



2017 Annual Report

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CROSSPOINT CHURCH

EXISTS **TO SPREAD**

SUBSTANTIVE,

MATURING,

EXPANDING

JOY IN GOD .



A Place for Healing

The goal of healing is God.

It would be easy to look at healing as a process that makes us feel better and to pursue it for that end. And healing *does* make us feel better. But if feeling better is our goal *per se*, we're missing the point.

There are many reasons people feel happy, but only one of those reasons—God—leads to ultimate happiness. Every other happiness must find its source in this happiness.

It was Augustine of Hippo who said toward God “He loves you too little, who loves anything together with you, which he loves not for your sake.” Or to put it another way, happiness in any blessing (including healing) which does not direct us back to the blessing of God himself is a shallow and transitory happiness.

We want CrossPoint to be a place for healing, but not as an end in itself. Rather, may the end of healing be joy in God and a passion to spread that joy to the ends of the earth.



Elder's Report

Jason Harris

This AGM marks our first AGM after a full year of existence. I am deeply thankful to God for how he is using CrossPoint Church in my life and in the lives of others.

Looking back

The past twelve months have seen some significant new blessings. One of the significant events has been our sponsoring the Community Craft Night every first and third Wednesday of the month here at CrossPoint. Melissa has done a great job leading these events which have been a wonderful opportunity to connect with a number of people in the community. We need to be praying that God will use some of these relationships to draw people to himself.

Another important programme that we launched in the last year is our periodic prayer events. Kezia has been developing these events which have provided some wonderful times for speaking with God together as an assembly. Doing so is a crucial part of the life of the church and I look forward to more of these events in the future.

Financially, God has provided amazingly! God has opened the hearts of our



the greatest story

Jesus in the Old Testament

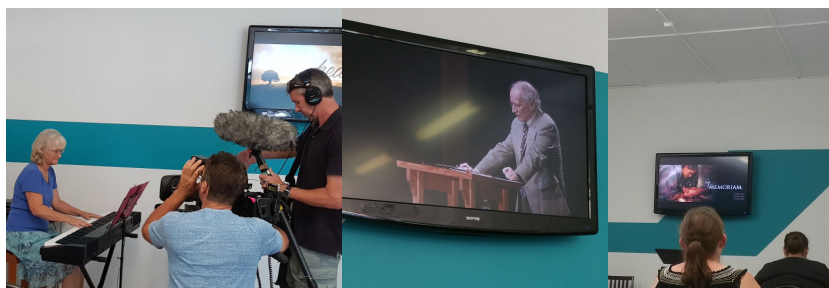
people to give with a generosity that is simply remarkable. We were, as an assembly, almost entirely self-supporting this financial year! Thank God for many who reached out to help in the first months of the ministry here, but it is a huge blessing that we're now paying our own bills almost entirely. This is a crucial step for a new church and I'm thankful to see it happening so soon.

As far as the pulpit is concerned, this has been a good year. We began the year finishing up a series through John 3: *Jesus and His Nighttime Encounter*. We also spent a few months looking at *The Greatest Story: Jesus in the Old Testament*. Over the change of the year we spent a few weeks looking at *I Love Your Word (Meditations on Psalm 119)*. Finally, at the beginning of 2017 we started our present series titled *The Gospel of God, Paul's letter to the Romans*. On top of these, we finished working through 1 Peter 1 with John Piper and began a new study through 1 Peter 2-3. We've been able to study Scripture from the broader Old Testament to the Psalms to the Gospels to the letters of Peter and Paul. I look forward to continuing on through Romans this year as we seek to grasp the crucial, foundational doctrines of the gospel there.

Finally, this last financial year has seen the installation of our window sign on the worship centre. This has increased our presence and visibility in the local community significantly. The year also saw the filming of an episode of 60 Minutes in our worship centre. May God use the publicity this gives to open opportunities to minister to our community in new ways.

Looking forward

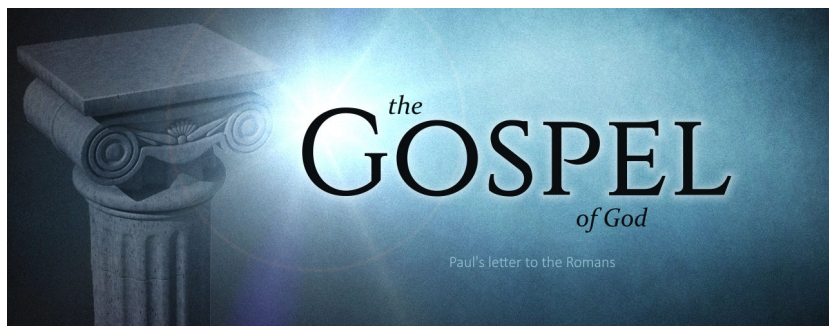
There are a number of things that we addressed at last year's AGM which have not yet taken shape. I am actively working toward proposing a



doctrinal statement for adoption by our assembly. Additionally, I hope to put a constitution together which will give us some structure and ease the process into our eventual incorporation as an association. Something else this plays into closely is our ability to become more broadly associated with other churches of like faith. I am already personally associated with Thinking of God, an Australian organisation of like minded believers. But as a church, we will at some point face matters such as the ability to have our elders authorised as marriage celebrants. Additionally, while we are self-governing by conviction, this does not mean that we want to be a loose cannon. Membership in some sort of fellowship of like minded believers and churches would provide both support and accountability for us as an assembly. This would likely make believers more willing to connect with us as it would dispel some of the negative implications that can be connected to independence.

A number of people have encouraged me to look into the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches of Australia (FECA). We are not eligible for full membership with FECA at this stage, but I would like us to be praying and





thinking about preparing ourselves to pursue connection with FECA or some similar organisation. Of course nothing will go forward ultimately without it being brought to the church first.

Another big thing on the horizon is the possibility of holding an evangelistic event in connection with AOC Ministries. This would be a wonderful opportunity to bring in believers who are gifted in ways we are not to help reach out in ways we can't. Please be in prayer about how you can be involved in helping with something of this nature.

Finally, please be in prayer for me as I continue to develop a programme called *Finding Your Place at CrossPoint*. This will be a study/course/event (we'll see!) designed to help our guests get connected to the assembly here. It will take each person from where he is and help him to understand where to go from here to become a child of God, to become grounded in the faith, and to be using his gifts to spread joy in God. God willing, once this material is complete, we'll go through it together as a church so we can all develop a clear vision of our goals for every single person that God brings through our doors.

Grace to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be the name 'John' written in a cursive, flowing style.

Income Statement

CrossPoint Church

for the financial year ended 30 June*

	2017	2016
Income		
Donations		
Building	150	87
Craft Night	237	-
Designated	797	3,693
General	12,814	5,689
Mission	290	169
Fundraising	1,239	699
	15,527	10,336
Expense		
Advertising	-	14
Building		
Bond	-	1,042
Cleaning	-	6
Construction	-	1,587
Fees	-	1,029
Maintenance	-	22
Rent	12,625	4,034
Signage	160	-
Utilities	471	-
Equipment		
Purchase	-	671
House keeping		
Food	-	6
Ministry		
Craft Night	136	-
Mission	165	50
Music		
Equipment	-	592
Licences & permits	63	63
Office supplies	112	73
Organisational Expenses		
Public Liability Insurance	1,182	-
Printing and reproduction	33	340
Website costs	-	25
	14,945	9,554
Net income	581	782

*All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Statement of Cash Flows

CrossPoint Church

for the financial year ended 30 June*

	2017	2016
Inflows		
Assets: GST paid	1,537	314
Public Liability Insurance	252	-
Expenses: Building: Rent	-	1,042
Donations		
Building	150	87
Craft Night	237	-
Designated	797	3,693
General	12,596	5,689
Mission	290	169
Fundraising	1,239	699
	17,098	11,692
Outflows		
Assets: GST paid	1,481	837
Advertising	-	14
Building		
Bond	-	1,042
Cleaning	-	6
Construction	-	1,587
Fees	-	1,029
Maintenance	-	22
Rent	12,625	5,076
Signage	160	-
Utilities	471	-
Equipment		
Purchase	-	671
House keeping		
Food	-	6
Mission	165	50
Music		
Equipment	-	592
Licences & permits	-	63
Office supplies	112	73
Organisational Expenses		
Public Liability Insurance	1,434	-
Printing and reproduction	33	340
Website costs	-	25
	16,481	11,433
Difference	617	260
Cash at beginning of period	260	0
Cash available	877	260

Balance Sheet

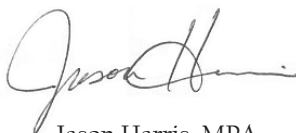
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as at 30 June*

	2017	2016
Assets		
GST paid	487	523
Building	237	87
General	396	54
Mission	244	119
	1,364	782
Liabilities/Equity		
Retained Earnings	1,364	782
	1,364	782

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 2016/2017 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.

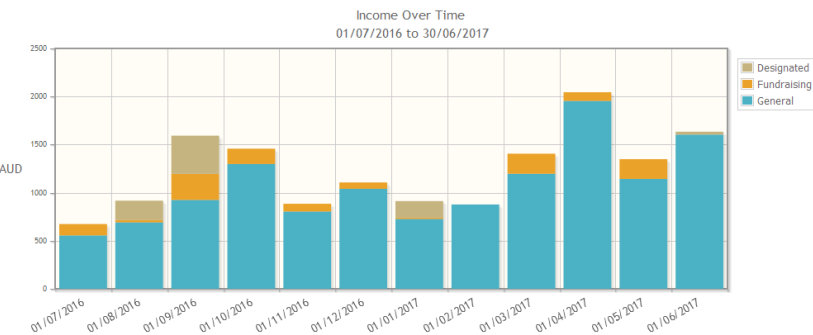


Jason Harris, MPA

14 July, 2017

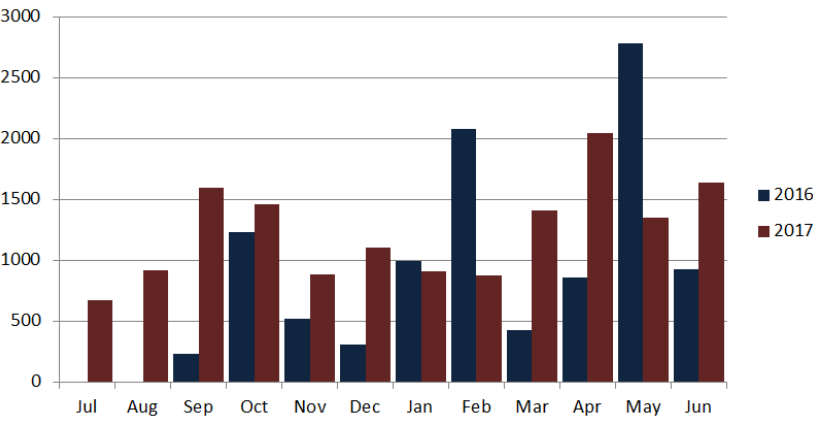
Income Analysis

Monthly income



Date	General	Fundraising	Designated	Grand Total
01/07/2016	555.00	118.55	0.00	673.55
01/08/2016	691.50	25.00	200.00	916.50
01/09/2016	924.45	271.35	397.00	1,592.80
01/10/2016	1,298.00	159.20	0.00	1,457.20
01/11/2016	803.97	80.20	0.00	884.17
01/12/2016	1,040.00	66.00	0.00	1,106.00
01/01/2017	727.00	15.00	170.00	912.00
01/02/2017	877.00	0.00	0.00	877.00
01/03/2017	1,196.60	208.50	0.00	1,405.10
01/04/2017	1,954.00	90.00	0.00	2,044.00
01/05/2017	1,143.00	205.00	0.00	1,348.00
01/06/2017	1,603.60	0.00	30.00	1,633.60

Monthly income comparison



Ministry Reports

Children

Melissa Thornton

We did have two children regularly attending when we started this year but have unfortunately had a decline in our children's ministry for now.

Please be in prayer that God would bring the right people to us at the right time so that we can resume classes and effectively minister to the children of Cairns.



You may download our Child Protection Policy and Procedures from our website. These guidelines were last reviewed by the eldership in July 2016.

Fundraising

Joy Harris

Although the efforts to raise funds this year through selling at the monthly Gordonvale and the Woree Neighbourhood Watch markets were greatly hindered, the Lord enabled us to raise \$1,239 total. This is \$239 above the goal!

Besides Kezia and I setting up a stall at the markets, some money was made selling items privately on Gumtree and Facebook. Obtaining funds this way is an easy process that each of us can be involved in. Just take a photo of the item and post it with the price and a short description. A



buyer will contact you about when to come to your home and hand you cash for the item. Then transfer that amount to the Crosspoint General Fund, marked "sales." Alternately, I am happy to do the work for you.

Melissa again donated a number of items to sell, and also Kezia and I collected many free items from the 19 Facebook groups in our area offering such, as well as garage sales and the Buy Back Shop.

De-cluttering our homes, inviting others, letterboxing, donating money and praying are all actions we can take that will increase the funds for our church to use to reach people.

Thank God with me for what He did this year and is going to do to bring glory to His name.

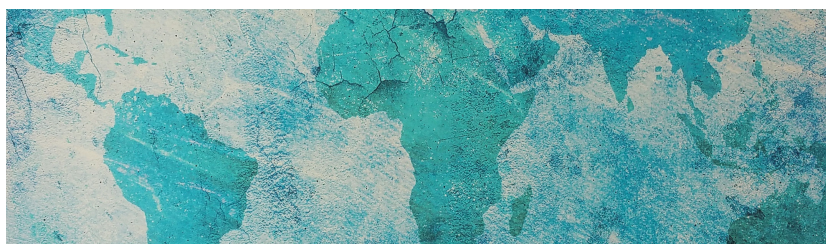
Community Craft Night

Melissa Thornton

We started craft classes on 7th September last year and have had a very encouraging response. We have had a steady stream of visitors to the group and a number of repeat visitors. Currently we have 6 ladies who attend or plan to attend on a regular basis, 14 members on Facebook and two guests at our church gatherings.

Looking forward, I am in talks with a local artist who can potentially come and run a couple of classes which I think will increase interest in the classes. I would appreciate your prayers for more people to join us. Any donations of craft supplies are welcome or if you have a project you would like to teach please contact me and we can discuss it.





Mission

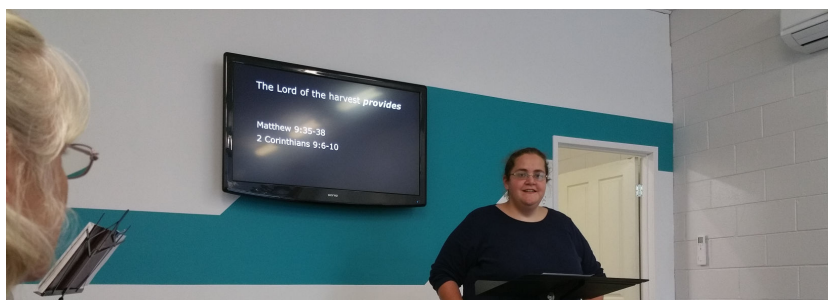
Jason Harris

This year we've seen a slow but steady stream of giving to mission. This has allowed us to do two things. First, we've been able to build up a bit of a reserve in the mission account. Second, we've been able to more than triple our mission giving.

This coming year, we're aiming to again increase our mission giving. It would be great if everyone pitched in something toward mission, even if it's just a small amount. The regular, small amounts add up and allow us to make a difference across the globe. Please pray with me that God would make it possible for us to commit to partnering with particular mission works in a more steady, dependable way beginning this year.

	2017	2016
Mission giving		
Barnabas Fund Australia	75	-
Operation 513	40	-
Rachael Cochrane	50	50
	165	50

	2017	2016
Cash flows		
Opening cash	119	-
Inflows	290	169
Outflows	-165	-50
Net cash	244	119



Music

Kezia Dennison

Our music ministry has been a work in progress, but it is finally at the point of running fairly smoothly. We now have three regular musicians and have worked out many of the kinks of rostering and music preparation that we were facing last year. Rosters go out every quarter and we have been slowly adding to our song repertoire to include more theologically sound hymns and choruses for our worship. We have also hashed out a system to make communication between musicians simpler and cause less divergence of the sheet music from the projection slides. This includes a coding system and database that categorises where song sheet music can be found, what key to play in for congregation singing, what function the song best serves as, slide order, etc. Hopefully this will not only cut down on preparation time for current musicians, but will make the music programme flexible and user-friendly when there are changes in musicians or music leadership.

In the next year, we are praying that God might bring along new musicians who would like to get involved in this ministry. We are also praying weekly that the music choices will fit their purpose of worship and not hinder or deflect from the preaching of God's word.

Website

Kezia Dennison

Our church website is up and running and functional. Throughout this last year, we have been working out bugs and working to find new ways to reach the community and keep the website up to date and active. We've added ministry pages for our Junior Church and Mission and a page for the Community Craft Night.

We've also seen some encouraging activity throughout our online presence. Our church website is seen on Google up to 70 times a month, and another 20 to 40 people see our centre on Google Maps in that time. Over the past 6 months, 9 people have requested directions to the centre.

Last, we have been working to improve the quality of our sermon audio files on the website so that those who visit our website or who are partnering with us in prayer can listen to our sermons each week. We have purchased a new audio recorder and are tweaking the audio output for better downloads. Hopefully we will have the improved audio files online soon.

We are praying that God continues to use our online resources to reach our community throughout this new year.

Domestic Violence

Joy Harris

I am part of a group of women volunteers from different churches across Cairns that volunteer to maintain a "safe room" for the aggrieved during domestic violence court every Thursday morning from 8:30am to 12:30pm. This helps avoid a victim being forced to sit in the same area as her abuser while they wait their 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 of what the courtroom looks like 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 their mother is in the



courtroom, and see them safely off. Occasionally, I have opportunity to share with them about *my* Refuge and Shield.

This ministry also includes the twenty-four articles on marital abuse posted at www.teaminfofocus.com.au and, recently, TV's "60 Minutes" has done an investigative report on my story, extremist pastors, and domestic violence, due to be released in June.

Future goals are to pray for the oppressed living right here among us, to seek out more volunteers, to be open to helping victims, even through our Cairns Community Craft Night, and to donate to safe houses for displaced women and children in our city.

Letterboxing

Kezia Dennison

In the past year, we have letterboxed almost the entirety of Woree and Bayview Heights as well as sections of White Rock and Mt. Sheridan. Many of these areas have received our main church flyer as well as advertisements for our Junior Church and the Community Craft Night. In the next year, we are praying that we can get flyers out to White Rock and Mt. Sheridan as well as finish up the final couple of streets of Woree.



AGM Agenda

23 July, 2017

Song

Prayer

Introduction (Jason)

Call to order

Appointment of a chairperson/secretary

General business

Presentation of financial reports

Movement: “That the reports be accepted as given.”

Discussion/vote

Fellowship of Evangelical Churches of Australia

Movement: “That CrossPoint Church apply for membership with
FECA subject to final approval from the church.”

Discussion/vote

Evangelistic event

Movement: “That CrossPoint Church invite Josh Williamson of
AOC Ministries to lead an evangelistic outreach from
CrossPoint.”

Discussion/vote

Mission support

Movement: “That CrossPoint Church commit to supporting Josh Williamson beginning on 1 October, 2017 in the amount of \$50 per month for a period of twelve months.”

Discussion/vote

Pastoral salary

Movement: “That CrossPoint Church undertake the payment of Jason Harris’ phone expenses as a form of salary benefit.”

Discussion/vote

Adjournment (Movement: “That the ministry reports be accepted and the meeting adjourned.” Discussion/vote.)

Song

Prayer

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