NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENT

Bible College SA is excited to announce the appointment of Chris Fresch as Lecturer in Biblical Languages and Old Testament.

Chris has served in churches in the US and UK, and is currently completing his PhD in biblical linguistics at Cambridge University.

Chris and his wife Laura visited Adelaide earlier in the year and it was clear then that they will be a great fit for the BCSA team and the gospel needs of our city and state.

Chris’s appointment also enables Principal Tim Patrick to focus on delivering the College’s theology units.

Chris will begin lecturing in first semester in 2016.

CHRIS AND LAURA FRESCHE

BECOME A FOUNDATION PARTNER

The BCSA Foundation Trust was established to provide the College with the funds needed to train Christian leaders. All monies donated to the Foundation are used to deliver accredited Australian College of Theology training programs to students.

Foundation Partners commit to give $1,000 or more annually and are invited to the annual Foundation Dinner. All donations are fully tax deductible. To become a Foundation Partner, or to find out more details, contact our Development Manager, Pina Noack on 8291 8188 or development@biblecollege.sa.edu.au.
MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM

The College’s new Ministry Formation Program runs in parallel with our academic courses. The program includes a spiritual formation retreat, regular faculty-led discussion groups, topical seminars, excursions and corporate worship and prayer. The program is designed to grow students in personal and spiritual maturity, to expose them to a breadth of ministry issues and to equip them with a variety of practical skills. Upon completion students will be issued with the Certificate of Ministry Formation to complement their academic award.

Last semester, students discussed issues such as singleness, marriage, alcohol and caring for ageing parents. They were also given the opportunity to visit the Marion mosque and Buddhist and Sikh worship centres. All of this is aimed at growing their self awareness, and their emotional and spiritual health, so that they can minister faithfully in 21st century South Australia and beyond. In second semester, a large focus will be personal prayer.

EVENTS DIARY

- **TUES 1 SEP**
  - 6.00PM OPEN NIGHT

- **2-5 OCT**
  - CV CONFERENCE

- **FRI 16 OCT**
  - 9-11AM Pastors Workshop 4
  - Money for Ministry

- **SAT 7 NOV**
  - 10-11.30AM OPEN DAY

- **FRI 13 NOV**
  - END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

- **FRI 11 DEC**
  - 9-11AM Pastors Workshop 5
  - Process Evangelism

2015 GRADUATION SERVICE

On 28 February the achievements of our 2015 graduates were recognised at the annual Graduation Service. Family, friends, students and faculty enjoyed a great evening of celebration, worship, thanksgiving and supper. This year thirteen graduates received Australian College of Theology awards and a number of prizes were presented on the night. A highlight of the evening were the graduates’ personal testimonies on how BCSA has impacted their lives and prepared them for ministry. We congratulate our graduates and prize winners and pray they will be faithful and fruitful as they serve the Lord Jesus.

LIST OF 2015 GRADUATES

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As we move into semester two, it’s exciting to see lots of returning students back at their studies as well as more new faces too. It’s great that more men and women are making the sacrificial decision to undertake formal theological education so that they are better prepared and equipped for Kingdom service.

The times we are living in are challenging for Christian believers in the West. In many places, both the secular governments and even churches are rejecting the Word of God and instead following the spirit of the age. While we might grieve this situation, we ought not be surprised by it. The New Testament repeatedly makes it very clear that followers of Jesus should expect to be at odds with the world around them (eg Matt 10:16-25). The primary challenge for believers is not to control the culture they live in, but to stay faithful to Jesus in all seasons and to proclaim the good news of forgiveness and hope in his death and resurrection. We are able to do all this with great confidence because we know the Spirit works in us and that Christ has the victory and remains sovereign over all.

At Bible College SA, we believe that deep biblical and theological formation is critical if we are to know God and make him known as he has revealed himself to us and not as the world would like to reimagine him. It is therefore essential that those who will be set aside as teachers and leaders among God’s people are themselves strongly equipped in Bible and Christian thought so they can lead others in right paths during challenging times. We give ongoing thanks to our ministry partners as they support us in fulfilling our mandate to form the next generations of gospel workers for South Australia and beyond.

2015 FOUNDATION DINNER

On 22 May, BCSA’s Foundation Partners and their guests came together for the annual Foundation Dinner. Over the course of the evening, a great meal was shared, the President of the Foundation, Bill Dickson, and Principal of the College, Tim Patrick, gave addresses, and we heard from one of our graduates, Matt Lehmann and current student Maren Phillips.

BCSA is deeply thankful to God for our great supporters and their invaluable generosity. Without them the College would not be able to continue its vital work of training the next generations of gospel workers for Adelaide, South Australia and beyond.
OPEN EVENTS

Our May Open Night was well attended as we welcomed a number of potential new students for this semester and 2016. It’s always great to chat with people who feel a call to study God’s word in depth as they prepare for Kingdom service.

The College will run two more open events this year and we welcome you and your friends to come along to chat with us about the various options for studying at BCSA.

Next Open dates:

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GOSPEL LEADERSHIP UNITS

Semester 1 kicked off with two great Gospel Leadership units. In February we launched the first City to City Incubator intensive with Andrew Katay, CEO of City to City Australia. In June, Dr Jason Maston from Houston Baptist University, presented a five day Intensive on Pauline Anthropology and what it means to be human. Both units received outstanding feedback from participants.

In Semester Two, Andrew Katay is back to run the second City to City unit, and Dr Jeff Pugh has already run a five day intensive on Church Systems and Congregational Health. To obtain more information about our postgraduate program please email our Director of Postgraduate Studies, Katy Smith: katy.smith@biblecollege.sa.edu.au.

STUDENT NEWS

It’s been a busy baby season at BCSA!

Our warmest congratulations to students who recently welcomed a new addition to the family. Praise God for his good blessings, and we pray you get sufficient sleep to study!

- **William Douglas** born to Daniel & Louise Marks
- **Zachary Lachlan** born to Rosey & Joel Huf
- **Zera Imelda** born to Lawson & Marella Hannaford
- **Violet Faith** born to Paul & Melinda van Vuuren
- **Joshua Malachi** born to Chris & Stephanie Seglenieks