



Going the Distance



2019 Graduation co-hort at Trinity's Commencement & Graduation Ceremony on 25 February 2020

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us. (2 Corinthians 4:13-14)

In Second Corinthians, Paul grounds his perseverance in gospel ministry firmly in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is, we will find our purpose and joy in him, and not in the excellence of our efforts or an uptick in our "metrics." As we fellowship in his sufferings, we will press through difficulties by his resurrection power, and ultimately render thanksgiving to God for his many mercies.

Each year at graduation I see students,

graduands, alumni, and supporters of the College with the same "spirit of faith" and conviction to preach Christ that the apostle Paul refers to. Some of these women and men have been part of the College family for many years. They press on in prayer, preaching Christ, and supporting others in the work of the gospel. Their heart's desire is for lost and needy people of our cities, towns, and communities—and our world—that more might join the throng at the throne of Christ on the last day! I thank God for their example, and I pray that he will add to their number.



Principal Don West at Commencement & Graduation 2020

The bios of students in this edition of Trinity News bear witness to the fruit of the gospel over the last decades. With many I thank God for the friendship, example, and ministry of Allan Chapple, ably supported by his wife Allison. As he marks a change in his role at Trinity, I commit him and all of us to

"God and the word of his grace, which is able to build us up and grant us an inheritance among those who are being saved.

With every blessing in Christ, 🌿

Don West

Principal

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Laying foundations for a ministry that upholds, proclaims, and is shaped by the gospel.

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The Workers and the Harvest

There are times in life when God kindly allows us to witness how his plan and purposes work together in the lives of his people for his glory. The 2020 Commencement and Graduation service was one of those times for me. As I reflect on the night, three words come to mind: effectiveness, faithfulness, and thankfulness.

The Gospel's Effectiveness

The graduate's testimonies shared during the ceremony (and included in this edition) highlighted the gospel's effectiveness. The graduates shared how their knowledge of the Scriptures and love for Christ and one another had deepened through their time at Trinity. They also told us about how they are serving Christ in proclaiming his gospel and building up a diverse group of churches throughout Western Australia. The gospel is effective for salvation (Rom. 1:16). Therefore, it is also effective for training in ministry, which proclaims God's salvation.

Ben Johnston, Senior Pastor of Subiaco Church, connected the effectiveness of the gospel and gospel ministry training. Ben preached from Matthew 9:35-38 and 13:18-23, which show Jesus as the one who sows his Word, the gospel, which grows into a miraculous harvest. Jesus is also the one who sends out labourers into the harvest. But the labourers are few, and the response to the gospel is not always faith and obedience. Therefore, we are reminded to pray earnestly that the Lord will send out gospel workers into his field for the harvest he has prepared. God's word—the gospel—does the work. It is effective. We must pray for God to raise up labourers in the gospel. It was deeply encouraging to consider God's kindness in saving and sending these

graduates as well as College faculty, staff, students and you as labourers for the harvest.



Ben Johnston speaking at our Commencement & Graduation Ceremony

God's Faithfulness

God's Word does the work because God is faithful. I heard of God's faithfulness in Allan Chapple's words during the ceremony. As I listened to Allan reflect upon his life and ministry at Trinity, I thought about God's faithfulness to bring Trinity into existence, keep it on a path faithful to the gospel, and encourage people from around the world in gospel training here. I also heard of God's faithfulness from College alumni and supporters. Many

attended the service even though they did not have a family member graduating. They came because they wanted to praise and thank God for his faithfulness and the gospel's effectiveness. Several told me about the progress of the gospel they have seen due to the influence of the College.

Thankfulness

All of this led me to thank God for his faithfulness, the gospel of his Son, Jesus Christ, and the effectiveness of his Word, which works in and through his people. The same spirit of thankfulness was evident in the service and the fellowship that followed. It was so evident in getting everyone to leave before the building needed to be locked up! Our Lord Jesus Christ is clearly at work in the people connected to Trinity, and for that we are deeply grateful to God. He is answering our and your prayers to glorify the name of Jesus in the work that we do together. As we give thanks, then, we are reminded to pray that he will continue to show his faithfulness and the gospel's effectiveness. 🙏

Grant Taylor

Academic Dean



Graduation saw a great turnout of people from many churches across Perth

Honouring Allan Chapple

It is my privilege to write a few words about Allan, who is stepping down from the faculty of Trinity from July 2020.

More than 30 years ago, Allan was tasked by Christian leaders from various churches to develop a gospel training ministry that equips to serve God's Son and God's people in a way that would grow and multiply. There was great concern that Christ's followers in WA and beyond more clearly understand what the Bible tells us about himself and his purposes - and what serving him looks like. The result was the Perth Centre for Applied Christian Studies. The motto: Preparing people for effective Christian service.



Allan teaching future gospel workers

In 1997 PCACS merged with the Westminster Theological College to form what is now Trinity Theological College. Allan was the inaugural Principal, a position he competently held until 2003. Since then Allan has been in the position of Senior New Testament lecturer, whilst enriching us with the publication of five books, and nearly a dozen articles and book chapters.

Allan says he does not want to be called "emeritus" as it actually means 'clapped out'. Well Allan, it does not mean "clapped out" but "honourary." Fortunately, Allan will not be lost to the College community as he will continue as Honourary Research Fellow, and I look forward to being enlightened by the fruits of his research.

My prayer to the good Lord for Allan and Allison is to say thank you so very much and trust that they "will still bear fruit in old age . . . and stay fresh and green" (Psalm 92:14) 🌿

Bruce Dodd

Chairman of College Council



Bruce Dodd interviewing Allan Chapple at Commencement & Graduation

Honouring Athena West

For 23 years Athena West has invested her time, skill and love into the women of Trinity Theological College. Trinity Women was formed under her leadership as a forum to provide practical equipping of women for ministry.

In addition it has been an avenue to form relationships and make networks among the current and past female



Athena West

Trinity community.

It is Athena's desire that women are well equipped to persevere in ministry with the gospel of Jesus Christ central to all they do. Her longevity in this ministry and love for Jesus and his Word is testament to this. Many women have been privy to her example and mentoring especially through the committee.

While it is with some sadness to see her

stepping down as co-chair and member of the Trinity Women committee, we are very thankful to God for her faithful service, determined attitude and wise organisation of the committee that will encourage others to continue in the same way. Allison Chapple too has served alongside Athena as a committee member for nearly as many years, stepping down from the committee a couple of years ago - now they will both be missed.

We pray that God will continue to use them as part of the Trinity Women community to minister to women and to encourage them to keep trusting in him. 🌿

Meghan Kummerow

Trinity Women Co-Chairperson

Graduates 2019

Master of Theology

Marc Dale

Marc grew up in Papua New Guinea and Queensland, moving to Perth in the early 90's. He's married to Marsha and they have three daughters and one son-in-law. Marc leads the ministry team at St Alban's Anglican Church and is passionate about growing a community that loves Jesus, loves each other and reaches out to our city with the good news of Christ.

Stuart Manning

"Now that I have completed my course, I am teaching maths at Alkimos Baptist College, serving in my local church as a youth Bible study leader and looking for other ways to serve the Lord Jesus among His people and in the community. I especially valued the faculty's insight of the Old Testament and was regularly encouraged that this knowledge was never separate from their personal relationship with Jesus."

MThs Graduates Marc Dale & Stuart Manning



Master of Divinity

Rebecca Simmons

"I am working for AFES as a staffworker at Murdoch University. I valued learning from the ministry experience of the lecturers and the way they would help us to think beyond the classroom into our own ministry contexts."

Jason Wong

"Since completing my studies at Trinity, I've taken up a part-time position at the Perth Alliance Church (North) to minister to the English-speaking Chinese youth and am now leading a launch team in building a new church plant community. I am very grateful for the great teaching at Trinity, which established for me a solid foundation in his Word, so that I can continue growing as God leads me in serving his people."

Jessica Hortin

Jess has joined the staff at Southern Christian Church in Atwell as a ministry leader for children and young families, including an evangelistic outreach project. Jess is thankful for how Trinity trained her to keep the main thing the main thing, that is God's overarching plan of salvation revealed in his Word, and how that shapes who we are and what we do.

Rowan Crouch

"Now that I have graduated I will serve as a lay member of my church (Kingscross) and continue my preparation to be a Bible translator. I have appreciated learning from the knowledge of the professors but also from observing their devotion to Christ."

Jason Fairclough

"This year I will be a full time Dad while also taking part in cross-cultural student ministry with AFES at Sheridan College as we work toward student ministry in Italy. I loved Trinity's commitment to growing students in godliness and love for Jesus and not just 'head' knowledge."

Elizabeth Shanhun, Hayden Patterson, Jason Fairclough & Alison Bentley



Yee She Lee

"I am currently serving in Immanuel Methodist Church as an assistant pastor. I appreciate the Christ-centred conviction and quality of biblical teaching at Trinity, which helps in shaping a solid doctrinal foundation that is helpful to my future ministry serving in God's Kingdom."

Prizes

Jason Fairclough

Master of Divinity Prize

An academic prize awarded to the student who has the highest Grade Point Average whilst enrolled in the Master of Divinity. Provided by the Westminster Presbyterian Church Bull Creek.

Alison Bentley

One Year Degree Prize

An academic prize awarded to the student who has the highest Grade Point Average whilst enrolled in the Diploma of Theology or Graduate Diploma of Divinity. Provided by Margaret Ellis and family in memory of John Ellis.

Hayden Patterson

Bachelor of Theology Prize

An academic prize awarded to the student who has the highest Grade Point Average whilst enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology. Provided by the Anglican Diocese of North West Australia

Elizabeth Shanhun

Service to the College Community Prize

This prize is awarded to the student recognised by the College Community as having made the most significant contribution to College life. Provided by St Matthew's Anglican Church Shenton Park

We praise God for and truly thank our generous prize providers

Robert Lydon

"At the beginning of 2020, I began as a Ministry Trainee at Dalkeith Anglican. Trinity has helped me to read the Bible and encouraged me to live it. I hope to develop in living for God, and serving his people by helping others to read the Bible and live it."

Christopher Metcalf

Chris is working as a pharmacist whilst he explores options for ministry work. "I really appreciated the ministry focus that Trinity has, how the lectures are always focused on preparing students for a lifetime of service to Christ and his people."

Ashley Moseley

"I'm currently working full time as a science teacher at Penrhos College. Between that and spending time with my two daughters I'm quite busy, but I do a bit of itinerant preaching as well as some preaching and leading at my home church."

Graduate Diploma and Certificate of Divinity

Daniel Braithwaite

Daniel has completed a Graduate Diploma in Education and works as a secondary science teacher at Carey Baptist College. "I valued being around staff and students who encouraged me to dig deep into God's word and think about how it applies to life."

Bachelor of Theology

Hayden Patterson

Hayden is currently working as an associate pastor at Mt Barker Baptist Church. "I appreciated the encouragement and friendship with students, staff, and faculty and the focus on the gospel and its outworking in our life and ministry."

Scott Thomson

Scott now has a position as a trainee minister for youth and young adults at Dalkeith Anglican Church. "I really appreciated Trinity's ongoing confidence and emphasis that God will work faithfully through his Word."

Graduate Certificate of Divinity

David Devereux

David is an IT architect consulting in the WA energy market. "My time at Trinity was a great experience. My understanding of God, his salvation plan, and the richness of the Bible has been expanded considerably, deepening my love and worship of him."

Rowena McMicking

Rowena is the Middle School Chaplain at St Mark's Anglican Community School. "I've appreciated the ongoing support of the Trinity community and the opportunity to complete extra units of study towards this award."

Teresa Loveland

Teresa is a member of the Ellenbrook Anglican Church and works as a teacher and a midwife in public settings.

Graduate Certificate of Theology

James Crawley

James completed his Graduate Certificate in 2019.

Josephine Steytler

Josephine completed her Graduate Certificate in 2019.

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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 Damon for Word ministry

Damon Bosveld attends the Free Reformed Church of Baldivis and is studying full-time at Trinity. "I chose Trinity to study because it has a solid foundation

in the Word of God, and a focus on Christ as the climax of God's redemptive plan. Trinity has a culture and community that fosters a deepening of my relationship with God, as I learn everyday what it means to serve Him in humble dependence.

My wife and I have many possible ideas in how we can serve God when I graduate, however no one path has become clear yet. We love the church that God has placed us in and wish to work amongst them, yet we also see the need for gospel work to be done overseas, so we may find service in a cross-culture mission capacity.

Being a recipient of the impact TTC has had on the lives of the students has made me realise that this place is being used by God to spread a faithful witness of his gospel in the city of Perth, in WA and beyond.

I am so grateful to those who support the training of men and women to faithfully declare the gospel." 

Damon Bosveld BTh Student



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Graduate Diploma of Divinity

James Bennett

James works as a lawyer and is part of St Matthew's Anglican Church in Shenton Park with his wife Tiffany and their children. "I enjoyed being challenged through the assignments and class discussions at Trinity to think deeply about how God's Word shapes my life."

Anita Podmore

"The beauty of studying part time at Trinity while working full time is that it has enabled me to integrate my studies into my life. I am more grounded in the Word, more expectant to see God at work in those around me and more courageous to proclaim the truth of the gospel."

Anna-June Veale

AJ serves at North Coast Church as the Women's Ministry Coordinator. "My studies engendered a new appreciation for the Christians who have gone before me. God has already done so much through the work of so many people to see the gospel go out to the world."

Alison Bentley

Alison is serving at Southern Christian Church, training their female apprentice and helping SCC to connect people into the life of the church. "Every unit I studied has fuelled a desire to keep on learning and growing in my ability to understand and teach God's Word."

Li Juan (Lisa) Jin

Lisa worked as an accountant at an engineering company while studying part-time at TTC. "I will continue working as an accountant for now

and will use the biblical knowledge I have gained from TTC to serve the the Lord and his people and to glorify his name in daily life."

Robert Shaw

Robert is working in medical imaging again full time and enjoying it. "My time at Trinity equipped me to serve God's people better, and I'm looking forward to doing this at Providence Church this year through leading a weekly Bible study, as well as other courses."

Elizabeth Simes

"It has been a great joy and privilege to take a year off teaching and study God's Word with his people. I hope I can use my knowledge as I serve in my local church, and as I teach Scripture at my school."

Diploma of Theology

Kenneth Coote

Ken is currently undergoing an orientation process with the Salvation Army for a role as a 'lead' resident in a discipleship house for men. "Trinity has given me a theological foundation for my own personal growth and a confidence to share the gospel with others."

Thomas Measures

"I have valued the time spent studying at Trinity so much that I am continuing on to a Bachelor degree. Trinity is helping to develop my thinking in the scriptures, and in service as a Trainee Associate Pastor at Endeavour Christian Gathering."

Certificate in Christian Studies

Julianne Burgess

Julianne is a Speech Pathologist and previously did MTS with AFES at Curtin, and attends Three Crosses WPC in Murdoch with her husband and two children, where she teaches Sunday School. "Trinity at night gave me clarity on core Bible teaching, and has helped me teach others effectively."

Sheryl Ee

Sheryl is currently focussed on being a homemaker and serving her church in hospitality ministry. "Attending Trinity over five years showed me the importance of sound theological teaching, and the Certificate Course helped me grow in my understanding of God's Word and my faith in Christ Jesus."

Ray Johnson

Ray is presently attending St. Peters Wanneroo. "I have found Trinity@Night to be very helpful and find teachers to have an excellent knowledge of the scriptures. I will continue with my studies as I wait to see the direction God wishes to take me."

Peter Joseph

Peter is a Maintenance Manager at Geraldton Regional Hospital and worships at St. Matthews Anglican Church. "My time at Trinity helped me understand clearly the truths of the Bible as a whole show us God's plan of salvation in Christ, as well as helping me to proclaim God's Word effectively."

Helen Ling

Helen is a Nursing student, attending Immanuel Methodist Church, and currently served as an evening service coordinator and teacher in Sunday School. "I enjoy my time with Trinity@

Certificate in Christian Studies Graduates



Night as we delve deeper into God's word, have deep discussions on the Bible, and it helps me apply what I have learned into my ministry."

Verity McNamara

Verity attends Providence City Church where she helps to lead a Gospel Group. "Studying at Trinity has been incredibly helpful in thinking through how to love people where they are at and how to speak the truth in love to those who have not experienced God's love before."

Murray Neville

Murray is an IT executive and attends Bedford Community Church, currently serving as a worship leader and occasional speaker. "Trinity@Night inspired me to look more deeply into God's Word and renewed my vision of who Jesus is. I have used what I have learned in my church community and family."

Cara Rummey

Cara is a graduate research scientist and attends North Beach Baptist Church, where she helps out with the youth group. "My time at Trinity encouraged me to continue learning about God, and to get the most out of his Word. I am now clearer in my explanations both to non-Christians and Christians."

Robert Tomren

Rob is a carpenter by trade and an active member at the Free Reformed Church of Melville. "Attending Trinity@

Night has been incredibly encouraging as I met and studied the scriptures with so many Christians from different local churches."

Malachi Walker

Mal is an MTS ministry apprentice with AFES at Curtin University and a member of UniChurch Bentley. "I appreciated getting to know God better through his word in community with others from across Perth, and being able to take what he has learned and share it with others."

Adrienne Williams

Adrienne is an IT teacher and attends Kallaroo Anglican, where she feels greatly supported in her Christian journey. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my courses through Trinity@Night and am now less muddle-headed in my theology and in understanding how God has been working through eternity."

Derek Williams

Derek works in IBM's solutioning team and attends Kallaroo Anglican church. "The Trinity@Night courses have been great. It has been wonderful to be introduced to a much deeper understanding of God's love and grace."

Andrew Tanner

Andrew works on a casual basis as an electrical engineer and helps with the ESL program at All Nations Presbyterian Church. "Trinity@Night has given me a clearer picture of how Jesus is the long prophesied Messiah and Son of God. More practically I have learnt to prepare better Bible talks for ESL students."

Longevity in Ministry

Welcoming students and sending out new graduates - what a great opportunity to give thanks to our God for raising up and equipping these men and women for gospel work. Just think about how God will use these men and women over the course of their lives in service to him!

Please pray with us that many more will come to be equipped at Trinity and go out to proclaim the good news of Jesus, making disciples in WA and beyond. Our desire is that our graduates will find their place in God's plan so that our city, state, and world can't help but be changed.

Our prayer is that, for the next 30 years and beyond, Trinity will continue faithfully training workers for the field.

If you are able to partner with us in equipping students in this practical way, please fill out the form on page 5 or contact me to discuss it further. All support is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ, 

Nathaniel Brown

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Coordinator*

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Prayer & Praise

Give thanks for:

- The 28 new Degree graduates and 13 Certificate graduates now equipped to share the gospel message in their context
- Our 94 new and continuing students, seeking to grow in their knowledge of the Bible and love for God
- The many loyal and faithful individuals and churches who support ministry training at Trinity through prayer and finances
- Allan Chapple's years of faithful service to the Lord.

Pray for:

- Our graduates in their ministry positions; that they will rely on God for their strength and persevere in their efforts
- Trinity to remain faithful in providing students with a head/heart/hands model of ministry
- God to provide for all our financial needs for 2020



2020 DATES

- 28 Mar Trinity Women Enrichment Day
- 02 May Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
- 06 May Information Night
- 11 May Ministry Matters Event
- 12 May Open Lecture
- 01 Aug Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
- 15 Oct Information Night
- 20 Oct Open Lecture
- 7 Nov Quarterly Prayer Breakfast

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