



June - August  
2016

## Prayer Bulletin

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Among the blessings we receive as Christian people, and one which I suspect we skip over in our rush to speak about the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, is the enormous privilege of knowing God. To know the one true living God — much more than just knowing information about him — is a unique privilege. That relationship shapes life in the present and will shape life in the future he has planned for us.

In his great final prayer of John 17, Jesus spoke about knowing God as the true meaning of eternal life. 'This is eternal life', he prayed, 'that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent' (v. 3). This is the eternal life Jesus came to give to all who had been given to him by his Father. How much store do we put on the knowledge of God, on knowing God and making him known? Eternal life is not first and foremost about the duration of life, it is about the direction of life, its orientation, and that orientation is towards relationship with the God who created all things and reaches out to his creatures in Christ.

Moore College exists to enable people who know God to make him known. We want our students to grow in their knowledge of God, once again not purely in terms of facts known but in the relationship of knowing this supreme person, and to be equipped to share that knowledge with others. Our prayers, our resources, our efforts — all that we are as a College is directed to that end. We want to see men and women all over the world rejoicing in eternal life — life with the Father made possible by the Son in the Spirit. We proclaim Christ Jesus to all who will hear because only through him will they come to know God. Thank you for praying with us as we seek to be faithful in this wonderful task.

As I write this, our students are preparing to go out on the annual College missions. This is a wonderful opportunity to do the very thing we are all about. Teams will go out to parishes across the city, to rural New South Wales and even interstate, to share in the evangelistic mission of parishes and other Christian organisations. By the time you receive this newsletter those missions will be over but the task of following up contacts made will be in full swing. Would you particularly pray that many will come to know God through the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ? Would you also pray that they might be knit into Christian fellowships where they can grow in the knowledge of God and themselves, and learn to share that knowledge with others?

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel.

*Mark Thompson*

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## Focus for June

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

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## Week 1: Wednesday, 1 June – Sunday, 5 June

- **Mission: Darwin:** Thank God for the opportunities the team enjoyed in numerous churches in and around Darwin, on campus at Charles Darwin University, Scripture in schools, youth ministry and ministry among the homeless. Pray that Christians in the Northern Territory will be bold for the sake of the lost, as they continue to speak the good news of life in Jesus Christ.
- Term 2 begins for the **Moore Distance PTC course and ITS course (30 May)**. Pray for the office staff as they process the enrolments and distribute notes to the students. Pray that the students will grow in their knowledge and love of God through their studies.
- **Mission: Forestville:** Praise God for the evangelistic fervour of the saints (from 5 through to 85 years old!) at St David's, Forestville and Christ Church Northern Beaches. Give thanks that we were able to partner with them. Ask that God will use this mission week to spur on and excite these churches for the mission they are already undertaking.
- **Priscilla & Aquila Centre:** Give thanks for the **P&A evening seminar held on May 31 with Prof Thomas Schreiner** from the USA who spoke on 'What the Bible says about women in ministry'. Thank God for all the careful work Tom has done in writing, lecturing, and preaching, especially on the New Testament, over many years, and the way that has benefited the church. Thank God for his Spirit being at work in Tom's life which is seen in many ways including Tom's humility, his willingness to learn from other Christian brothers and sisters, his confidence in God's goodness and God's word, and Tom's graciousness in the way he relates to others. Please pray that the fruit of that night will be evident in the lives of the men and women who came.
- **Andrew and Claire Williams (Year 2, p15)** Give thanks for better structuring and organising of our time this year. Pray that I would use this good structure to do productive study when study time is allocated.

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

- **Mission: Lithgow:** Thank God for all he enabled us to do during the week of mission, and for the partnership we enjoyed with Lithgow Anglican Church. Pray that the words of the gospel that people heard would bring them to new life in Christ.
- **Sam & Shan-Shan Chrisp (Year 3, p23)** Give thanks for recent time spent with family members. Pray for us to be godly as we struggle with tiredness and wait for the mid-year holidays.
- **Stuvac (13-16 June)** Pray that students will be able to focus well during this week of study in the lead up to exams.
- Give thanks for the **Moore Distance Graduation**, which was held on 27 May. Pray for the graduates that they will continue to grow in their love and knowledge of God and that they will go on serving the Lord wherever they are.
- **Jeremy & Mim Morris (Year 3, p25)** Our 3 year old nephew has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Please pray for our family as we support him and his parents. It's a difficult time. Also please pray for us as we make church decisions for next year.
- Give thanks for the work of the **Moore Distance Department**, with students in more than 50 countries around the world. Please pray for **Chase Kuhn** who has taken up the role of Director of Moore College Distance.

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

- **Mission: Northmead:** Thank God for a great week of gospel partnership with the ministry team and the many committed people at Northmead. Please pray that those who expressed an interest in Christianity Explored will follow through with it, and in so doing, come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.
- **Mission: Jannali:** Please thank God for the faithfulness of Jannali Anglican in proclaiming the gospel to those around them. Please pray that guests of the newly launched Christianity Explored groups will return and respond to the gospel. Please pray for the church as they follow up the many contacts reached through door-knocking and events run throughout mission week.
- **Robbie & Jemima Nichols (Year 1)** Praise God for all the opportunities to spread the gospel as students at Moore College. Please pray that we, as newlywed first year students, would strike up a good balance of managing our needs and priorities.
- **Semester 1 Exams (17-24 June)** Pray that the students will be able to recall all they have learnt and will not be anxious. Pray too that through preparing for the exams they might know God better and be better prepared for their future ministry.
- **Moore Distance Evening Course exams (21 June)** Pray for the students as they prepare for, and sit the exams.

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

- **Mission: Redfern/Green Square:** Give thanks for the new members attending these congregations. Pray that God would change the hearts of unbelievers as they hear the message that Jesus is Lord.
- **Mission: Townsville:** Give thanks for the faithful gospel work done by Ross River Anglican Church and the AFES group in Townsville. Give thanks for the opportunities that the mission team had to partner with local saints for the week of mission. Please pray for more Christians to commit to living in Townsville long-term and making Jesus known. Please pray for a number of people on the fringes of the church family to commit to Christ.
- **Peter & Rebecca Hynes (Year 2, p11)** Give thanks for the monthly French Service at our church (Newtown Baptist), and the French contacts we have made recently. Pray for wisdom for Peter as he visits a church in New Caledonia during the winter break.
- **Nick & Danae (née Bjorem) Woodward (Year 2, p15 & p9)** We got married in April; we would appreciate prayer that we would continue to adjust to this big life change, and that we would use our marriage to love and serve God, each other, and other people well.
- **Winter Break (25 June-17 July)** Pray for a refreshing break for all.



## Moore College Sunday 2016

7 August

A day when local churches partner with Moore College to encourage people to **pray** for the College, the churches it serves, students, graduates, staff and faculty; and to **get involved** in supporting the College.

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

## Focus for July

- **Mission follow up**
  - **Mission Awareness Week (25-29 July)**
  - **Faculty and staff**
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## Week 1: Monday, 27 June – Sunday, 3 July

- **Mission: Figtree:** Thank God for the ongoing partnership in the gospel between Moore College and Figtree Anglican Church. Pray that God would use the time we spent on mission to encourage these brothers and sisters to continue boldly speaking of Jesus to their friends and neighbours.
- **Mission: Port Macquarie:** Please pray for God's Spirit to use the momentum of College mission to invigorate the ongoing mission efforts of Trinity Anglican Church, especially as it enters a period of transition within the wider parish.
- **Tawanda & Shupi Masango (Year 2, p11)** Give thanks for the many things God has been teaching both of us about the gospel and ministry. Please pray for Tawanda as he is organising a pastors' preaching training workshop to be held in Harare in September this year.
- Give thanks for the wonderful **staff** at College and the tireless way they serve the students and Faculty. Pray for wisdom, patience and forbearance for them as they operate within the constraints of a tight budget.
- **Dan & Kathryn Allan (Year 3, p23)** Thanks for the blessing of the Moore College community at Croydon Park. Pray for good balance of study, church, family and rest time amidst the busyness of work and College.
- **Mission: Oak Flats/Jamberoo:** Please give thanks for the many people from the community that the team was able to connect with and share the gospel with; through door knocking, primary and high school Scripture, playgroups and the 'Back to Church' services. Please pray that God's word would do its work of bringing about repentance and faith and that God would continue to use Oak Flats and Jamberoo churches in that work.

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

- **Mission: Coast Evangelical Church:** Thank God for the time spent with children at the schools and the Aboriginal Mission; and adults at church, at the Men's and Women's events and those we met on the streets of Forster. Pray that the gospel conversations we had would bear fruit. Pray for more gospel-focussed Christians to intentionally move to Forster to team up with Chris, Dev and the team at Coast EC in their work in making Jesus known.
- Pray for the students as their Semester 1 **exam results** are released.
- **Robert & Melody Young (Year 2, p15)** Give thanks for the privilege of being a dad and a student at Moore. Despite the balancing act it's wonderful to be here learning, growing and being equipped to serve Jesus for a lifetime! Pray for wisdom in how I use my time with family, study and church responsibilities. Pray that I may grow in godliness and character now and in the years to come.
- **Chris Thomson (Faculty starting in July 2016)** Pray that I would keep my focus on Christ and grow day by day in godliness, faith, hope, and love. Pray that I would settle in well in Sydney, at Moore College, and in a good church. Pray that I would love and serve faithfully and well in my various responsibilities and use my time wisely. Pray for the practicalities of the move and give thanks that my visa has been approved.

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

- **Semester 2 Term 3 Commences (18 July)** Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the start of the new term.
- **Mission: Camden:** Praise God for the warm welcome and encouragement the team received from the people of St John's Camden and for many opportunities to share Christ. Please pray for the ongoing work of the church in reaching the people of Camden and that the seeds sown during the mission week will bear much fruit to God's glory.
- **Talar Khatchoyan (Year 3, p25)** Praise God for his ongoing grace in giving me a great love for all that I am learning about him. Please pray that I will be faithful with the opportunities I am given to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and that I will constantly rejoice when given those opportunities.
- **Dan & Chrissie Wu (Faculty, p68)** Give thanks for a great time of fellowship and challenge from God's word at our recent church camp (Naremburn Cammeray Anglican). Please pray for a productive and refreshing study leave in Semester 2 for Dan and the family. Please also pray for our church as we look for a new senior minister.

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

- **Supplementary exams (25-29 July)** Pray for those students sitting for supplementary exams. Pray that they will be able to demonstrate their knowledge well.
- **Jess Smith (Year 2, p13)** Thank God for the saints at Lakemba Anglican and the opportunity to reach out to the multicultural community. Pray for wisdom, boldness and cultural sensitivity as I build relationships and share the gospel with women from other faith backgrounds.
- **Mission: Auburn:** Thank God for the freedom we have to freely share Christ in Australia. Please pray that the conversations we had during mission week will lead friends to want to know more about Jesus.
- **Moore Distance Evening Course Term 3 commences (19 July).** Please pray for Andrew Shead as he prepares and delivers lectures in Old Testament. Pray that students will be stimulated and stretched in their thinking, and that they would grow in their knowledge and love of God.

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## 2016 Annual Moore College Lectures

### Death and the Life Hereafter

**Dr Paul Williamson**

Old Testament Lecturer, Moore College

One evening overview lecture:

**Friday 19 August, 8pm**

Five morning lectures:

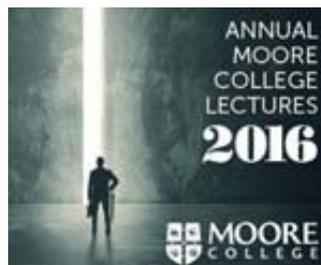
**Monday 22 – Friday 26 August**

*10am Monday, 9am Tuesday – Friday*



Broughton Knox Lecture Theatre, 15 King Street, Newtown, NSW 2042

*All lectures are open to the general public.*



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

- Pray for **students and spouses who struggle with infertility**, that God would be a source of strength and comfort for them and that they would be assured of God's love and goodness. Pray too for sensitivity and love on the part of the College community.
- **Mission: Bondi:** Thank God for the opportunities the team had to speak about Jesus to many people over the week of mission. Pray that those who have recently put their faith in Jesus Christ would be integrated into the church and grow in their knowledge and love for the Lord and his people.
- **Mission Awareness Week (25-29 July)** Pray that the students will be enlightened, challenged and encouraged as they focus on world mission this week.
- **Xerri Sciberras (Year 1)** Give thanks for learning, fellowship and joy in God's word in class, chapel and at Carillon House. Please pray that I would humbly and thoughtfully share this with my family, friends and church members.
- **George & Koula Athas (Faculty, p66)** Give thanks for the great blessing our recent house move has been for our family. Please pray for good health, energy and wisdom to meet the various demands on us, and for good rest time.
- Pray for the **Centre for Christian Living event**, 'Pursuing Unity: What is church unity and why should we care?' on **1st August at 7.30pm at St Luke's Miranda**. Pray for **Ed Loane** as he prepares to speak. Please pray that the change of location would make it easier for people in south Sydney to attend. For more details see [www.moore.edu.au/ccl/events](http://www.moore.edu.au/ccl/events)

## Focus for August

- **Moore College Sunday (7 August)**
- **Annual Moore College Lectures (19, 22-26 August)**
- **Special Religious Education**

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## Week 1: Monday, 1 August – Sunday, 7 August

- **Moore College Sunday (7 August)** Give thanks for the many churches across Sydney that will be learning about and praying for the College at this upcoming Sunday. Pray that many people might be encouraged to support the College in prayer, financially and other ways.
- **Philip & Amy Kern (Faculty, p66)** Please pray that in the busyness of College and family life we would manage our time well, relate to one another in a godly manner, and have joyful hearts.
- **Daniel & Frida Ong (Year 2, p12)** Thank God for sustaining our family through Second Year at Moore and for our church St Matthew's Botany. Please pray for Frida as she adjusts to the routine of having a toddler and a baby at home.
- Pray for wisdom for those coordinating **College housing** for 2017. Pray that students will be patient and gracious as decisions are made and offers of housing distributed. Continue to pray for the maintenance department as they seek to maintain student houses with limited resources.

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## Week 2: Monday, 8 August – Sunday, 14 August

- **Moore Distance PTC and ITS exams (8-14 August)**. Pray the students will be well prepared for the exams, but more importantly, that through their studies they will have come to a deeper knowledge of the Lord.
- **Tom & Vanessa Barrett (Year 3, p23)** Give thanks for rich learning at College and the warm welcome at our new church, Holy Trinity Kingsford. Pray that the Spirit would strengthen our faith, preserve our hope and increase our love for God, his people and his world.
- Give thanks for those who **sacrificially support the College by giving financially**. Please pray that God would continue to provide through his people for the regular needs of the College as well as the remaining requirement to fund the new building.
- **Research Week (8-12 August)** Give thanks for this break in the College routine for students to focus on essays. Pray that they will use this time productively.

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

- **Annual Moore College Lectures (Friday 19 August at 8pm, Monday 22 August at 10am, Tuesday 23 August to Friday 26 August at 9am)** Pray for **Paul Williamson** as he finalises his preparation and delivers the lectures on Death and the Life Hereafter. Pray that many people will benefit from the lectures.
- **Nick & Rebekah Webb (Year 2, p14)** Thank God for Rebekah's opportunity to serve (this year and next) as a ministry trainee and mature in Christ as she serves. Please pray that God would lead both of us to live not for ourselves, but for Christ.
- **Open Night (29 August, 7.15pm-9pm) and Open Week (29 August - 2 September)** Pray that many future students would come to consider study at Moore.



### Open Night:

A night to come along and check out the College, get an insight into Moore's in-depth theological training, sample a lecture, plus have all your questions answered by faculty and students. There will be a presentation overviewing the College in the Broughton Knox Lecture Theatre, followed by a mini lecture and Q&A session with supper to follow.

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## Week 4: Monday, 22 August – Wednesday, 31 August

- Give thanks for the **senior students** of the College and all that they do to serve the College community. Pray that they will be able to balance their duties with their studies and other responsibilities.
- **Michelle Polley (Year 1)** Praise God for the way he provided for my needs during the transition to College. Pray that I would maintain good health throughout winter and serve my church family at St David's Forestville well with the energy God provides.
- Pray for the **IT Department** as they work hard to get the new building ready for occupancy on time. Pray that wise decisions would be made about the right technology to install.
- Give thanks for the opportunity for College students to teach **SRE Scripture** at Darlington and North Newtown schools. Pray that through these Scripture classes, and the many like them in other schools, children will better understand the good news of Jesus and will come to put their trust in him. Pray that we will be able to retain the privilege of Special Religious Education classes in schools.

## Men Praying for Moore Night: Join Us!



**When:** 5 September 2016 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

**Where:** 7 Carillon Avenue, Newtown NSW 2042

Parallel to the Prayer Support Group (a group of faithful women that meets regularly and has prayed for the College for over 50 years), Moore has created the opportunity for Christian men to support the College in this way. We will hear about the current needs of the College and pray together.

**More Info:** 9577 9999

**Personal Prayer Notes**

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