

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



CROSSPOINTE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

2023 IN REVIEW

Dear Crosspointe Community Church,

In August of 2023, we spent four Sundays in the first few verses in the third chapter of Paul's letter to the Colossians. A main emphasis of these Scriptures is to consider not just the things of earth, but the things above. Spiritual things. Gospel of Jesus things. Kingdom of Heaven things.

Yet the kingdom of God is not merely "up there" and everything else "down here." John Calvin said that it is the task of the church to make God's invisible kingdom visible. Put differently, the temple of God in the present age is the church, and He is doing great and marvelous things for His name's sake through her.

In compiling an annual report of what God has done in and through Crosspointe Community Church in 2023, we are recognizing this truth. It is one way to set our minds on things above—insofar as Christ, Who is at the right hand of the Father, is advancing His kingdom for His glory through His people. Reports like these are intended to draw our minds to Christ and praise Him for His goodness and grace upon His people.

Join me in thanking God for His extravagant grace evidenced throughout the last calendar year, and for thanking all the saints God worked through in the process. May we eagerly anticipate all He will continue to do in 2024!

With Gratitude,

Pastor Ben

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

ADORATION

SUNDAY MORNING

It was a joy to gather together for worship each Sunday morning. We saw our congregation grow in number by about 10%. More importantly, we watched God work to help us enjoy His grace through worship together.

Our worship ministry has grown quite a bit this year. We have added several people to the music team and tech team. Some have stepped in leading music on Sunday morning. We are so blessed to have many people who are equipped to lead and love our church so well.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

WORSHIP-BASED PRAYER NIGHT

This year we decided to emphasize corporate prayer by setting aside the first Wednesday night of each month as a Worship-Based Prayer Night. We are thrilled to have more involvement and to see how we have grown closer together as we pray together.

NEW MEMBERS

Chris & Julie Campbell
Hannah Campbell
Geary Culver
Joseph Dias
Ariel & Jeremy Eldridge
Josh Ensigen
Jill Fase
Lydia Gard
Jonathan Graber
Kori & Kris Jarchow
Brianna & David & April Lambert

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Carlene & Cris Landecho
Avery Nowacki
Connor O'Malley
Ryan O'Malley
Albert & Heather Pittman
Carly Rowland
Kalen Rowland
Lucy Rowland
Nick & Shea Volz
Carole & Jack Williams

BAPTISMS

Connor O'Malley
Kalen Rowland
Lucy Rowland
Hannah Campbell
April Lambert
Heather Pittman
Nick Volz

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COMMUNITY & TEACHING

SMALL GROUPS

We currently have nine established small groups with about 120 members actively involved. These small groups continually remind us of the spiritual benefit of community.

120

This year our men continued to gather on Tuesday mornings. We studied Proverbs and 1 Timothy together. These mornings were always a highlight as the men shared what they learned from the text and helped each other apply it. We also had our first Men's Retreat at Twin Lakes Camp with about 22 men. It was a great time of fellowship, food, Bible study and appreciation of God's beautiful world.

MEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We are greatly encouraged by the growth in the Women's Ministry this past year. Many new people stepped up to serve in various ways. Our studies of 1, 2, and 3 John and the gospel of Mark encouraged us to focus on studying and knowing God's Word together. We are encouraged by the edifying relationships seen in this ministry and how the Lord will continue to work through us.



PRAYER WALL

Our church prays! The members of Crosspointe have a group on our church app called the Prayer Wall. It has been so encouraging to see sisters and brothers in Christ encourage one another by praying. Praise the Lord for His answered prayers and how He knits us together by praying.

If you would like to know more about the Prayer Wall or have a prayer request, please send us an email at hello@gocrosspointe.com.

STUDENT MINISTRY



Around 30 high school and middle school students gather on Sunday evenings. The middle school students had the opportunity to serve at Twelve Stones Ministries again by doing service projects around the campus. The high school students had the privilege of going international for their annual summer trip this year to Ecuador. The Lord is clearly at work in the lives of our youth!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It's always a joy to serve the children here at Crosspointe. We had a great year! On Sunday mornings we had an average of 37 in our classes. It is a joy to teach our kids about Jesus leading to several professing their faith in Him. We continued to host AWANA on Wednesday nights, with an average of 65 people each night, including volunteers. We are encouraged by the fruit of this ministry shown by the kids. Our prayer continues to be that the Word of Christ will take root in these kids' hearts.



BACKYARD BIBLE CLUBS

This past summer, Crosspointe members hosted two Backyard Bible Clubs in Greenwood neighborhoods. Children heard the Gospel at these clubs. We praise the Lord for this opportunity to reach out to our neighbors, and trust Him with the seeds that were planted!



SERVICE

LOCAL OUTREACH

BLOCK PARTY

We had another successful block party this year! This was a great time to engage the community and a blessed time of fellowship with one another. We pray that the Lord would use this ministry as a stepping stone toward the salvation of those in our community who do not know God.



We had a community garden this year! People from the church and community around us were involved in growing crops in the field just to the west of the church.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

COOKING CLASSES

We had an exciting year for cooking classes! This year we had an increased focus on kids, and were able to host two day camps throughout the summer. We averaged about six per class as we met from June to November. We are very excited to see how the Lord continues to use this ministry to further His kingdom.



ECUADOR

The high school students went to Pallatanga, Ecuador, for their annual mission trip. They helped build a low ropes course for the Christian camp where they stayed. Our students also taught English at a local school. We are greatly encouraged to see the unity of our students and the work the Lord is doing in their lives.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

SPAIN

Crosspointe partnered with One Mission Society for the second consecutive year in 2023 to be part of a major initiative to renovate and repair camp Peña de Horeb in Auñón, Spain. Crosspointe sent 19 people from June 2-10. They painted multiple buildings and helped to complete other projects around the camp.



FINANCE

KINGDOM BUILDING

Crosspointe contributed \$97,760 to global and local outreach. Here are some highlights:

- We have contributed \$8,360 to local organizations such as Life Centers, Family Hope, Twelve Stones and Midwest Food Bank.
- This year, our Christmas offering went to support Mercy, Inc. and the work they do rescuing children from trafficking. We were able to give them \$48,701 to purchase a van for transportation and provide counseling for the rescued children.
- We continue to support our Crosspointe missionaries and other mission agencies on a monthly and as-needed basis.
- We contributed \$11,550 to FARM and One Mission Society for global missions.

\$97,760
Given Away

MORTGAGE REDUCTION

Because of your generosity, we were able to retire \$103,560 of our debt in 2023. This 13% reduction in the loan principal will save tens of thousands of dollars in interest payments.



**Mortgage
Reduced
13%**

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Total contributions for all funds in 2023 were \$824,432 from over 120 individuals and families.

WHAT ELSE HAPPENED THIS YEAR?

NEW ELDERS

We had the joy of adding three new Elders in 2023!



MICHAEL GRABER

Michael and his wife Wendy have been married 26 years and have attended Crosspointe Community Church since its inception. Michael's desire is to see the body of believers at Crosspointe grow in spiritual maturity and knowledge of the Word of God.

MITCHELL MCINTYRE

Mitchell and his wife Haley have been attending Crosspointe since Mitchell came on staff as the Worship Leader in February of 2019. He is humbled to be a shepherd of this flock and is excited to see God work in His people here at Crosspointe.



PATRICK ROWLAND

Patrick and Suzy along with their three children (Kalen, Lucy, & Riley) have been members of Crosspointe since it began. He is excited for the opportunity to serve as a church Elder and is humbled by the task set before him in such a position.



MITCHELL'S ORDINATION

Mitchell McIntyre worked hard towards ordination for the better part of a year. He was examined by the council of Elders at Crosspointe and then the congregation unanimously voted to ordain him as a Pastor on November 12, 2023.

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