

Profile: Colin Pretorius

Personal information:	I am 54 years old, very happily married to Maggie and have three adult children (29, 26, 25). Born in South Africa, I migrated to Australia in 2001 and settled in Melbourne.
Education and working life:	I've had the privilege of studying at the RTC for the past 3 years and have recently completed my M.Div. degree. Most of my working life was spent in the fields of commerce and IT.
Faith journey:	Raised in a nominally Christian family, I was baptised and did my profession of faith in the Dutch Reformed Church. I cannot pinpoint exactly when I truly gave my heart to the Lord – for me it was more a process of growing ever closer to Him. It is a process of a deepening relationship for which I not only praise the Lord but which I pray will continue until Christ returns.
Church involvement:	<p>I have been a member of the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church for the past 10 years and am currently serving in my second term as elder. As an elder I share in the pastoral visitation of church members, especially of those in the adjacent aged care facility.</p> <p>During the past three years I have been blessed with a number of opportunities to share God's Word from the pulpit, a privilege for which I'm truly thankful.</p> <p>As our congregation has been without a pastor for the past six months, I have taken on a number of additional responsibilities such as the rostering of preachers, elders and deacons and have also been responsible for putting together the orders of service. I serve on the search committee for a new pastor and have been involved in the church planting planning team.</p> <p>I am responsible for our congregation's outreach action to the ex-South African community in our local area, focusing on helping especially new immigrants to settle in a new country and finding a spiritual home. This ministry, which includes a monthly Afrikaans service as well as fellowship, has also led to the formation of a Bible study group which meets at our home. This allows my wife and me to nurture and provide additional pastoral care to this part of our community.</p> <p>On a denominational basis I am involved in the Bible Translation Committee and have represented our congregation at a number of Classis meetings.</p>
Ministry passions:	I pray to continually grow closer to and in knowledge of my Saviour so that I will be better equipped to bring the message of His saving grace to others. My ministry passions are pastoral ministry and care and the faithful preaching of God's Word.
Other interests:	Maggie and I share a love of Siberian Huskies, reading, tumbling-gymnastics and travel. I am a keen photographer and when time permits I like to combine my interest in IT, books and genealogy by creating electronic family history books.