

1st The second semester has started and lectures are underway. Pray for faculty as they prepare for classes and teach students, that they would not only share biblical knowledge, but encourage students to grow in their love for God as well.

2nd Pray for our students to settle in well again after the mid-year break and to feel refreshed and strengthened for the term ahead. Pray that they would continue to be moulded and shaped into the ministry leaders that God has called them to be.

3rd The Registry team requests prayer for 2027 applications, for the review process to be smooth and for the Lord to bring those whom He wants to be trained for ministry at GWC next year.

4th Praise the Lord for the partners who have signed the new Explore Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs). Pray that God will strengthen and guide them as they continue establishing and growing His work through the Explore ministry in their churches and communities.

5th GWC past student Primrose Makumbini and her husband Elias, Student workers at REACH Zim Student Ministry, give thanks for their six students who are graduating and request prayer for the orientation of new students starting their studies in August.

6th The online short course in Biblical Theology is currently underway. Pray that the lectures would be clear and convicting to all students enrolled, and that they might be encouraged to develop their biblical knowledge further as a result of their experience.

7th Praise God that Nathan and Diane Lovell have returned safely from their home assignment in Australia. Pray for them and their children as they adjust to life back in Cape Town and for all the things the Lord has planned for them in the months ahead.

8th The SRC elections will take place this term. Praise God for how the current SRC team have been able to work well together to serve the student body. Pray that the team will finish strong in their final term of service and for the Lord's help in electing a new SRC.

9th From the 10th – 14th of August, Karen Roe of Local Leaders International (previously TEDS facilitator) will be travelling to Mongolia to facilitate the final phase of the TALHITE course to a group of lecturers there. Please pray for traveling mercies, smooth logistics and that the Lord is honoured through their time together.

10th A REACH-SA committee will meet with students on 12 August. Pray that God would use this gathering to strengthen partnerships with local churches and those preparing for ministry.

11th Pastor Simon Banda's term as Explore's Southern Africa Regional Manager concluded at the end of July. Please pray for him and his family as they enter this new season of ministry. Give thanks that he will continue serving as an Explore facilitator with groups in Hazyview and Johannesburg.

12th Dr Mark Armitage will deliver a virtual lecture on 13 August entitled *Dinosaur Soft Tissue and the Age of the Earth*. Pray for students and other attendees to be stimulated to think about the biblical implications of his findings. Pray that it might be a gospel opportunity for listeners who might be exploring Christianity.

13th The GWC Women's Retreat takes place 14-16 August at Rocklands, Simonstown. Pray for Dr Liz Mburu who will lead the teaching for the weekend, and for it to be a special time of fellowship among the female staff and students.

14th As the funding allocations for continuing students are reviewed by the bursary committee, pray for discernment and guidance, leading to wise stewardship of these funds.

15th GWC past student Daniel de Freitas will be taking over as Rector at St Olav, Durban, as of August. Please pray for Daniel and his family as they transition from Christ Church Umhlanga and into this new role. Pray for St Olav to grow and flourish under their new leadership.

16th The TEDS team are preparing 2027 courses for the PG Dip HTE, in particular the research project. Pray for these preparations and that

they will also be able to reach any potential students who might want to apply to begin the PG Dip HTE in 2027.

17th A book launch will be held on 18 August at GWC for the launch of *The Secco Collection*, a new publication by David Mansfield celebrating the remarkable life, ministry and enduring influence of Dr David Seccombe. Pray that it would be a special, well-attended occasion that honours Dr Seccombe, our previous Principal from 1993-2012.

18th GWC past student Tumukunde Mwesiga gives thanks for his ordination as Deacon and asks for prayer as he serves at St Kakumba Chapel (Kyambogo, Uganda). Pray that the Lord will use him faithfully and fruitfully, so that Christ may be glorified.

19th The REACH Women Conference takes place in Cape Town at Christ Church Somerset West on 22 August and St James, Kenilworth on 29 August. Pray for speaker Sandra Lyons as she shares from God's word, that hearts might be touched and shaped at this event.

20th There are two online postgraduate modules being taught this term, *Texts of England's Long Reformation* by Jake Griesel and *Doctrine 5 (Barth in 20th C)* by Mark Norman. Pray that students would be edified through these modules, and have their faith deepened.

21st Praise God for the many generous donors who support GWC's work. Pray that the Lord would continue to sustain the work of the College. Pray for the funding proposals that are being written and sent out to be received with favour, and for the Lord to stir the hearts of those He has in mind to partner with the College.

22nd GWC past student Peter Makapela, Rector of Christ Church Khayamandi and Western Cape Area Bishop, requests prayer for the successful purchase and renovation of a property in their area that can be used for church gatherings. Pray also for ongoing strength for Bishop Peter and his family.

23rd Richard and Caroline Seed are still working to reschedule their TALHITE training that was scheduled to take place in Rwanda in August. Pray for God to make a way for this training to still take place.

24th Campus manager Solam Fani requests prayer for wisdom and discernment as the team balances budgets and campus needs.

25th Praise God for the first online Explore Facilitators Training held recently. Pray that those who participated will lead their groups faithfully and effectively, resulting in deeper discipleship.

26th GWC past student Kosea Abaho was recently ordained Deacon in the Anglican Diocese of Kampala, Uganda, and placed to work as Chaplain at Greenhill Schools. Please pray for Kosea as he ministers to teenagers across the school's three campuses.

27th Praise God that Explore's Module 3 – *Explore the Work of the Apostles* - has been successfully loaded onto the online platform Moodle. Pray for the team as they load Module 4, and ask God to grant them accuracy and smooth progress in this work.

28th Principal Mark Dickson carries significant responsibilities in his role. Pray for strength and energy for him as he performs his tasks unto the Lord.

29th Preparations are underway for a GWC event at the Lanier Theological Library in Houston, Texas, in September. Pray for the Advancement Team as they manage the logistics for the trip, and for the right guests to attend and gain a deeper understanding of the College's vision and mission for equipping students for ministry.

30th GWC past student Lawrence Musunte and his wife Irene have begun a new season of ministry recently at Christ Church Queensburgh. Pray for wisdom and humility for them to shepherd their flock well, for the church to be a people that treasures Jesus above all else, and for God to open the hearts of those in their community as they reach out to share the gospel.

31st Pray for the new SRC, that they will continue supporting the student body and working together well.