

Stromlo

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

He (Christ) is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. Col 1:28-29

Senior Pastor's Annual Report May 2017

I want to begin with giving thanks to the Lord for all that he has done in the last twelve months through Stromlo church and in the lives of our congregation. I also want to thank my wife Skye and my children for their support. I am thankful to the staff team, Sarah Rootes, Paul Avis, Linden Vine and to Dave McDonald and to all of who have partnered us in the ministry of the gospel here at Stromlo. Thank you to all of you who have been prayerful and supportive of me in my new role as Senior Pastor.

There has been a lot that has gone on in the past year and we have much to praise God for. This time last year we moved from Stromlo High to Charles Weston School in Coombs. We have held events such as the Community Fun Day, Parenting Teenagers Course, Card making, Gingerbread house making, Ultimate camp, Newcomer's lunches, a Family Service, and Christmas carols just to name a few. We have also started new ministry initiatives like Junior Jivers and we have been preaching through the books of Isaiah, 1 Corinthians, Matthew and Proverbs. With the appointment of new Associate and Senior pastors and with the change in Sunday location; there has been some significant change that has occurred. Yet we have witnessed minimal upheaval amongst our congregation. This is a sign of good Christian maturity amongst our church members.

Currently our Sunday services continue to go well and we are steadily seeing more people joining us each Sunday. Young families and children continue to be the main demographic with over 160 youth and children from 70 different families on our books. Our Life Groups are well attended and we have seen a number of new groups planted this year.

The future for Stromlo is an exciting prospect. We have a great staff team and many valuable congregational members eager to serve and see the kingdom grow. I am particularly thankful for the partnership we share with Paul and Zoe Avis who joined us in Jan this year. As we move forward we are eager to establish a clearer vision for where we are going as a church. We will seek to better reach the unchurched in our region, to Partner with Molonglo Bible Church, to better integrate those who are new and to equip our members for involvement in ministry. There are clearly some challenges ahead however. In 2018 we will need to find a replacement Children's Ministry coordinator for Sarah Rootes. We face some financial challenges, as well as the many 'growing pains' and changes to dynamics as our church grows into a bigger church. As a result we need to be more prayerful than ever, not forgetting the urgency of gospel and praying that God would send more harvesters into his harvest field.

I am looking forward to partnering with you in the ministry of the gospel in the year ahead. In His strength and 'To the praise of his glory' (Eph 1:14)

Dan Evers