

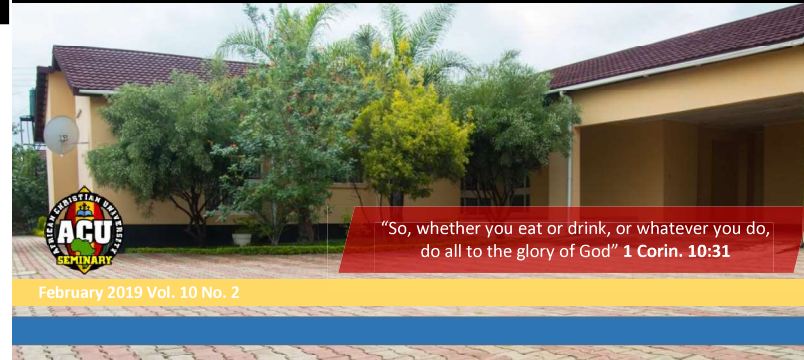
At that moment the young man was thankful for the wisdom of his mother who had no doubt travelled this road before. Proverbs 1:8 stands as a reminder to young people to acknowledge and heed the counsel of godly parents and teachers who have made well-worn paths ahead of them: 'Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- Every year, the students who join us are from different backgrounds, cultures and countries. Our prayer is that they integrate well during their time at ACU.
- Pray for the students' salvation and spiritual growth.
- The programmes for accreditation are due for submission to the Higher Education Authority on 28 February 2019. Pray that the Higher Education Authority may approve our programmes.
- Continue to pray for Dr Conrad Mbewe as he seeks to create awareness and fundraise for ACU

MATTERS FOR PRAISE

- Thank God for the successful start to a new academic year particularly orientation and the start of Term 1.
- Praise God for growth in the student population. We now have the largest number of students we have ever had since the commencement of ACU.
- We are grateful to God for the number of individuals and organisations He is using to support the work of ACU. Please join us in thanking God.
- Dr Voddie Baucham and his family spent the last 2 months in the United States of America spending time with family and friends, preaching, fundraising and creating awareness about ACU. Thank God for their time there and their safe return.



ACU is not a Seminary...But it does have one

By Davey Hoffman



A common misconception among many who have heard about ACU is that ACU is simply a seminary, a place where people can go to simply learn more about God. It is likely a misconception based on the fact that the word "Christian" is central in the name of the university. While there are students who are now currently enrolled in the newly established seminary department under the university, the reality is that at the same time there are other students being equipped as teachers, agriculturalists and business leaders through the bachelor degree programme. ACU is more than just a seminary.

Currently ACU is offering bachelor degrees in business, agriculture, education, and theology. It is also hoping to add degrees in economics, fine arts, and computer science sometime in the near future. As the university grows in infrastructure and faculty, it will allow the university to not only add more degree programmes, but also degrees at the masters and Ph.D level.

Alongside the bachelor degree courses, ACU is opening the seminary programme to run alongside the university. This is a big new development. The seminary will not simply be offering pastoral training, but also Masters degrees, specifically in Pastoral Theology and Institutional Chaplaincy. This means that for entrance into the seminary programme the applicant will already need to have a bachelors degree (in any field). Upon completion, students will be aided in finding either a pastoral or chaplaincy position based on their degree choice.

You may now ask, "If ACU is actually a university with more than just theology, then why all the stuff about Christian worldview?" This is a fair question as most of us from outside of ACU have very good degrees, from very good universities, without having been taught anything about "Christian Worldview". Why does ACU have to teach that as well? The answer to that simply comes down to how we view reality.



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Is God real on more days than just Sunday? Is scripture truly God's word? Are we to live out our faith in every aspect of our lives? ACU gives an emphatic yes to all of these questions, and because of that it changes how education is approached.

If God is real and is the author of truth, then talking about God in the classroom, and in our vocation, is not spiritualising the classroom but rather it is reflecting true reality. How can we talk about physics properly if we do not acknowledge God as the creator of the rules of the universe? How can we teach history effectively if we ignore the reality of God working out history by His divine sovereignty.

As Christians, the reality of the Gospel is something that must be more than what we sing about on Sundays, but it must permeate all of our lives. Christ actually came to earth and died almost two thousand years ago, the creator and sustainer of life on earth gave His life for His people. If we can talk about His life, death and resurrection, we must also talk about His law, His desires for His people, and what He has called them to do in their different walks of life.

Practically speaking, you may ask, "But how does this all work out?" The motto of ACU is "growing in grace and knowledge", which of course comes from 2 Peter 3:18. This knowledge and grace is not based upon some mindless faith, but rather it is based on truth. The truth of God's existence is true for both the believer and the unbeliever, and his attributes are clear for all to see. Therefore the incredible thing is not that ACU teaches from a biblical perspective that recognises God as creator, sustainer and Saviour, rather the incredible thing is that most universities deny this truth and do everything possible to avoid it.

Every university seeks to understand more of reality: the difference with ACU is that it does not deny the reality of God and of His creative work. Therefore, although the theology students will learn about God in the context of theological studies, business students will also learn about God and what He has called them to be as business people.

The business student will learn about marketing, accounts, management, supply and demand, and other such topics just as in a business course at any other university. The agriculture student will study chemistry, biology, botany, and such just as at any university. The education student will learn about teaching, lesson planning, child development, among other things. But what sets apart ACU is that while learning these topics, students will be learning with a foundation in the fear of God, of who He is, and what He has called his people to be. Students will have to apply their knowledge of a proper biblical understanding to the courses they take. This means that they will need to look at issues such as the God honouring ways to pursue marketing, the best way to be good stewards of

conservation in plant ecosystems, and whether there is a biblical impact upon the proper application of child psychology in education.

To sum it all up, there must be a foundation to knowledge. At ACU we know that foundation to be God Himself, and His word which reveals truth about Himself and His creation. That doesn't make ACU a seminary, that makes it a university based on truth. ACU is not a seminary... but it does have one.



Reflection on Orientation Day by Dr. Celestine Musembi (Interim Vice Chancellor)

Friday, February 15th 2019

Today I attended my first ACU Orientation- and what a day it has been! Twenty-two (22) students in attendance. The highlight for me was listening to our Resident Sage, Mr. Wilson Tembo employ the time-honoured tradition of story-telling to illustrate Proverbs 1:8 to our attentive students: a young man boarded a bus, travelling for the first time from Zambezi to Lusaka. His mother had told him, "Son, be sure to buy the First Class ticket". Upon taking his seat, he looked around him, unimpressed. His seat was indistinguishable from the next. It seemed to him there was no defined seating arrangement. What wisdom was there in his mother's instruction to buy a First Class ticket? So he enquired from the driver, "What is the point of a First Class ticket?" "Wait and see", came the reply, and the bus rolled along.

Now, as you approach the town of Kabombo, there is a series of three hills. The bus went over the first hill with a hint of struggle. The second hill strained its every nerve. At

the third hill the driver announced, "All holders of Third Class tickets, please get off the bus, go behind the bus and push. All holders of Second Class tickets, please get off the bus and walk alongside the bus uphill. Holders of First Class tickets please remain in your seats."

