



Annual Report 2025

Member's Meeting November 2025

The 2025 ministry year (Sept 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2025) was marked by continuity and change. Our five priorities (listed below) remained. It was a year of introducing young teachers on the weekend, growing capacity by building our volunteer base, and inviting people to church (from retreats, to kid's nights, to corn maze, and worship nights).

Our 2025 priorities:

- **Next Gen** (ministry to the next generation of youth and children)
- **Groups** (good things happen in rows, but the best things happen in circles)
- **Empowering Leadership** (equipping youth and adults for ministry leadership)
- **Digital Ministry** (hybrid, in person and online ministry is our new normal)
- **Supporting Christian Education** (realizing the redemptive potential of SCA)

A sampling of outcomes that have marked this past year:

Weekend Average Attendance: By the end of this ministry year, it was clear that we would return to three services to increase our capacity for kids especially, but also for growth.

Weekends	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Auditorium	743	872	947	1305
Kids	127	159	167	221
Online	184	160	153	196
YouTube	86	137	185	231
Total	1070	1295	1428	1954

Baptisms: Testimony bring courage and hope. Baptism weekends are a highlight of celebration. In 2025 we had 41 baptisms. This ministry year has already kicked off with 17 baptisms to date (nine adult/young adults and eight youth).

Baptism	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Total	59	74	41

Alpha: This year we plan to move Alpha off campus and into homes and offsite venues; creating opportunity for those who are curious about Jesus, but hesitant to walk into a church. We invite you to join in and pray for our Alpha team, its volunteer facilitators, and home hosts! There is always room for you to join in on this!



Kids: The energy and momentum in our Kid's area is contagious. Our volunteer base makes this happen, as do the summer interns who shaped this years Kid's camp and helped launch our fall. In the past year we had the privilege of serving 1003 unique children (713 on a weekend and 544 at a Kids Event).

Kids Ministry	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Kids Weekends	595	707	713
Kids Events	347	528	544
Total	778	980	1003

Youth: The integration with SCA continues to be a great opportunity. It has been so incredible to watch youth explore vocational ministry, serve consistently, and begin theological training. In the past year we had the privilege of serving 524 unique youth (447 via mid-week programming and 371 through Youth Events).

Youth Ministry	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Youth Mid-Week	471	486	447
Youth Events	233	???	371
Total	511		524

Groups: The starting point for many is to join a Connection Group - a catalyst for new or feel new people to find a sense of belonging & becoming. Many who attend Connections continue to become their own group! Across all three types of groups this year we have seen growth in participation. So grateful for the 80+ volunteer leader/facilitators who make this happen. This fall, we've seen an increase of 166 people joining in one of our 72 Groups (Medium Sized, Life Groups, Support Groups).

Groups	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Life Groups	303	294	322
Medium Sized Groups	328	398	457
Support Groups	78	82	108
Total	597	668	744

What's more important than these numbers is what God is doing in our groups by increasing *Connection*, *Spiritual Growth in Jesus*, and a *Culture to Serve*. From first time experiences with Jesus, to healing being experienced, and a passion to serve throughout our church, to name a few.



Care Ministry: As the Body of Christ ministers to each other through prayer, Care Ministry was thrilled last February to expand Weekend Prayer from once a month to every weekend and then to expand the team again as we moved to three services this fall!

Justice and Compassion: It's been deeply encouraging to have people who are passionate about global missions offer wisdom, prayer, and support as we relaunch this ministry in many ways. Our compassion initiatives are predominately volunteer led (people with deep passion and conviction). We have so much to learn from each other about what it means to partner with Jesus in serving and caring for those in need. We are filled with anticipation about how God will collectively move our people towards a deeper heart for missions and serving.

Communications: Through collaboration, creativity, and consistent messaging, we've helped facilitate community connection, strengthen engagement, and highlight the many ways God is at work through our church family, both online and in person. In 2025, 800 plus people open our eNews each week (that is 77% which is really good). A major highlight was the launch of *The Story*.

Volunteerism and Interns: A huge project has been underway for several years now, to build consistent ways to screen and verify that our volunteers are known and aligned with our mission and pledge to be a safe and caring place. This has meant that 100's of you have been filling out applications, ensuring we have references, and getting your criminal record checks up to date. Thank you! All of this is so integral to showing our church that we take care of our people seriously.

Over the past few years, we have built a culture of investment in our summer interns. This year was a high point again as we watched them partner with our leaders, learn, have fun, and contribute significantly to our church. Many of them are seriously considering a vocation that involves church ministry.

Strathcona Christian Academy: This is a sweet season as we see alumni of SCA return to serve, as teachers, board members, and volunteers in so many ways. This is also true of our present students as they step forward to lead both in the school and in roles within our church (youth, tech teams, set-up crews, etc.). The enrolment of our schools is strong and the opportunity to invest in the next generation remains so important and central to this ministry.