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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As we arrive at the midpoint of the year, we cannot help but reflect on how quickly the months have passed. Above all, we give thanks to the Lord for His faithful presence among us and for the many blessings we continue to experience as a learning community.

The past two months have been both full and fruitful. Students successfully completed the first semester examinations, and the Academic Committee carefully reviewed and approved all marks. In addition, we were privileged to host the 15th annual TEASA Consultation. This gathering of the Theological Education Association of Southern Africa provided a rich time of fellowship, encouragement, and shared learning.

As we look ahead, we are excited for the start of the second semester, with classes commencing at all seven locations during the week of 20 July. Enrolment remains open but will close on Monday, 13 July. We are grateful to offer a full roster of courses this semester—about 145 in total—serving our diverse student body across all campuses.

The coming months promise to be equally busy. We are privileged to regularly host visiting professors who enrich our programmes alongside our dedicated faculty. Early July will feature several intensive courses, taught by both Mukhanyo lecturers and visiting professors:

- Research Methodology (BTh Hons.) taught by Dr John Span and Dr Barend Hefer in Pretoria.
- Exegesis of Hebrews (BTh Hons.) taught by Dr Jacob Igba in Pretoria.
- Apologetic Witness (BTh) taught by Dr Brian DeVries with students from Pretoria, Johannesburg, KwaMhlanga, and other campuses.
- Doctrine of Salvation (BTh Hons.) taught in Pretoria by Dr Craig Troxel, visiting professor from Westminster Seminary California.
- Biblical Counselling (BTh) taught in Cape Town by Rev Neil Henry.
- Study Skills (H.Cert.) taught by Amanda Nel in Pretoria.
- And two Master's level courses (ThM) taught in Pretoria at the end of July by Dr Bruce Baugus, visiting professor from Puritan Reformed Theology Seminary.

Mid-July will see our annual Staff Vision Day with the entire Mukhanyo family in KwaMhlanga, followed by a Strategic Forum in Pretoria, where we will prayerfully plan and shape our direction for the next 18 months. Alongside these events, we prepare for numerous conferences hosted by our campuses and centres from September through to November.

We thank you for your continued support and prayers as we labour together in this important work.

Yours in Christ
Dr Brian DeVries
Principal



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Mukhanyo equips Christians for ministry in Africa. Our main focus is to provide relevant, high-quality, biblical education in both in-service training and local learning.

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ACADEMIC UPDATES



TEASA 2026 Explores the Gospel and Culture in African Bible Education



From 17–19 June, Mukhanyo had the privilege of participating in the 2026 Theological Education Association of Southern Africa (TEASA) Consultation at eMseni Christian Centre in Kempton Park.

This year's theme, The Gospel and Culture in African Bible Education, encouraged theological educators from across Southern Africa to reflect on how faithful biblical teaching can be applied within diverse African contexts.

The programme included presentations and workshops on topics such as contextualising Bible education in Africa, biblical truth and cultural practice, teaching hermeneutics in multicultural contexts, cross-cultural biblical counselling, curriculum development, social transformation, and promoting Christ's gospel in a clash of cultures.

Mukhanyo Principal, Dr Brian DeVries, contributed to the consultation through two presentations on Defining Culture within God's Story and Contextualising Bible Education in Africa, along with many other key speakers.

Beyond the formal sessions, TEASA provided valuable opportunities for fellowship, prayer, collaboration, and mutual encouragement among theological educators committed to strengthening biblical education across Africa.

We thank the Lord for this opportunity and pray that the discussions and relationships formed during TEASA 2026 will continue to bear fruit in churches, classrooms, and ministries throughout the continent.

Looking Ahead: July at Mukhanyo

July promises to be a busy and enriching month across the Mukhanyo community.

The month begins with Honours and ThM courses in Pretoria, followed by a counselling intensive in Cape Town. Students will also benefit from the ministry of visiting international lecturers, including Dr Craig Troxel from Westminster Seminary California and Dr Bruce Baugus from Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in the United States.

On 15 July, Mukhanyo staff from across the institution will gather for a Vision Day in KwaMhlanga, followed by a Strategic Forum in Pretoria on 16 July. These events provide opportunities for reflection, planning, and strengthening Mukhanyo's mission of serving the church through theological education.

Second-semester classes commence on 21 July, and we look forward to welcoming both returning and new students as another semester of study begins.

Please pray for safe travel, fruitful learning, and God's blessing on all these activities.

Second Semester Applications Closing Soon



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Applications for the second
semester **close on 13 July 2026.**

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Prospective students are reminded that applications for Mukhanyo's second semester close on **13 July 2026.**

Whether you are preparing for ministry, seeking to deepen your understanding of Scripture, or looking to grow in your service to Christ and His church, now is the time to apply.

Dr Brian DeVries, Principal of Mukhanyo Theological College, encourages prospective students not to delay:

"Theological education is not only about gaining knowledge; it is about being equipped to serve God faithfully wherever He has called you. We encourage those considering study at Mukhanyo to submit their applications before the closing date and take the next step in their journey of growth and service."

For more information about our accredited and non-accredited programmes, visit the Mukhanyo website or contact our admissions team.

Applications close: 13 July 2026

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



Campus Update

As the first semester drew to a close, campuses across the Mukhanyo network concluded classes, assessments, and student activities before the mid-year break.

We thank the Lord for another semester of learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth. We are grateful for the commitment of our students, lecturers, and support staff who continue to contribute to the life of Mukhanyo's learning centres across Southern Africa.

Please pray for students as they prepare for the second semester beginning on 21 July.



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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Guest Lecturer Spotlight: Dr A. Craig Troxel



Mukhanyo Theological College is privileged to welcome Dr A. Craig Troxel as a guest lecturer during the upcoming Honours intensive in Pretoria.

Dr Troxel serves as the Robert G. den Dulk Professor of Practical Theology at Westminster Seminary California, and is an associate pastor at Harvest Orthodox Presbyterian Church in San Marcos, California. Throughout more than three decades of ministry and theological education, he has served churches in Pennsylvania and Illinois, taught at several respected seminaries, and contributed extensively to theological scholarship through numerous journal articles, and his book *With All Your Heart: Orienting Your Mind, Desires, and Will Toward Christ*.

Originally from rural Nebraska, Dr Troxel holds degrees from Anderson University, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Westminster Theological Seminary. His teaching and research focus on pastoral theology, Reformed spirituality, the doctrine of the church and the biblical teaching on the heart.

During his visit to Mukhanyo, Dr Troxel will present an Honours module on Soteriology, exploring the doctrine of salvation from biblical, theological and historical perspectives. The course will examine Christ's redemptive work and key doctrines such as election, justification and sanctification, while also engaging contemporary theological questions and challenges within the African context. Students will be equipped to understand, articulate and defend the biblical doctrine of salvation with greater theological depth and pastoral insight.

Opportunities to learn from internationally respected scholars such as Dr Troxel form part of Mukhanyo's ongoing commitment to providing academically rigorous, biblically faithful theological education that equips students for effective Christian ministry in Southern Africa and beyond.

STUDENT VOICES



Alumni Spotlight: A life and ministry transformed

When Pastor Elias Kekana enrolled at Mukhanyo Theological College's Ogies Learning Centre, he was already serving in ministry. However, he says his studies transformed not only the way he preached but also his personal walk with the Lord.

Originally from Zebediela in Limpopo, Pastor Kekana was born again in 2000 and graduated with a Diploma in Theology from Mukhanyo in 2023. Looking back, he describes his time at the College as far more than an academic journey; it was a life-changing experience.

Before studying at Mukhanyo, Pastor Kekana says that much of his preaching was based on what he had heard from other preachers and television ministries, without a clear understanding of how Scripture should be interpreted as a whole.

His decision to study theology was inspired by the late Dr TC Thwala.

"I was interested in the way he preached. It seemed like he brought the Bible to life. His life was also an inspiration to me," he recalls.

When Mukhanyo opened its Ogies Learning Centre, he knew it was the opportunity he had been waiting for.

Through his studies, Pastor Kekana gained the biblical tools to interpret Scripture faithfully and preach God's Word with greater clarity and confidence. He says the training equipped him to understand the Bible in its proper context and to communicate its message in a way that people can understand and apply to their daily lives.

"Our ministry has never been the same after my studies," he says. "Now I preach the sound gospel more deeply, but also more simply, so that people understand the Bible."

The impact extended far beyond the classroom. Pastor Kekana says his own relationship with Christ deepened significantly during his time at Mukhanyo, describing the experience as transformative for both his ministry and his personal faith.

Among the modules that left the greatest impression on him was Christian Character, which challenged students to return to the foundations of Christian living and demonstrate the gospel through their daily lives. He also highlights the Biblical Interpretation module, which equipped him to study Scripture carefully and faithfully communicate God's message.

Although he graduated in 2023, Pastor Kekana's relationship with Mukhanyo has continued to grow. Today, he serves as a tutor at three of the College's local learning sites in the Zebediela area of Limpopo.

Pastor Kekana also speaks warmly of the example set by Mukhanyo's lecturers and leadership. Their humility and servant-hearted approach to ministry left a lasting impression on him and continues to shape his own ministry today.

"I was impacted by the humility of the staff and the Principal. They related to everyone as ordinary people, and that taught me to remain humble, no matter what qualifications I may have."

Encouraging others to consider studying at Mukhanyo, Pastor Kekana says the College offers far more than an affordable theological education.

"There is a community of believers who support one another academically, spiritually and personally. Whether you face family, financial or emotional challenges, there are people who genuinely care. I truly experienced the love of Christ at Mukhanyo."

For Pastor Kekana, the value of his studies cannot be measured by a qualification alone. The knowledge he gained, the spiritual growth he experienced and the relationships he formed continue to influence both his life and his ministry as he faithfully proclaims God's Word.

