



FORMAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
(A CHARTERED UNIVERSITY)

CHRISTIAN STUDIES NEWSLETTER

2024-2025



Greetings!

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation"

What a tremendous privilege it has been to joyfully and with passion, teach and disciple the students in the Christian Studies programme.

Our Prayer

We continually pray, asking our Father God, to open the hearts, minds and actions of our students to the eternal truths in the holy Scriptures that reveal Christ, who lived, died and is risen and is interceding for the beloved children of God. We ask God to enable the students by the Spirit, to walk in the footsteps of their Saviour Jesus Christ, displaying lives of righteousness that honour and please God. We ask our Father God that the students may be a rich blessing to the other students and teachers, to their own families and their communities within which they live. With this prayer in our minds, our focus, when planning and preparing our classes and extra activities, is for the impartation and exploration of Christ-centred knowledge from the holy Scriptures, paired with genuine sacrificial love.

Our Vision (where we are going)

That the students will become strong disciples of Christ, being increasingly transformed in godly knowledge and character formation. That they will serve lovingly with in their various spheres of interaction and that they will have a godly and holy influence upon those who know Christ and those who do not.



Our Mission (why we exist)

That the students will love God and love people. That they will live out their faith in all aspects of their life, in community, and in so doing, will bring glory and clear witness to Christ.



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Content of Classes

- Based on God's self-revelation and his eternal truths in the Bible included:
- What is your purpose and hope for life?
- Who is God, who is the Trinitarian God?
- Why did God create us? How do we glorify Him?
- The law of God and our huge problem.
- Sin, judgement and our Redeemer.
- Prayer – how is it possible, God-centred.
- God's purpose in sexuality, marriage. Lust- God's solution.
- Verbal communication, social media.
- The big story of the bible – bible overview.
- The gospel story in pictures and bible verses.
- Understanding your life with Jesus – testimony writing.
- Storytelling and understanding of parables.
- The cross of Christ and its effects, the resurrection of Christ and its effects.



Exciting News!

This year Mr. Ifraeem (faculty lecturer) has joined Ms. Susan in the Christian Studies department. What a tremendous blessing he has been to Ms. Susan and to the many students. He is a man of integrity with a strong passion and holy dedication to see the Christian students grow strong in their faith, knowledge and love for the Lord Jesus Christ. Mr. Ifraeem is a very skilled musician with much experience and has studied theology at Forman College university. He has an effective and very positive rapport with the students and is most welcome into this community at Forman Christian College.



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Bible Recitations at Various Important Events

Practicing and leading in the singing of the College Song at several events. We are very proud to have the opportunity to sing the values, direction and heart of the College through the singing of the College Song. Our hope and delight continue to be that the students and the faculty and staff will increasingly develop a love for the message of the Song and take it to heart with pride and in unity of spirit.





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The Christmas Gala

As many as forty students were involved in the Christmas Gala in December. The theme this year was Jesus – the light of the world. The students spent countless hours under the skilful and expert tutelage of Ms. Joy, the music director and head of Visual Arts Department and her very capable team, practicing many Christ-centred songs with accompanying instruments, monologues and bible recitations. The performances were inspiring, thought provoking and gave glory to God.





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Seminar - Spiritual Refreshment

Over one hundred students attended our spiritual refreshment seminar in October. We praise God for this interest and enthusiasm of the students to learn how they can grow in their love and worship of God in day-to-day practical ways.

Testimonies - Walking with Jesus

The students spent many weeks reflecting upon why their relationship with Jesus is essential, how he helps them to live and how they came to have a developing relationship with Him. They explored their areas of challenge, joys and struggles. They were guided to consider the significance of Jesus's life, crucifixion and resurrection upon their own lives and thinking. The students were encouraged to share these testimonies with their families and in their local churches for the building up of other Christians in their faith.





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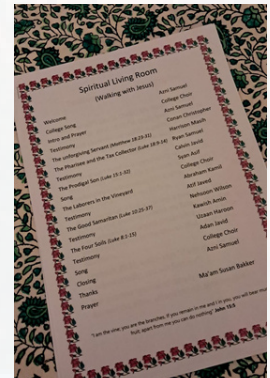
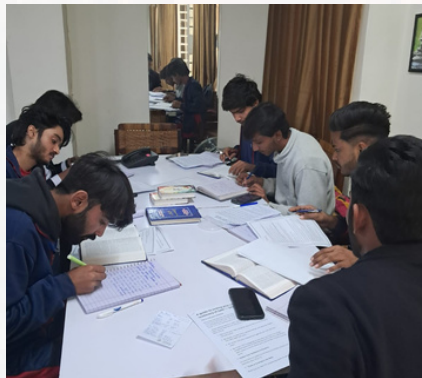


Spiritual Living Room Events

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Bible Studies - Second Year & Hostel Students

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Bible studies for faculty & staff – the gospel of Luke

Bible studies were offered at different times throughout the year with some faculty and staff enthusiastically attending. We thank God for these times of joy when we can learn from God in the Scriptures and encourage each other through the challenges of life, in our walk of faith with Jesus.



Seminars, Bible Reflections & Prayer for faculty and staff.

We conducted 3 seminars in April on the 4th Psalm. These seminars explored the theme of trusting God in times of distress. The seminars included periods of interactive discussion and responses in small groups and was well received from all who attended.

There have been many opportunities for the Christian Studies Department faculty to lead times of Bible reflections at Easter, at Christmas and at various other celebratory events. There have been many weekly and sometimes daily times of fervent prayer with faculty and staff during the year.



Thank you

Finally, we thank you and give thanks to God for Dr. Ivan Suneel – Vice-Rector, Dr. Lubna – College Coordinator and all the faculty, and staff for their continued encouragement and support, expertise, assistance, prayers and kind friendships during the year. We thank God for the students and their families.

May our Lord bless, keep and grant you peace in Christ

Christian Studies Department

Ms. Susan Bakker and Mr. Ifraeem Yousef.

2025 May.