



2018 annual report

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spreading
substantive,
maturing,
expanding
joy in God.



a place for growing

God doesn't intend for you to stay like you are right now. He intends for you to grow.

Christianity is, by nature, a religion of growth. The God who rescued you intends to make you like Jesus Christ in your affections and character. And he will do this, not as we would like, automatically, but rather through the slow and sometimes painful process of growth.

Like many difficult things in life, growth could be viewed as one of the painful results of man's fall into sin. But that's not the whole story. If sin had never existed, growth still would.

We need to grow, not merely because we are sinners, but because we are creatures. We fall short of God not only in our obedience, but also in our mere creatureliness. God is creator; we are but creature. And as such, the need to grow is at its root, a mark of our creaturely dependence on our creator who needs no growth.

For God to grow, he would need to have some deficiency to emend or some imperfection to improve. But no such deficiency or imperfection exists in God. God is infinitely perfect in everything that he is. Therefore growth, for God, is an eternal impossibility. But for us, growth is a perpetual responsibility. A responsibility which draws us into humility before God, not just as redeemed sinners, but as dependent creatures. In this, then, our need for growth leads us to the heart of the Christian faith: Worship.



elder's report

Jason Harris

The document you are reading right now—our annual report—is a wonderful testimony to the many ways that God has been at work in our assembly this year. I pray that you will take a few minutes to read through the various ministry reports and give praise to God for what he has been doing at CrossPoint this year.

The preparation of this report has come to be, for me, a wonderful time of reflection on all that God has done. It is easy, in the routine of life, to fail to see the victories and accomplishments over a long period of time. This year I've been amazed as I look back over the last twelve months to see all that God has done at CrossPoint. God has given our small assembly the opportunity to minister in ways which are disproportionate to our size.

Looking back

I will not attempt to address the individual ministries as these are individually covered already, but I did want to look briefly at some of the big picture highlights of the year.

One blessing this year is that CrossPoint has been 100% self-supporting throughout the entire year. It has not been easy, but I am constantly amazed at the generous and sacrificial giving of our people. It is a powerful testimony to grace for me.



Not only have we paid our own bills, but we've seen encouraging numbers in a range of areas of giving toward causes beyond our doors. For example, this year we've launched our Care Fund which is specifically focused on doing good to all those in need, especially toward believers suffering persecution. I think you'll find the ministry reports for our various funds and ministries a source of great encouragement as we've been able to expand in every area of generosity to others including our mission account.

Perhaps the biggest opportunity we've seen this year was the 60 Minutes programme *Sins of the Father*, directed by Steve Jackson, which shone a light on a darkness within some elements of Christianity. We were able not only to speak up for goodness and justice, but to encourage, assist, and support many who have been oppressed through the scourge of domestic and family violence.

We established a fund for assisting victims of domestic violence. We've also been able to provide support for many through counselling, prayer, and practical advice. This counselling has been a significant feature of my year (though I am not the only one doing this work) and has been a source of great joy for me. Unless you've been directly involved, you will never be aware of most of those being helped, but this quiet work of support and counsel continues steadily behind the walls of confidentiality. May God be honoured in the lives of the many who have been assisted this year for his glory.

Our time in the word has been good this year. First, we finished our series through 1 Peter with John Piper. Then we worked through some of the sermons from the 2010 *Together for the Gospel* event from John MacArthur,



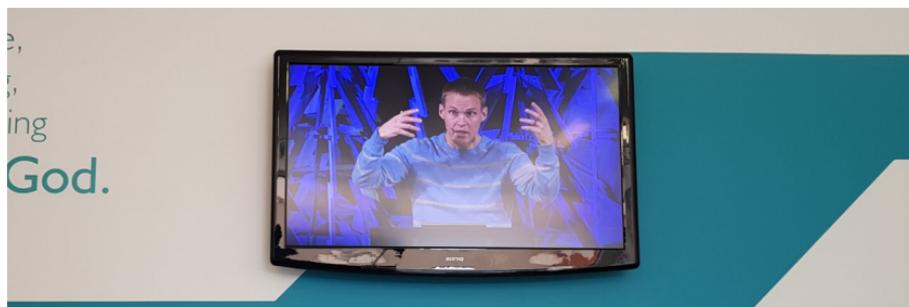
John Piper, Ligon Duncan, and Matt Chandler. We also went through a series in the Psalms called *Behold Our God* with David Platt which was a particular blessing. Finally, we've continued, and almost completed our epically long series through Romans!

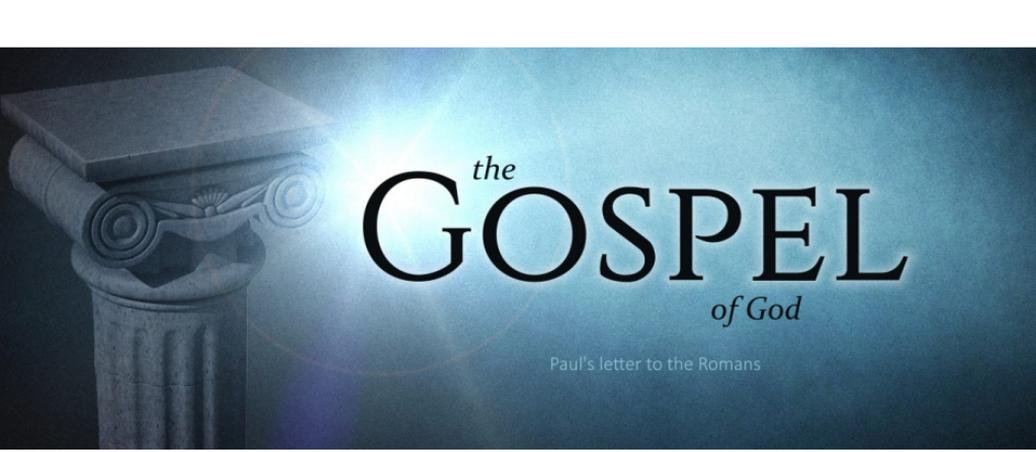
Finally, we took a significant step as an assembly this year in settling on and officially adopting the *London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689)* as our confessional standard. I rejoice to see us affirming a doctrinal standard which has passed the test of time and roots our doctrinal position deep in the heart of the Reformation era. Our faith is not new or novel. We preach the apostles' doctrine in the mainstream of the historic Christian faith. May it ever be so.

Looking forward

This year a very rough draft of a constitution has been begun with the goal of continuing to develop it over the coming year to prepare it for adoption by the assembly. Please pray for wisdom as there are a number of structural and organisational matters to resolve before a document can be proposed.

Please pray also as I continue to develop the *Finding Your Place at CrossPoint* material for use in the ministry here. This will be a valuable tool for integrating guests into the fellowship here in years to come.





the GOSPEL *of God*

Paul's letter to the Romans

We are also still working toward affiliating with a fellowship of Christian churches in Australia such as the *Fellowship of Evangelical Churches of Australia* (FECA) or the *Australian Fellowship of Bible-Believing Churches* (AFBC). Please pray that God will guide in this process. We will also need to consider the costs of sending a representative to annual fellowship events once we do join so that we can get and stay connected with other like-minded assemblies.

Finally, please continue to pray for me as I seek to balance the demands of eldership here with the financial and physical limitations of my situation. Pray that I will have wisdom in planning out the spiritual diet of the church and in leading the assembly toward health and growth.

We desperately need God to work at CrossPoint this year. We are wholly dependent on him if anything spiritual is to be accomplished. I beg you to join me in continually asking God to supernaturally transform lives through his word and his Spirit at CrossPoint. If anything good is accomplished this year at CrossPoint, it will be God. All God.

Grace to you.



income statement

CrossPoint Church

for the financial year ended 30 June*

	2018	2017
Income		
Donations		
Building	270	150
Care	70	-
Craft Night	223	237
Designated	-	797
Domestic Violence	2,550	-
General	13,671	12,814
Mission	602	290
Fundraising	832	1,239
	18,218	15,527
Expense		
Building		
Equipment	41	-
Furnishings	5	-
Rent	13,041	12,625
Signage	129	160
Utilities	444	471
Care	125	-
Domestic Violence	1,834	-
House keeping		
Food	19	-
Supplies	16	-
Ministry		
Books	54	-
Craft Night	-	136
Mission	317	165
Music		
Licences & permits	65	63
Office supplies	38	112
Organisational Expenses		
Public Liability Insurance	1,045	1182
Printing and reproduction	11	33
Staff		
Guest Speaker	100	-
Phone	81	-
Website costs	25	-
	17,388	14,945
Net income	830	581

*All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

statement of cash flows

CrossPoint Church

for the financial year ended 30 June*

	2018	2017
Inflows		
Assets: GST paid	1,623	1,537
Donations		
Building	270	150
Care	70	-
Craft Night	223	237
Designated	-	797
Domestic Violence	2,550	-
General	13,611	12,596
Mission	602	290
Fundraising	982	1,239
	19,931	17,098
Outflows		
Assets: GST paid	1,610	1,481
Building		
Equipment	18	-
Furnishings	5	-
Rent	13,041	12,625
Signage	129	160
Utilities	444	471
Care	125	-
Domestic Violence	1,834	-
Ministry		
Books	54	-
Mission	317	165
Music		
Equipment	-	-
Licences & permits	65	-
Office supplies	38	112
Organisational Expenses		
Public Liability Insurance	1,045	1,434
Printing and reproduction	11	33
Staff		
Guest Speaker	100	-
Phone	81	-
Website costs	25	-
Fundraising	150	-
	19,092	16,481
Difference	840	617
Cash at beginning of period	877	260
Cash available	1,717	877

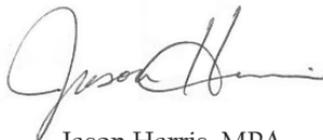
balance sheet

CrossPoint Church
as at 30 June*

	2018	2017
Assets		
GST paid	477	487
Building	507	237
Care	108	-
Domestic Violence	716	-
General	20	396
Mission	366	244
	2,193	1,364
Liabilities/Equity		
Retained Earnings	2,193	1,364
	2,193	1,364

statement

These financial reports were prepared by myself and represent to the best of my knowledge an accurate picture of the financial situation of CrossPoint Church during the 2017/2018 financial year. The books from which these reports were compiled have not been audited or reviewed this year, as there is no legal or constitutional requirement to do so; however, the books are available for inspection by any member of CrossPoint Church by arrangement.



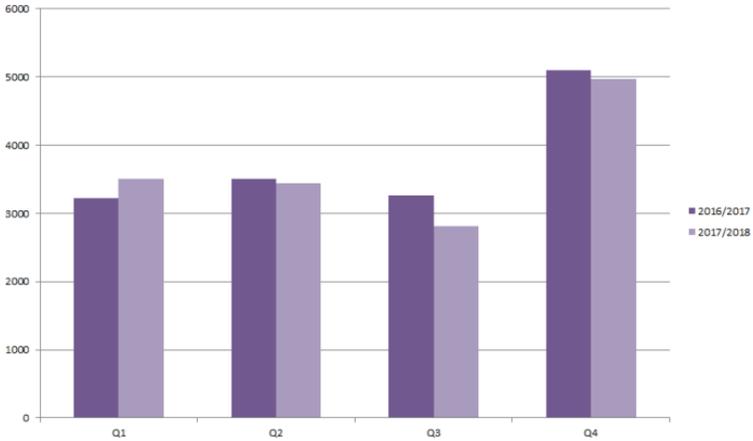
Jason Harris, MPA
10 July, 2018

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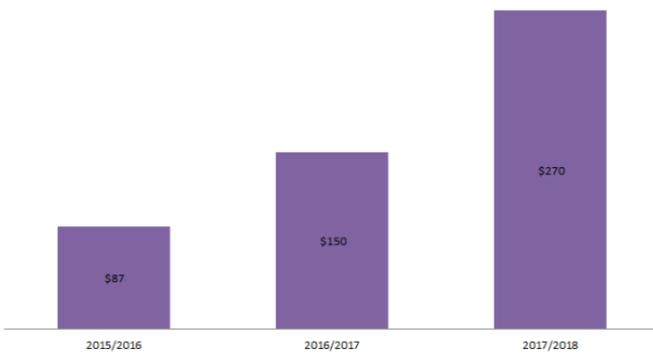
Annual general giving



Quarterly general income



Annual building income



ministry reports

Community Craft Night

Melissa Thornton

Over the past year we have had some of our regular attendees move out of town but we have also had some additions to our group. We currently have five regular attendees and a number of visitors. There are currently eighteen members on our Facebook page.

We continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month.

We had a guest artist come and share a demonstration with the group which was a great success.

Looking forward we are hoping to establish more contacts in the community and increase visitor numbers through Facebook marketing, letter boxing, and personal relationships.

Please pray that we will have more regular attendees join us and that we may have opportunities to share more of our joy in God with those who join us.





Music

Kezia Dennison

Our music programme has been running well. However, we have been working to constantly update and improve our system and add to our song repertoire. We have made a worship song database which will make it easier for our musicians to coordinate with each other and prepare the music for our gatherings.

Our church has a system of being very deliberate about our worship ministry and we are constantly working to make the processes smoother. Please pray for our musicians and for our behind the scenes work in this ministry. Please also pray for wisdom for us to consistently choose God-honouring, Gospel soaked, theologically sound music for CrossPoint Church.

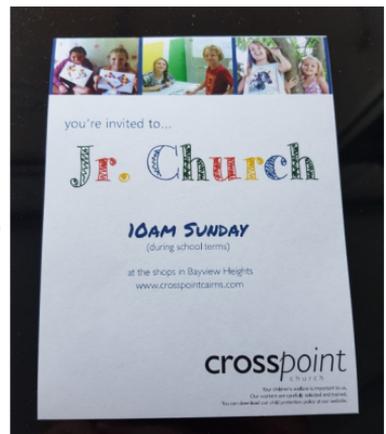
Jr. Church

Melissa Thornton

We have been fortunate to have a number of children visit throughout the year with their families.

Please be in prayer that we would see some steady attendees join us. We have our new junior church flyers available to hand out to any children or families that might be interested.

You may download our Child Protection Policy and Procedures from our website. These guidelines were last reviewed by the eldership in May 2018.





Mission

Jason Harris

This has been an important year for mission at CrossPoint as we've taken steps to clarify the definition of mission. We've come to understand mission as separate from caring for the sick, poor, vulnerable, persecuted, etc. We do, however, want to be an assembly that addresses all of these issues so we've launched our Care Fund this year to ensure that we are reaching out in those ways.

But mission, as we've come to understand it, is obedience to Jesus' great commission and therefore involves more than just assisting. Mission involves speaking the gospel; evangelising. We can now affirm that every dollar given to our mission fund will go toward the explicit proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ at home and around the globe.

We have seen a doubling of our mission giving again this year which is wonderful! Pray that God will give us opportunities to partner financially with others in joyfully proclaiming the good news of reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ.

	2018	2017
Mission giving		
Barnabas Fund Australia	50	75
Open Doors Australia	117	-
Operation 513	50	40
Rachael Cochrane	100	50
CrossPoint Care Fund	163	-
	480	165

	2018	2017
Cash flows		
Opening cash	244	119
Inflows	602	290
Outflows	-480	-165
Net cash	366	244

	2018	2017
Consolidated mission/care giving		
Barnabas Fund Australia	100	75
Open Doors Australia	117	-
Operation 513	50	40
Rachael Cochrane	100	50
World Vision Australia	75	-
	442	165

Care

Jason Harris

One of our significant projects this year was to separate our community care programme from our mission programme. This move was driven by a desire to keep our mission giving focused on the explicit proclamation of the gospel without losing our heart for showing care for persecuted believers and for those in need in our community, across Australia, and around the globe.

Please note that the figures for this year are only from the beginning of February on. The first seven months of the financial year are included in the mission report. There is also a consolidated giving report under the mission report which lets you see what our combined mission and care giving was this year.

May our heart of care for others adorn the gospel we proclaim and may many experience the kindness of God through our small efforts to show care.

	2018
Care giving	
Barnabas Fund Australia	50
World Vision Australia	75
	125

	2018
Cash flows	
Opening cash	163
Inflows	70
Outflows	-125
Net cash	108



Domestic violence

Joy Harris

This year saw a jump in the number of abuse victims counselled and helped financially, due to Australia's Nine Now's "60 Minutes" airing an investigative report, released 25 July 2017. The purpose of the programme was to share my clergy abuse story, to warn others of extremist pastors who twist the Bible to condemn victims. The programme was hoped to educate the community and embolden victims.

In response, dozens of women sent messages telling of their similar stories and many women wrote seeking help and safety. Each of our members was personally and sacrificially involved in travelling to other cities, boarding, and supporting victims in many ways. A year later, new victims are still contacting us.

We also saw the Baptist pastors' appalling "circling of the wagons" and not one spoke out in explicit public support. The line was drawn and many had to consider this issue for the first time and take their stance. There have been some encouraging responses in this area.

As another response, CrossPoint set up a separate Domestic Violence Fund and large contributions came in from various sources, including the USA. Information regarding how to contribute to this fund is on our website.

Much abuse education was published on InFocus and Facebook. Awareness was increased in the Christian community and the effects were felt even in the USA.

In addition, volunteering every month continues in the Aggrieved Room of the Cairns Courthouse. This is a comforting service during court for DV

victims every Thursday morning from 8:30am to 12:30pm. This safe room enables a victim to be hidden from her abuser while she waits her turn before the judge. Setting up and covering the windows before they arrive, we offer the women coffee, tea, and, biscuits and provide magazines as well as toys for the many small children that come with them. We have large photos to inform them of how the courtroom is set up plus educational pamphlets, and we provide a listening ear and tissues. Women police officers are posted nearby and QLD DV and Legal Aid workers meet with each woman individually. We accompany them to the restroom, guard the door, care for children while mothers are in the courtroom, and see them safely off. Occasionally, I have opportunity to share with them about *my* Refuge and Shield during this time of mourning and facing reality.

This ministry also includes the twenty-four articles on marital abuse posted at teaminfocus.com.au and a book applying Scripture to abuse is in the making.

Future goals are to pray for the alarming numbers of the oppressed living right here among us, to seek out more volunteers, to be open to helping victims that God brings to our assembly, and to donate to safe houses for displaced women and children in our city.

	2018
Cash flows	
Opening cash	0
Inflows	2,550
Outflows	-1,834
Net cash	716

Letterboxing

Kezia Dennison

We have successfully letterboxed our flyers around all White Rock, Bayview Heights, Woree, Forest Gardens, and parts of Mt. Sheridan. Areas directly around the church have also been letterboxed with children's flyers and advertising for the Community Craft Night as well as an annual repeat of our original flyers.

This year we have had volunteers personalise our flyers and had great results in seeing people respond to them by visiting our church gatherings. Several of these guests have returned multiple times and others have mentioned that they would like to come back in the future.

Please pray as our church designs new flyers soon and pray for our efforts to distribute them in the coming year. Please pray God will use these new flyers to reach new people for the Gospel and perhaps grow CrossPoint through them as well.

Fundraising

Joy Harris

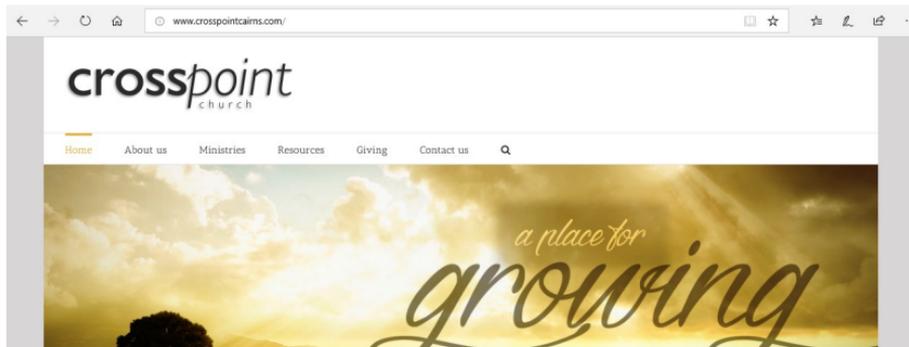
In previous years, funds were raised mainly through setting up a stall at the Gordonvale and Woree markets and holding garage sales. This year it seemed to rain every weekend that the markets were on, so we attended only two markets and held a couple of garage sales. Profit from each of these was low.

Last month, Woree Markets was moved from Saturday to Sunday morning, so that is a closed door. Because of this and the physical labour involved, the decision was made to sell items online only from now on. Many smaller items that had not sold over a long period of time were donated to charity.

We are continuing to seek donations from church members, op shops, Gumtree and from the many online free sites in our area. Items that are in good nick and in popular demand are requested. Furniture, tools, baby items, and electronics seem to sell well.

Between our members contributing items, two others specifically donated items to help us raise money, so the total income this year was \$832.





Website

Kezia Dennison

Our website (crosspointcairns.com) has been doing well. It receives regular visitors and has prompted some guests to visit us in person. However, we have been working to find new ways to keep our social media presence up to date and maximise our reach to new potential guests to CrossPoint. We have also done targeted advertising campaigns via Facebook.

One particular area that we are attempting to improve what is offered on our website is by putting our sermons online for people who are unable to attend the church in person; people who would like to get a taste of what is being preached here at CrossPoint or people who would like to partner with us in prayer or via donations. We have been offering this since CrossPoint's early days, but the audio quality has not been the best.

Please pray we can acquire a good audio recorder and work out a system for recording the sermons in high quality and getting them online quickly. Please also pray that we will be able to keep our online presence up to date and effective to those who visit it.

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