

# 2022 Annual Report



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spreading substantive,  
maturing, expanding joy in God.





## seen

To live transparently means to live such that others can see who I really am. I don't have to try to sell my strengths or hide my weaknesses. I have looked behind the curtain. I'm willing to see who I am. And I'm willing to be seen.

One of the results of transparency is that I learn to admit it when I do wrong. The biblical word for this is confession. Confession opens a door into myself, not so others can see in, but so I can see out. When I live transparently, I am building trust with those around me. Because they know I am honest with myself. And therefore capable of honesty with them.

But transparency doesn't mean that nothing is kept back. In order for transparency to be healthful, it must be accompanied by firm boundaries. Transparency relates to who I *am*, not everything I think, believe, or do. Healthy transparency involves a willing choice to be truly seeable, along with a healthy sense of what belongs to whom. Confession of wrongs belongs to those who have been wronged. And at some level, emotional honesty belongs to those who have shown themselves safe and trustworthy.

Still, transparency always involves risk. Risk of judgement, rejection, exploitation. We take these risks willingly because our safety is not rooted, ultimately, in our relationships with people, but in our relationship with God. God's unshakeable love for us in the cross makes us willing to take the risk of loving others by truly being who we are before them.

though not seeing him now,  
you believe in him, and you  
rejoice with **inexpressible  
and glorious joy.**

-Peter (1 Peter 1:8 CSB)



## elder's report

*Jason Harris*

I'm thankful for another year of growth together here at CrossPoint.

One of the things we've been learning in Acts this year is that our joy in God is, in itself, an expanding thing. Joy demands to be shared. And sharing joy makes more joy. One glad person becomes two. And two becomes three. But joy also expands in another way. Joy expands in the sharing of the joy itself. Joy experienced alone is not nearly so joyous as joy which can be shared. We're actually more glad about whatever we're glad about simply because we've been able to share it with someone else. Joy, then, is inherently expanding.

But joy in God is more than even that. Joy in God is joy in someone who is infinite in his qualities. He is infinitely strong; infinitely wise; infinitely good. And so his qualities are an everlasting source of new joys as we come to experience new beauties in his being; new depths of his beauties. And this will continue forever. We will be still amazed by his grace in 100,000 years.

expansion  
the story of the early church



## looking back

This year has been another year of expansion at CrossPoint. Our joy in God has been expanding. It has been expanding *in* us. And it has been expanding *around* us.

For me, one of the highlights of this last year was our first baptism event. It was wonderful to baptise Tim Corin and Tony Corin after their public declaration of faith in Jesus! We were blessed to have believers from a number of nearby assemblies join us to celebrate. Please continue to pray for these two young men as they continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of God.

God has opened up a number of opportunities this year for building up believers in their knowledge, skill, and faith in God. A number of us have had opportunities to meet one-on-one with others for these purposes. Whether it is helping others *understand* God and his word better, or helping others develop and use their *gifts* for the good of the body, or whether it is the spiritual ministry of seeking to build up the *faith* of others and pass on something of the joy we have in him, this is what Paul calls “the work of ministry.”

One opportunity for learning more about who God is and what his word teaches is the *Introduction to Systematic Theology* course we’ve been going through this year. This has been a breathlessly swift overview of the major doctrines of the Christian church using R.C. Sproul’s *Everyone’s a Theologian* as the text.

We’ve also had some great times in Scripture this year. We began the year by finishing up a brief series in 1 John 4 titled *Loved*. We then began a new series on Acts titled *Expansion: The Story of the Early Church*. This has been quite an in-depth look at book two of Luke’s recounting of the





life and work of Jesus the Messiah. Douglas Corin completed his series *Drawn to Christ* looking at Jesus the Christ as he is seen in the psalms of ascent (Psalms 120-134). Douglas then began a new series in Ephesians titled *Come bless the Lord: Living as the workmanship of God*.

A few more things stick out looking back on this year. This is the year we committed to the long-term, ongoing financial support of our first missionary. It has also been a year of blessing for the Lolham family as they welcomed the birth of Matamihawa and Tamamoko! Finally, it has been a year of difficulty for many in our assembly as God has allowed loss and sadness as a result of health challenges and other events. It is a blessing to be part of an assembly that reaches out and supports each other in times of celebration and in times of sadness.

## looking forward

One of the challenges God has put in front of us this coming year is to address the need for more space in our worship centre. As our assembly continues to grow, the need for more space is becoming a vital issue. Place is not the point of Christian ministry. But place still matters because place facilitates ministry. Because of this, I am asking each of our people this year to think about what we can do to build up a \$10,000 down payment in our building fund. Perhaps there are fund raising ideas





come  
bless the Lord *living as the workmanship of God*

you have. Or perhaps you can set aside some money each week to contribute toward this goal. Whatever God might lead you to do, please join us in asking God to provide for this need.

Another crucial matter, looking forward, is the need for our assembly to be grounded in prayer. Without the vine, the branches can do nothing. All of our spiritual strength and vitality comes from God himself. And we are desperately in need of his Holy Spirit to do the things that only he can do. All the preaching and savings and effort in the world will amount to nothing substantial if God does not do a supernatural work in us and in others through our proclamation of the good news that we are rescued from God's wrath through the death and resurrection of Jesus at the cross. He has made substitutionary satisfaction and we are alive! It is a miracle that only God can do. So we need to be asking him to do it.

This relates especially to the ministry of the word. Our preachers depend on God's answers to your prayer every time we prepare to preach. Please continue to help us in this way. It will be to your own benefit and ours.

Finally, thank you to each person who has used your time, energy, money, and gifts for the good of the body at CrossPoint this year. Your labour is not in vain.

Grace and peace to you.



# income statement

for the financial year ended 30 June\*

	2022	2021
<b>Income</b>		
Building	603	572
Care	1043	1092
Craft Night	-	240
Designated	1,214	998
Domestic Violence	232	320
General	15,903	14,583
Mission	748	542
	<b>19,743</b>	<b>18,348</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Care	1,060	1,130
Ministry		
Baptism	93	-
Books	24	32
Camp	-22	34
Carols @ the hospital	36	-
Comfort	57	-
Craft Night	-	12
Jr. Church	64	-
Lord's table	24	11
Morning tea	152	54
Multimedia	50	-
Music	86	390
Mission	854	70
Organisational expenses		
Administration	410	89
Public liability insurance	1,044	1,232
Summit	40	20
Staff		
Books	31	104
Venue		
Cleaning & supplies	4	19
Equipment	105	-
Furnishings	64	87
Maintenance	168	8
Rent	13,248	13,248
Signage	5	7
Utilities	698	567
	<b>18,293</b>	<b>17,113</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>1,234</b>

# statement of cash flows

for the financial year ended 30 June\*

	2022	2021
<b>Inflows</b>		
Assets: GST collected	16	15
Assets: GST paid	1,328	1,801
Expenses: Ministry: Books	26	-
Expenses: Ministry: Camp	158	145
Donations		
Building	603	572
Care	1,043	1,092
Craft Night	-	240
Designated	-	150
Domestic Violence	232	350
General	15,903	14,583
Mission	748	592
	<b>20,057</b>	<b>19,540</b>
<b>Outflows</b>		
Assets: GST collected	15	15
Assets: GST paid	1,531	1,516
Care	1,060	1,130
Ministry	265	185
Mission	854	70
Organisational expenses		
Public liability insurance	1,044	1,232
Other	-	31
Staff	31	-
Venue		
Rent	13,248	13,248
Utilities	698	567
Other	155	-
Income: Domestic Violence	-	30
Income: Mission	-	50
	<b>18,902</b>	<b>18,074</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>1,467</b>
Cash at beginning of period	5,260	3,793
<b>Cash available</b>	<b>6,414</b>	<b>5,260</b>

# balance sheet


as at 30 June\*

	2022	2021
<b>Assets</b>		
GST paid	412	116
Building	2,322	1,719
Care	158	175
Domestic Violence	1,968	1,736
General	795	352
Mission	1,172	1,278
	<b>6,826</b>	<b>5,376</b>
<b>Liabilities/Equity</b>		
Retained Earnings	6,826	5,376
	<b>6,826</b>	<b>5,376</b>

\*All figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

# statement

These financial reports were prepared by myself and represent to the best of my knowledge an accurate picture of the financial position of CrossPoint Church for the 2021/2022 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  
16 July, 2022

not that I seek the gift,  
but I seek the profit that is  
increasing to your account.

-Paul (Philippians 4:17 CSB)

# ministry reports

Each year in our annual report we include ministry reports to share what God has been doing in each of our ministries. We hope these will be an encouragement and facilitate awareness and prayer.

If you are interested in seeing a list of current ministry leaders, it is available on our website [Home » About » Our leadership].

## cleaning

*Joy Harris*

This ministry is one of the ways CrossPoint strives to make visitors feel welcome and safe. I'm thankful for Judith's help this year and for a new vacuum cleaner that ensures volunteers have nothing to bring.

Cleaning takes about thirty minutes. Volunteers can sign up on the "How Can I Help" form found on the information table each quarter. You can sign up for cleaning either the inside or the outside, or both. An instruction sheet and cleaning supplies are in the back room for your convenience.

## junior church

*Mel Thornton*

We have had the blessing of having a class sporadically this year. In order to comply with our child protection policy, we must have at least two children in attendance to run the class. We have had 2-3 children attend for a number of months throughout the year.

Please be in prayer that more children would be able to join us so that this can be more regular. Feel free to pass along our junior church info sheets located on the information table.





## mission

*Jason Harris*

This has been a huge year for mission at CrossPoint. In December 2021, we began an ongoing commitment to support the evangelistic work of Andrew Walkington through OAC Ministries. Andrew and his team focus on speaking the gospel directly to unbelievers in a systematic way. They also train others to do this. We committed this year to investing \$100 per month to help in this work. This partnership has been God’s answer to our requests over several years that he would direct us to the right opportunities.

It has been wonderful to see our Mission account balance remain fairly steady in spite of this significant new commitment. This reflects new giving and the heart our assembly has for the explicit proclamation of the gospel.

We keep a fairly large buffer in our Mission account to ensure our ability to meet our giving commitments over the long term. We will need to increase our giving this year if we are to maintain the commitments we have in the long term. Please pray about what you can do to see the gospel go out through these strategic partnerships.

	2022	2021
<b>Mission giving</b>		
CCMN Religious Instruction	80	70
OAC Ministries	700	-
Project	74	-
	<b>854</b>	<b>70</b>

	2022	2021
<b>Cash flow</b>		
Opening cash	1,278	806
Inflows	748	542
Outflows	-854	-70
<b>Net cash</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>1,278</b>



# letterboxing

Kezia Dennison

This year we implemented our first saturation project in our letterboxing endeavours. We letterboxed ninety houses in the Bayview Heights area with four different flyers, followed by our *Information for Guests* pack, and ending with a letter. This was an opportunity to introduce ourselves to the neighbourhood, let them know a bit more about us, offer them a free book, and personally invite them to our Sunday gatherings. At the time of writing this report, we have just letterboxed the final letter and have not yet heard from anyone wanting to take us up on the offer. However, it was an excellent chance to allow those in closer proximity to the worship centre to know we are here and learn a bit about the type of church we are. Please pray God might take these seeds that have been sown and allow them to blossom in his time.

Please also be in prayer for wisdom in the design of future flyers and how and where best to distribute them to share the gospel with our community and invite people along to our gatherings. Pray that God will build his church here at CrossPoint for the spreading of the gospel and for his glory.

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If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being.

—Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn  
(The Gulag Archipelago)

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# music

Kezia Dennison

We are excited to welcome a new musician to our music ministry at CrossPoint! Jack Corin is an excellent addition to our musicians and we are excited to have him join us in helping our assembly worship God in music.

Please continue to pray that God will guide us to choose songs that draw us to God, stir up our hearts to rejoice in him, drive us to be more like him, and encourage us to praise him.

I'd also like to extend my gratitude to our musicians for sharing their talents and gifts in this ministry for the glory of God. I'm also grateful for each voice that joins together to sing on Sundays. It is always encouraging to me to hear the people of God singing his praise.

# venue

Jason Harris

This year we have begun facing the wonderful problem of needing more space in our worship centre. As a result, I have formed a venue committee “to assist the assembly in finding a suitable venue for future worship gatherings having regard to:

- Sufficient capacity for present ministry needs with scope for growth,
- Short-term affordability, and
- Long-term benefit with a preference for capital investment.”

This committee will make recommendations directly to the elder/s. The goal is to form a plan that will support the ministry work we do while making the most efficient use of the financial resources entrusted to us.

This year I will be asking our assembly to pray about how we can prepare for the future by setting a goal of getting our building fund up to \$10,000. This is a scary goal and will call for broad effort and sacrifice, but it is an important step toward putting together a down-payment for purchasing our own worship centre. It is not clear yet how soon we can afford to buy, but it is our goal to be prepared when the opportunity arises. Please pray about how you can contribute to this goal.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Cash flow</b>		
Opening cash	1,719	1,147
Inflows	603	572
Outflows	-0	-0
<b>Net cash</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>1,719</b>





## domestic & family violence

*Joy Harris*

CrossPoint has a heart for the oppressed and vulnerable, so we have a fund for victims of family and domestic violence. The past has seen several victims helped financially. Our main source of current help is through hours of free counselling and follow-up.

Donations can be given online or by bringing in your metal and glass cans and bottles so we can get the cash from recycling them. There is a large plastic bin with a purple lid in the back room for this purpose. Our goal is to accumulate a \$2,000 buffer in this account.

This year we tried to get back into volunteering at the safe room at the Courthouse on Thursdays when the court hears DV cases, but that opportunity has been suspended, firstly because of the pandemic and now the court has gone to holding hearings via Zoom. We also tried to get in as volunteers at Ruth's Hub at Raintrees Shopping Centre, but they were in the process of closing down in that location.

The biggest way you can help is to pray for all the women and children suffering, especially due to the pandemic when families were trapped indoors with their abusers and also the loss of jobs making bad financial situations. I encourage each person to educate yourself on the unique dynamics of domestic violence by googling it online. Anything we can do to spot and fight this evil in our neighborhoods is God-honouring. There are also several books we can recommend.

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Cash flow</b>		
Opening cash	1,736	1,416
Inflows	232	320
Outflows	-0	-0
<b>Net cash</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>1,736</b>

# care

Jason Harris

Our Christmas offering this year was given to assist the work of International Justice Mission Australia. IJMA has been doing some amazing work throughout the pandemic bringing oppressors to justice, freeing slaves, advocating for the oppressed, and assisting victims of human trafficking and other forms of oppression. We are blessed to have had a small part in making this possible.

In addition, we've been able to maintain our giving in three additional categories this year: Assisting persecuted believers through Open Doors Australia, supporting the medical work of Rachael Cochrane in Vanuatu, and assisting with the practical needs of others through World Vision Australia.

Every dollar that is given to our Care account goes directly to supporting such beneficiaries. Our goal is to keep our working balance in this fund around \$200. This allows a buffer for meeting any needs that come up suddenly. Please see our website for more details on how these funds are distributed.

	2022	2021
<b>Care giving</b>		
International Justice Mission Australia	660	200
Open Doors Australia	150	100
Rachael Cochrane	150	730
World Vision Australia	100	100
	<b>1,060</b>	<b>1,130</b>

	2022	2021
<b>Cash flow</b>		
Opening cash	175	213
Inflows	1,043	1,092
Outflows	-1,060	-1,130
<b>Net cash</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>175</b>



## multimedia

*Kezia Dennison*

Finally finally finally we managed this year to get the download button on our website sermons to work! There is now the option to download the mp3 file each Sunday which will allow people to listen offline or put the sermons on their devices for ease of listening rather than having to listen from the website itself. This is an answer to prayer that took a frustratingly large amount of time to get figured out, but in the end turned out to be quite a simple solution. Regardless, it is now working as it should and we are grateful to add this option for people to access the preaching of God's word at our assembly more easily.

Thanks largely to the hard work and perseverance of Douglas Corin with our Google Business profile and the mysterious world of SEO and Google Analytics, the CrossPoint website now shows on the first page of Google searches for churches in Cairns. This is another answer to prayer as it has moved up drastically from the fifth page it used to appear on. Please pray that we can continue to keep it moving up the page toward the top search results as this will greatly increase the number of people we are able to reach through our website and online presence. Praise God for the gift of modern technology and continue to pray that we will use it wisely and deliberately for his glory.

# morning tea

*Mel Thornton*

The goal of our morning tea time is to encourage people to stay around and spend time together after the gathering and this continues to be effective. We have purchased more resources (e.g. mugs) to meet the increased demand as we have more people joining us for morning tea.

We have had a little less people involved in the morning tea roster this year. I am thankful for everyone who has participated in this ministry and welcome anyone wanting to jump in.

Anyone wanting to be involved in the morning tea ministry is welcome to sign up on the date/s they would like to do when the “How can I help?” sheet comes out each quarter.

there is a joy which is not given  
to the ungodly, but to those who  
love you for your own sake,  
whose joy is **you yourself**. and  
this is the happy life, to rejoice  
to you, of you, for you.

-Augustine (Confessions 10.22)

