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What Will Strengthen Our Hearts?

Remaining faithful to God and the gospel lies at the essence of effective Word ministry. But how do we keep sharp day-to-day and over the long-term? I know some of us are struggling to keep going after more than two years of Covid and its impacts on weekly gatherings and essential ministries. Others may be dealing with disappointments or uncertainty. We don't need seven simple solutions but for our hearts to be strengthened.

Paul wrote 2 Corinthians out of anxiety and anguish. Some at Corinth had questioned his credentials to be an apostle. They are saying he lacks the polish of a truly great preacher and the panache of a charismatic leader. A recent fallout is being patched up, but there is a way to go. I reckon that the first paragraph of chapter 4 is worth its weight in gold:

Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Straight up Paul says, "we do not lose heart." How can he do that? Here are five things which I have drawn from these verses—I hope they help you as much as they help(ed) me. Firstly I am struck by the way Paul is awed by the majesty of the gospel—it "displays" the



Don West

glory of God in the face of Christ (vv. 4 and 6). The gospel (and its messengers) may appear insignificant and weak—and may even be scoffed at. But the gospel is the means God has chosen to make himself known through the presence of his Son. From this I draw the following thought: We are to preach and teach the Word of God so that God may display his saving glory in Christ Jesus. (It's not firstly about the results or the response but the reality of God who is present in the gospel preached.)

Secondly, Paul does not "tweak" or embellish the gospel to obtain a favourable reception (v. 2). In fact he doesn't aim for a favourable reception but to "commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God." The target of the gospel is the conscience—the faculty that shapes our decisions and actions. It will only reach this target if we "set forth the truth plainly." The principle I take from this is that: We are to faithfully expound Christ from the Scriptures unto faith and repentance (see v. 5 as well). Understanding, digesting, praying on,

and delivering such messages takes time and effort.

Thirdly, Paul knew that there were other forces at work which hindered his ministry (v. 4). Perhaps you have poured your heart out trying to explain the gospel to someone and all the lights stay switched off. And you try again and again. The mystery of a hardened conscience is not a topic to be trifled with, but we must remember that: The results of gospel ministry lie outside of our influence, and so, we are to pray to God that eyes will be opened.

Fourthly, alongside the wonder of the gospel, Paul knows that gospel ministry

is a mercy of God to us (v. 1). We may speak about ministry as something we have chosen to do or something we have trained to do, but, in reality, we are like clay pots in which God has placed his treasure (4:7). As faithful ministers of the gospel let us live under the mercy God has showered on us in Christ.

And, lastly, from this place of undeserved mercy we are free to be servants of others for the sake of Christ (v. 5). Let the lowliness of the Son proclaimed in the gospel become the posture of those who carry this message to others.

And what a mercy of God it has been and is to be in partnership together with so many of God's servants in this work of equipping men and women for effective Christian service. And let us look to God to bring forth more fellow-servants of the Lord Jesus who will gladly give their lives for him and the gospel.

With every blessing in Christ 

Don West

Principal

Standing on Shoulders

If you've noticed that this issue of Trinity News looks a little different, you'd be correct; as the 100th edition, we thought we'd do something special to mark the occasion.

This issue has been created to give you, the reader, a look 'behind the scenes' of the College - an introduction to our staff, our ministry training ethos, and a brief look back to see just how far we've come.

Back in the 1980's and 90's, there was a need for an increase in gospel-centred ministry training and theological education. It was in recognition of this need, and a desire to meet it more effectively, that led to Trinity's establishment.

For over 25 years, Trinity Theological College has existed to train people for effective Christian work. It was November 1997 that the Perth Centre for Applied Christian Studies - then operating out of a renovated tin shed - and the Westminster Institute of Biblical Studies (part of WPC Bull Creek) combined to become Trinity with three faculty members; Allan Chapple, Steven Rarig, and Don West. The College operated in the Westminster Presbyterian Church Bull Creek building, where it occupied the 1st floor above the church and used the church auditorium as a lecture theatre.

In April 1998, the first edition of Trinity News was released. It praised God for 18 full-time and 18 part-time students in the Diploma of Theology, Advanced Diploma of Theology, and Master Of Divinity programs, as well

as the appointment of the first two support staff; an administrative officer and the first Development Co-ordinator. The College was praying for God to bring a Theology faculty member.

Here we are, so many years later, with student enrolments in our degree-level programmes around 100 each year, hundreds of people attending the Certificate of Christian Studies classes, five full-time and a number of part-time and ad-hoc teaching staff, as well as 12 support staff including a librarian, two registrar team members, and a business manager to keep us all in line.

Whenever we speak to graduates of the College, we gain insight into the range of ministry contexts for which Trinity has been able to equip its students. From school chaplaincy to local church ministry, from pastoring in the North West to theological education in Vanuatu, from evangelism to cross-cultural ministry training, God has provided a multitude of service opportunities to which Trinity grads have dedicated themselves. The gospel of Jesus Christ is continuing to bear fruit in the world through ministries that are focused upon him.

Taking a moment to look back is instructive and inspiring. It is such a

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What's Happening

A New Home for 98:

The move to Bull Creek went off without a hitch. We are now feeling the comfort of air con for the first time. What a difference! What a relief! There is ample classroom space and modern accommodation. The spaces were purpose built for Westminster Theological College in 1994 and will serve our needs until we can find a permanent home for Trinity that meets our long term needs.

Biblical Language Intensives:

We began 1998 with in February with a new approach to teaching the Biblical Language. It involves three weeks of intensive study. Ten eager souls rocked up for Hebrew and Greek. There is always a great sense of discovery and realisation among Biblical language students. This group was no different.

We run the Biblical language intensives in order to allow the students a single-minded focus on language acquisition. This gives the student a tremendous advantage and confidence boost and really accelerates the learning process. It also lightens the semester load in the respective language. Research has shown that students carrying Greek or Hebrew end up spending about half their study time on that subject alone.

Enrolments:

First semester numbers were down from 1997. There are eighteen full-time and eighteen part-time students in the Dip.Th., Adv.Dip.Th., and M.Div. programs.

Seven new students joined us. A large number of our inquiries during 1997 were for the B.Th. which has been put

on hold pending the appointment of a fourth full-time faculty member in Theology.

All the students are keen and seem to be adjusting to the move South of the river, though the travel distance to Bull Creek seems difficult for some.

Please pray for those future students who are seeking God's direction as to where to study in 99; and pray for those who are responsible for communicating our college's ethos and aims.

Graduation/ Commencements:

The blending of PCACS and WTC has produced an interesting and satisfying mix. You could call it 'Neck ties and blue jeans!' In any event two-hundred plus people attended the March 14 service at the college. The chairman of this year's exercises was the Rt Rev'd Dr. Tony Nichols, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of North-West Australia and Council member of the Australian College of Theology and an interested supporter of our college. Also on the podium were Rev'd Dr. Choong Chee Pang, former Principal of Trinity Theological College, Singapore (no affiliation), and Rev'd Dr. Mark Harding, Dean of the Australian College of Theology. Dr. Harding remarked at how impressed he was to see how aggressively we have made progress in library development and college infrastructure since his accreditation visit eighteen months ago. He encouraged those in attendance to get behind Trinity. His parting words were, 'You're on a winner here.'

Dr. Allan Chapple gave the address which focused on the 'Character of our Theology.' Encouraging us from the overall message of II Peter we were shown that 'Trinity Theological College's Theology should be characterised firstly, by a responsiveness to the world and an unfaithful Church based upon the

Living Word of God; secondly, by a responsible focus on the world and aimed at ministry; thirdly, by a depth of spiritual maturity; and fourthly, by devotion focused on Christ.

Awards:


The Diploma of Theology was awarded to Ronald Allen, Stephen McAlpine, Matthew Malcolm, and Dorothy Park. Both Steve and Matt graduated with high distinctions. Ron is engaged in full-time ministry in Queensland. Steve is in pastoral ministry at Guildford Presbyterian. Dorothy hopes to serve God in chaplaincy work.

Rev'd Andrew Pridde and Rev'd Martin Spadaro received an M.Div. Andrew is Pastor at Beechboro Westminster Presbyterian Church and Martin is entering theological education ministry in foreign mission service in Turin, Italy with the Waldensian Churches, *these believers were seeking Reformation style reform in the Roman Church in the 12th Century, four-hundred years before Luther and Calvin!*

New Administrative Staff:

One of our most strategic needs has been for someone to takeover and manage the huge workload in the college office. The other has to do with college development; you know, drumming up support and tapping in on new sources for financial support etc. Mrs. Bernice Rarig has taken over as Office Manager as of March. She will be working 1/2 time this year. Mrs. Betty McKimming takes on the role of Development Officer. Betty comes to us from Edith Cowan and will be working two days per week. Pray for Betty as she represents the college in Kuala Lumpur later this month. Pray for Bernice as she does the impossible balancing act in keeping the office up and running effectively.

wonderful reminder of the faithfulness of God in building his kingdom, and the hard work of so many who stayed the course and put their hands to the plough or supported the College in prayer and with their finances.

May our God enable us to serve the Christian community in Perth and beyond by training and releasing godly, skilled, servant-hearted ministry workers for another 200 years! 



Trinity Theological College faculty members Steven Rarig, Allan Chapple and Don West at the TTC premises at WPC Bull Creek

New Testament and Greek

We asked our key faculty members to share a little about their field of specialty, how it fits into our training, and why it's important to becoming an effective Christian worker.

Grant Taylor - Academic Dean and Lecturer in New Testament (BA, MDiv, PhD)

In addition to serving as Academic Dean, I teach in the area of New Testament, specifically the first-year New Testament units and the upper-year Gospel of John unit. When teaching, I pray for the students to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Bible, and to sharpen their skills in reading and teaching it. I want them to be confident and capable in rightly handling the word of truth. Even more, though, I pray the students grow in their knowledge of God's love for them and their love of Jesus Christ. I want their hearts, not only their heads and hands, to be transformed by Jesus, the one who loved us and gave up his life for us on the cross. God's love for the world is the reason he sent his Son into the world. So, it is Jesus' love that will ground and inspire our students in ministry. It is Jesus' love that will lead them to love others as he first loved them. I also




Dan Cole

pray that I, too, will grow in the love of Jesus Christ for me, his people, and the world.

Dan Cole - Lecturer in New Testament (BE (Hons), BD (Hons), PhD)

Here at Trinity, I teach students how to understand the texts of New Testament—particularly Romans, 1 Corinthians, Hebrews, and 1 Peter.

Since the Word of God is powerful, and since we meet Christ clothed in his Scriptures, in week-to-week ministry, whether reading the Bible with a friend, teaching Sunday School, leading a Bible study, or preaching, understanding the message of a text and having that text shape how you would teach it to others is central. For this reason, often my classes look like a very in-depth Bible study; in reality they are much more. Students learn not just what a particular passage says, rather, they are equipped with the skills and frameworks for a lifetime of reading and teaching the New Testament.

On top of this, I also teach Greek to our 3-year students. Occasionally, I'm asked why I teach Greek, if we've got excellent English translations (which we do!). Not only does a knowledge of Greek allow for interaction with more resources (especially commentaries) to help students with their reading and teaching, knowledge of the language of the New Testament gives students more skills in how the texts of the New Testament communicate their life-giving message. 



Grant Taylor during Pastoral Care Group, where students gather to share and support each other.

Old Testament and Theology

David Kummerow - Lecturer in Old Testament (DipD&M, BTh(Hons), ThD)

What is God doing in the world? God is bringing himself glory by saving a people back into right relationship with himself as the gospel of his Son is proclaimed, in dependence upon the Spirit.

If that's what God is doing, then we need all kinds of people to be prepared as best they can to be involved in this in all kinds of ways – but above all to be effective communicators of God's Word to others. The way we seek to do this is by building strong biblical, theological, and pastoral/missional foundations that will last a lifetime of ministry.

So my work at college fits into this overall purpose. I teach two introductory OT units. This helps people understand the teaching of most of the books of the OT, as well as how each fits into the big picture and story of the OT and Bible as a

whole. For BTh and MDiv students, we return to a selection of OT books in upper year units to look at them in more detail. For those who have studied Hebrew, we study the books in Hebrew. The aim in upper years is to further hone skills in interpreting the OT so that people are further equipped to understand God's Word for themselves and teach it to others.

I find a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction in teaching at Trinity. Please pray for faithfulness in life and teaching. And please keep praying to God to raise up people for his work, because until Jesus returns the privilege of being involved in it continues.

Thom Bull - Lecturer in Theology (BMus, GradDipEd, MDiv)

In Systematic Theology we dig into the big topics of Scripture and explore how they are connected. Our exegesis units undertake deep dives into particular



Thom Bull; never far from the coffee machine

books of the Bible, but in Systematics we step back and seek to gain a grip on what the whole of Scripture has to say about God, Creation, the Person and Work of Christ, Revelation, Salvation, the Church, the Last Things, and so on. As we do so, we get to learn from the great theologians of the past whom God raised up, and who reflected profoundly on these things before us.

Systematic Theology makes us better readers of Scripture, as it enables us to bring the fullness of the Bible's teaching to our reading of any one part of it. By doing so, it gives depth and clarity to our knowledge of God and his purposes in the world. It familiarises us with our ancestors in the faith, connecting us to the Church which Christ has been building for the past 2000 years. And it equips us to live and serve wisely in our generation, in a manner shaped by the whole of God's truth, and to hand the gospel on faithfully to the next. 🙏



David Kummerow at Trinity's Commencement and Graduation Service

Trinity's Training Model

The Trinity faculty through the years have designed and refined a training model that is based on the Bible, centred on Christ, and focused on ministry and mission.

Our training model is based on the Bible because we meet Jesus Christ and learn how to serve him through God's word. So, we teach students how to rightly handle the Bible with love, wisdom, and appropriate skills. Our training model is centred on Christ because we believe that all Scripture points to him, the Lord Jesus whose gospel is God's power of salvation for everyone believes. So, we seek to exalt Christ together in the classroom, in chapel, pastoral care groups, on college mission, and in all our gatherings. Our training model is focused on ministry and mission because we want every student to serve Christ and proclaim him in their diverse ministry contexts. So, we get involved in ministry on college mission and chapel, and we reflect upon ministry in lectures. It is a training model shaped by the gospel.

Through this training model we are seeking to graduate students who exhibit certain attributes: maturing Christian devotion and godly character, the ability to handle and apply the Scriptures, a growing capacity for theological reflection, the ability to serve people in diverse cultures and contexts, and the ability and confidence to establish and grow a ministry for God's glory. So, our model is about achieving our purpose to effectively train men and women for effective Christian service in the proclamation of God's gospel.

We do not, however, aim to do this in our own strength. We pray for our students and with our students so that their lives are centred upon Jesus and his gospel from the Scriptures, and their hearts are being changed by the Holy Spirit. In God's kindness, more than 300 Trinity graduates are working as pastors, missionaries, women's workers, children's & youth ministers, biblical studies teachers in schools, university campus workers, as well as leaders in

many other forms of Christian service, both in Australia and overseas.

The Trinity staff, facilities, and location foster an intentional educational experience in a caring community. The faculty share the conviction for gospel-shaped ministry and have years of experience in Word ministry along with high-level academic training. Trinity House provides an excellent space where students and staff can meet, learn, pray, sing, serve, and eat together. Students have access to lecturers for follow-up conversations after lectures and for mutual encouragement. The library supports student learning and faculty research with a collection of over 26,000 books with an online worldwide catalogue. Our location in Leederville, a vibrant suburb in Perth, WA, is conveniently located, and the local cafes and restaurants offer great spots for cultivating friendships. 



MINISTRY CONVICTIONS

- Based on the Bible
- Centred on Christ
- Focussed on people
- Equipping God's people
- Evangelising the lost
- Partnering with local churches



THE GOSPEL OF GOD



GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

- Christian devotion & character
- Ability to handle and apply the Scriptures
- Capacity for theological reflection
- Ability to serve people in diverse cultures and contexts
- Ability to establish and grow a ministry

An Overview



A quick walk into Leederville for a coffee and conversation

Study Options

Students come to Trinity from a range of denominations, cultures, and countries. They have in common their love for Jesus and strong desire to see him in the Scriptures. They study in coursework degrees to lay a solid biblical and theological foundation for Christian life and ministry. The one-year degrees (Diploma of Theology and Graduate Diploma of Divinity) prepare Christians who desire to serve in volunteer capacities and within ministry teams. Some students start here but continue into three-year degrees. The three-year degrees (Bachelor of Theology and Master of Divinity) dig deeper into the treasures of the gospel and practice of ministry to prepare students for leading ministries, whether in churches, schools and universities, or on the mission field.

Others can pursue study on top of a previous theology degree. Those in ministry who wish to further their training can take up a Master of Theology with a research component, or they could speak with us about a shorter course option for further coursework. Some desire to study at

the highest academic level (Doctor of Theology or Doctor of Philosophy) to build research and teaching skills in service of the gospel.

Reflections from Current and Former Students:


"The biblical training - more than that - the whole way of understanding how rigorous study of the Bible integrates with all of life, is second to none, and useful for both personal devotion and faithfulness as well as teaching others about Jesus and all he has done for us and does for us."

"The appeal of Trinity was the rigorous Bible teaching combined with a real heart for Jesus and for us to follow him more. I never found that head knowledge was the goal, though it was always the method, and that was perfect for me and a lifetime of ministry. Some of my fondest memories

are good Socratic debates in class, and playing table tennis in the common room. And of course the friends that I made along the way."

"The choice to go to Trinity was really a no-brainer. After doing a ministry apprenticeship I knew that I still had a lot to learn. I needed to be further equipped for a lifetime of Christian service and so Trinity was the obvious choice. I knew some of the lecturers and graduates and I trusted them.

I have loved being part of the community at college. It's so good to be able to study alongside others who know and love Jesus and who want to live their lives seeing people come to trust in Jesus. I have also deeply appreciated how ministry focused our lecturers are—we are taught with the end in sight. It is very clear how what we are learning will impact and shape our ministries."

"The thing that strikes me most about my time at Trinity was seeing the strong Christian convictions of the faculty that the story of the Bible is one unified whole centred on the person and work of the Lord Jesus. That will always stick with me." 

Our mission is to serve God's great purpose of bringing all nations under the saving rule of his Son through the proclamation of the gospel.

Our purpose is to prepare men and women for effective Christian service by laying strong foundations in the Bible.

Our students are men and women equipped for effective Christian service that upholds, proclaims and is shaped by the gospel of Christ.

Missions and Women's Ministry

Mike Webb - Part-time Lecturer in Mission (BMus, GradDipEd, MDiv, MTh)

Mission. To take the gospel to all nations (Matt. 28:19). This is my joy to teach students as the missions lecturer.

We do this in a number of ways. First, we teach students how to communicate the gospel in a way that speaks to the heart of people from all cultures. What makes this course so great is to hear students' stories, and praise God as they actively engage in ministry with people from other cultures.

Second, every week we have the honour to hear and pray for missionaries who serve all over the world. Thanks to our mission partners we have heard challenging and joyous stories from missionaries who are serving in many different roles as church planters, in universities, lecturing theology, Bible recordings, Bible translation, and refugee work. You cannot leave these times without being moved.

Lastly, we partner with churches

and organisations during our annual missions week. While this has faced cancellations over the last two years due to Covid, we are very excited as planning for next year is well under way, working with churches from all over the state. This is a great opportunity for students to take all they have learnt and put it into practice during a week of evangelistic ministry.

Thank you for partnering with us in taking the gospel to the nations!

Alexia Horton - Women's Ministry Advisor (LLB/BSc GradDipDiv GradCertDiv)

It has been such a pleasure starting in the role as Women's Ministry Advisor at Trinity in May this year. I've begun getting to know the students before they all dived into mid-year exams and now semester two is well and truly underway.

The women here at Trinity are all such an encouragement; they are here because they love Jesus and are keen to be equipped to serve him better. Yet




Alexia Horton

they come to study at varying stages of life and capacity and so study (and life after study) may look very different from one to the next. Part-time students are likely juggling employment or parenting, showing a commendable commitment to developing their

knowledge of God and his Word.

The full-time female students are a delight, whether it's seeing their knowledge of God expand dramatically due to their studies, or their desire to do their best to prepare themselves for a life of service to others.

I'm excited to see what ministries God has prepared for all these women after their time at Trinity, whether in vocational ministry, mission or as highly prized volunteers. My hope and prayer is that over the years I can play a small part in supporting them in their study, improving their college experience and encouraging them in their future plans to serve our Lord Jesus. 



Support Team

Student Support in their Studies

Eleanor Lyons and Sheri Johnston - Registrar

As Trinity is an affiliated college of The Australian College of Theology (ACT), an Australian approved higher education provider, the registrar department are responsible for ensuring that ACT policies relating to admission, enrolment, progression, student support and graduation are followed. Most of the administrative duties undertaken within the Registrar Department are in response to ACT policy as required by TEQSA (Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency) and the Australian higher education legal framework.

Other duties relate to the preparation of Trinity calendars/timetables and schedules, tuition fee invoicing, advice on government assistance for financing tertiary study, updating student publications and information, updating these to our student learning platform 'Moodle' and providing unit administration and support to faculty.

Though much of our time is spent hidden away in the corner office, the best bit about our job is getting to witness God raise up, build in Christian devotion & character, and equip people in handling Scriptures and expounding the message of Christ to a lost and needy world. Our hope is that what we do in the registrar department serves God, and his people in his magnificent work of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sheri Johnston



Liz Staer - Librarian

The Trinity Library is where students think through and process content from lectures. They have thousands of resources at their fingertips to help them explore new ideas, form opinions, and prepare for effective Christian ministry. Yet it can be quite daunting working out where to start with so much information available to them.

It is common for people to think that Librarians just maintain a collection, we purchase books, cover them, issue them out and not much more. My role involves these tasks, and they are important, but just giving access to information is not enough. A key part of my role is getting alongside students, helping them to find and use library resources. I do this informally as I interact with them throughout the day and through more formal avenues like one-to-one consultations and developing online tools to help with research.

The library is more than just a place to store books or to get assessments done. It's a place where students in community with each other develop the skills they need to continue learning and growing once they graduate from college. My role essentially is to create an environment and services that helps this to happen. 

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Student Profile

Our Purpose: Preparing people for effective Christian service

It is only with your partnership in financial support and prayer that we can prepare men and women like these for Word ministry

I'm studying my Master of Divinity part-time while doing MTS at St Matthew's Shenton Park. I had the privilege of growing up with Christian parents and attending church in the Perth hills.

I've been greatly encouraged by and benefitted from the faithful teaching and love of many Trinity graduates, which has led me to decide to study here. I am loving the focus of the lecturers on applying knowledge about the Bible to real-life ministry. My wife, Anna, and I have a long-term view towards going into cross-cultural ministry to give others the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

Please pray for me, that my MTS and Trinity would not just be a time of gaining head-knowledge, but that God would be growing me to be more like his Son, that our marriage will glorify God and that we will be willing to go where God leads. 🙏



Lindsay Rhodes

MDiv Student

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Development & Support

What a privilege it is as part of Trinity to participate in God's work. One of the most important aspects of the College's success is the community of faithful supporters who have sacrificed their time, their talents, and their finances over the years to help our students get the best education we can provide.

From the growth of the library from a small collection, to the well-resourced facility it is today, to the custom-built building in Leederville, Trinity House, as well as the fantastic events we run (often bringing world-class speakers and teachers of the Word to Perth) – all of this requires the support of people who see the need and value of what the College provides.

If you feel inspired to help us in our mission of training gospel workers, there are three ways you can help:

Prayer

Keep Trinity in your prayers. Head to ttc.wa.edu.au/prayer and grab a copy of our monthly prayer notes, where every day we have a prayer point for the life of the College.

Conversations

Chat about Trinity with your friends and colleagues. Follow us on social media and share our posts. Come along to our events or sign-up for a course (and invite a friend or two!). Above all, keep an eye out for people who you think may benefit from a theological education and suggest that they check us out.

Financial

Our income breaks down roughly like this: 50% from student fees, 20% from rental income (ground and 1st floors of Trinity House) and other means, and 30% from donations. So we rely on our community to support us financially with tax-deductible

giving – preferably in the form of an ongoing monthly pledge, since that keeps the College in your mind (and helps us budget!) Of course an annual one-off donation is always appreciated as well.

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to training men and women through Trinity for Word ministry. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your support further, please feel free to contact me. 🙏

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Prayer & Praise

Give thanks for:

- Praise God for our faithful supporters; for those who pray, volunteer and give regularly to ensure that the work of equipping men and women for gospel ministry continues.
- Praise God for the enthusiasm and engagement of our students.
- Praise God from whom all blessings flow; his love endures forever!

Pray for:

- Pray for Open Week in October; that many who are considering training would attend.
- Pray for plenty of early enrolments for next year.
- Pray for our graduates in all areas of ministry, especially those experiencing opposition.
- Pray that God would grant our students understanding as they dig deeply and meditate upon his Word.

Trinity@Night and Trinity in Town

Kelly Penhale - Certificate Studies Coordinator

"Life-changing", "eye-opening", "a wonderful answer to prayer"; just some of the quotes from people who have studied under our Certificate of Christian Studies programme.

The Certificate of Christian Studies is an opportunity for Christians to learn more deeply about the Scriptures than will usually happen at church or in a Bible study group. The teachers are godly people who love God and making him known.

My role is to Coordinate the programme; the timetable of units for Trinity@Night and Trinity in Town, enrolments, handbooks, payments etc., provide support to teachers and students, answer questions, manage assessments, and organise graduation for students.

I also love to promote to individuals and churches what an awesome opportunity the CCS is! Above all, I pray, asking God, in his goodness, to bring more students to the CCS, for his glory and that they will come to know, love, and obey Him more.

It is the greatest joy and privilege to hear students' stories of how God sought them out, how it is they came to be studying with us and how they have grown because of their studies. I love seeing students decide to move onto accredited studies (degree or diploma) because of their desire to know God better.

There are also students who bring along their friends and family (parents bringing their children, children bringing their parents!) because they are finding the units so encouraging. A big part of my role is also to work with graduates of the college as they come back to teach in the CCS, sharing their knowledge and experience and their love of our Lord Jesus with the students.

Let me share with you some of the many, many times I have been encouraged:

- At the conclusion of our Evangelism unit one of the students relayed how he'd been immediately able to use some of what he learned while leading on a camp.
- The evening that a lecture on God's Grace fell on Thanksgiving and students brought in pumpkin pie to share with the teacher (who is from America) and the other students for supper.
- In the first term after the commencement of the p-word (pandemic) we offered some units via audio. Students were required to send in copies of their notes if they wanted to achieve the unit for credit. Two flat mates sent in "special" photos of their notes which was such a great connection at a time when many people, including staff of the college, were working from home.
- The pandemic also caused our one-day unit on the Psalms to Zoom! What a joy to be in breakout rooms with students from Perth and around the state talking about the Psalms.



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