

It is with a heavy heart that I bring forward this letter. In the praying, discerning, and seeking after Jesus over the past month and a half, Kara & I sense that we are being called elsewhere.

We're excited for what Jesus has yet we are saddened to be leaving Sturgeon Alliance Church. We want it to be made known that we we're not in a place of searching for somewhere else to go, we're not trying to run from anything here, and that this truly is heavy on our hearts.

We have been a part of the family at Sturgeon Alliance Church for just over three years now and have been welcomed with open arms, have been supported by an amazing staff team, congregation, elders, and lead pastors in Brent & Erica Foster. As we step away our relationships with the staff team, the elders, Brent and this congregation remain incredibly healthy.

In the past number of weeks in having this conversation with Pastor Brent, I've been met with such incredible grace, patience and understanding.

I want to thank you as a church body for taking a chance on me - a young kid still in a lot of ways, days out of Bible college and propelled into an incredible opportunity to serve our students, young adults and all of you as a church body. I've been here just over three years and have been given at least double that in opportunity in my time here. I will always be so thankful for my time here.

My final Sunday here at Sturgeon Alliance will be Sunday, September 5 - where I have the privilege to be wrapping up James and talking about faith that lasts. At which point afterwards I'll be starting at my new position of Sr. High & Young Adult Pastor at St. Albert Alliance Church.

Please know that my heart is to finish well over this next month, from Sunday mornings, youth & young adult summer events, to Kid Kamp. I feel strongly in wanting to say goodbye in the healthiest way possible. Not just for myself & my family, but also for the health of this church body that we love deeply.

Sturgeon Alliance Church ... I think about Paul's word to the church in Philippi and how it fits with my own heart for all of you ... *Every time I think of you I thank God for you. I have joy in my heart every time I ask God to help you. I thank God for the joy we share in telling the good news from the very first day until now.*

Thank you, Sturgeon Alliance Church ... I want to close the service now with just a video from Pastor Brent ...