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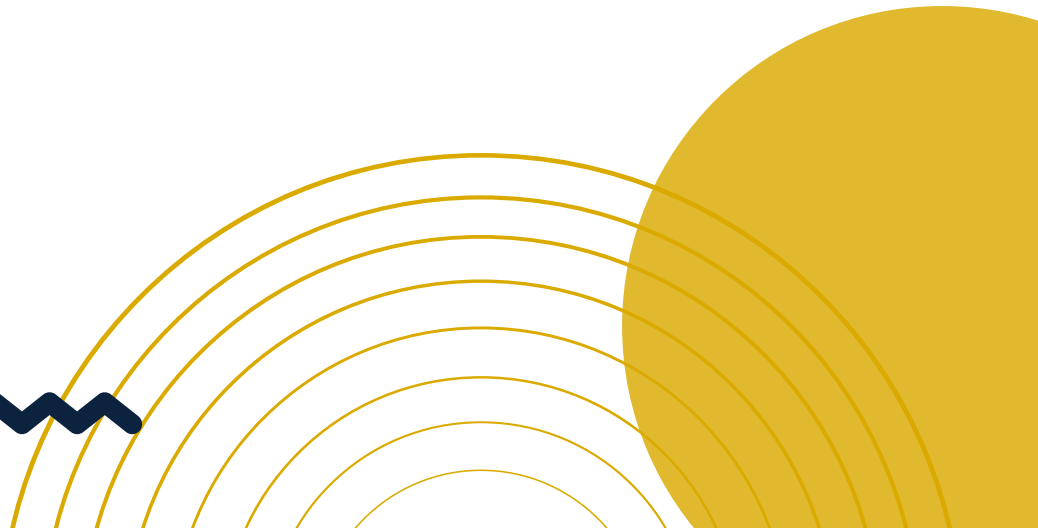
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Parents, as I'm sure you are aware, we begin each spring semester with our Truth & Life conference. This year was no different. Truth & Life is a themed event that provides students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to reconnect around good teaching, worship, and fellowship. The primary teaching was based on the theme of being an exile or foreigner in a strange land (Heb. 11:13-16), and our featured speaker was Alistair Begg. The conference was opened with a message from our President, Dr. Abner Chou, and it was a great reminder of the uniqueness of the setting of our call to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In this newsletter I'd like to pick up from where we left off at the end of the fall semester. We were preparing for the holidays and returning your students back home. If you remember, we wanted to encourage you to enjoy the time with your student and experience some of the fruits of their time away. I trust it was a blessed reunion, filled with lots of good food, fun, praises, and, yes, laundry. As parents it always fills the heart with joy when the maturation of our sons or daughters unfolds right before your eyes. Answered prayers on display!

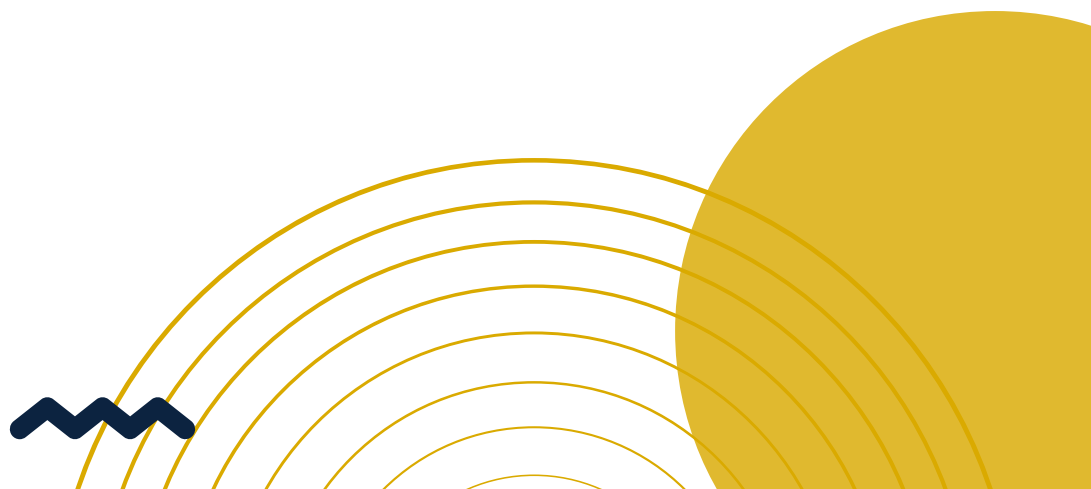


But now that the holiday break is over, it's time to look forward to the next semester. Students resumed their classes last Tuesday. Most parents have been back to work, and I am sure that many of you may not have even had the opportunity to take time off at all. What we all share, however, is that our love and care for our family never takes a break. So as students, faculty, and staff return to the responsibilities of fulfilling the trust you have deposited with us for your students, I want to ask that you continue to partner with us in encouraging and mentoring your student.

The beginning of the spring semester is like the beginning of the second half of a football or basketball game. During halftime, the coach's game plan is evaluated, and any necessary adjustments are made. But it's the players that play the game, and it's their responsibility to be aware, alert, and prepared to execute those adjustments. And so, it's time for that same type of awareness and adjustments for the students themselves. It's an opportunity for them to demonstrate to themselves that they are truly engaged and growing.

So, for some it will be an awareness of:

- the need for more discipline
- the need to take more responsibility for their decisions and choices
- the need to take class and study time more seriously
- the need to take God's Word more seriously
- the need to be more balanced with their health, sleep, fun and eating habits
- the need to be more accountable
- the need to be more Christlike
- and for some the awareness that this is their final year at TMU! (woohoo!!)



These are just a few insights that we hope students are thinking about as they navigate the beginning of the semester. After Spring Break, it will be time for them to focus on finishing the year well.

But for us, as parents...there is no break!

You are their God-appointed counselors and mentors, and as such, you are always to be ready at a moment's notice. Always on guard for when they reach out and ask for counsel, prayer or just a much-needed listening ear. Because knowing when to speak and when to sometimes just listen, watch, and wait is gold to young adults. That role has no day off! Amen?

So, to The Master's University community of parents, let me encourage and exhort you to continue on in prayer for your student and for us as well. Daily we see the evidence of your prayers! From the classroom to Trophy Coffee shop, from chapel to the cafeteria, and from the dorms to athletics, theatre, intramurals, clubs and even the local churches students attend. The Master's University is a community of offered up and answered prayers. Please keep it up (Luke 21:19; Ephesians 6:18) and we will continue to pray for you as well!

