papal Catholicism), Parr had learned the art of holding fast to the teaching of Scripture despite challenging circumstances. Thus, from a young age, Lady Jane was connected by kith and kin to courageous Christians.

Jane Grey's deep desire to know Christ may be seen in her dedication to learning. In fact, she was not only among the five percent of women who were literate in her day, but she was also one of the most prodigious. She was trained by some of the great evangelical minds, and dedicated herself to the study of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew. Indeed, she was so determined to know Christ that she struck up a distance tutoring arrangement with the premier reformer of her day, Zürich's Heinrich Bullinger:

When I consider my age, sex, moderate attainments in literature, and I may add, my infancy, I am deterred from writing; but when I consider the eminence of your virtues, the celebrity of your character, and the magnitude of your favours towards me, the first consideration yields to the last.

Her courageous correspondence with Bullinger for language tutoring paid off, and we can observe Lady Jane's love for the Bible throughout the rest of her short life. For instance, just before her death, she passed her Greek New Testament onto her sister, with an exhortatory note which included the following:

I have here sent you, my dear sister Katherine, a book, which although it be not outwardly trimmed with gold, or the curious embroidery of the artfulest needles, yet inwardly it is more worth than all the precious mines which the vast world can boast of: it is the book, my only best, and best loved sister, of the law of the Lord.

COURAGE TO SERVE CHRIST

We cannot trouble ourselves here with the details about how Jane Grey became Queen. But it was messy. As a teenage woman, she was thrust upon the throne through the conspiracy and contrivance of powerful men. “The crown is not my right and pleases me not,” she initially insisted, “the Lady Mary is the rightful heir.” But through tears and with intense pressure, her will gave way.

Jane’s twelve-day rule of England was doomed almost as soon as it started. Those who brought her into the Tower of London and gathered as her Privy Council defected and dispersed shortly thereafter. Yet, even while disaster loomed, Jane ministered to various prisoners in the Tower, hearing their cases, and granting pardons and clemency to the political prisoners, both Protestant and Catholic. Surrounded by cowardly injustice, she demonstrated courageous justice.

But at the end of the day, Queen Jane’s realm did not know her, and nor did they want her. They wanted Mary Tudor (who would later earn the title ‘Bloody Mary’) and Jane knew that they were legally right to do so. Later, she wrote a letter to her father—one of the architects of the accession—in which she acknowledged the Lord’s hand in it all:

Father, although it hath pleased God to hasten my death by you, by whom my life should rather have been lengthened, yet I can so patiently take it, that I yield God more hearty thanks for shortening my woeful days, than if all the world had been given into my possession, with life lengthened at my own will.

COURAGE TO PROCLAIM CHRIST

Whereas the Tower of London was Jane’s headquarters when enthroned, the Tower became her prison when dethroned. It was depressing, cold, and isolated. Nonetheless, she was in illustrious company, with Thomas Cranmer, Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, and various other incarcerated evangelicals held elsewhere in the Tower complex.

Yet as her situation grew bleaker, her courageous faith grew stronger still. On one occasion, she wrote to a former family chaplain who renounced the biblical faith and returned to Roman Catholicism. After articulating the seriousness of idolatry, she exhorted him, “be not ashamed to say with the publican, Lord be merciful unto me a sinner.”

On another occasion, Jane was visited by the Benedictine monk John Feckenham who sought to convert her to Roman Catholicism. Her defence of the doctrines of justification by faith alone, the Lord’s Supper, and

Baptism were so strong that the reformers afterwards published her theological debate with the seasoned theologian. “I ground my faith upon God’s word,” she defiantly declared, “and not upon the church.”

On 12 February 1554, Jane was led outside to the scaffold for her execution. She held her prayerbook and prayed as others cried around her. “I pray you all to bear me witness,” she said to the crowd, “that I here die a true Christian woman, and that I trust to be saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, and by no other means.” Then she knelt to pray, took off her gloves and outer clothing, asked the axeman to “dispatch me quickly”, and as she put her head upon the block, cried out “Lord, into thy hands I commend my spirit!”

A COURAGEOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE

What brought vitality to Lady Jane Grey’s courage was her conviction concerning Christ Jesus. Shortly before her death, Jane penned the following words which illuminate her courage to know, serve, and proclaim Christ. May they do the same for us.

*Be constant, be constant, fear not for pain:
Christ hath redeemed thee, and heaven is thy gain.*





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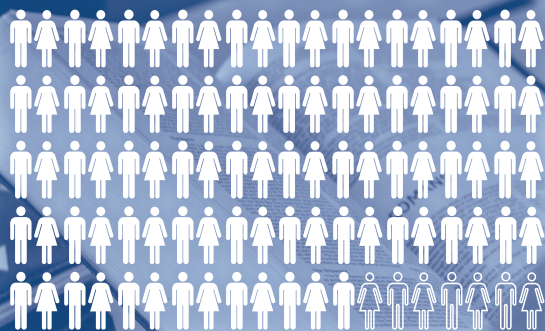
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