



CHRISTCENTRAL



ANNUAL REPORT
2022

INTRODUCTION



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CHRISTCENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our vision and prayer is to see a flood of lifelong disciples across the north edge of Brisbane and beyond. Notice it's our *prayer*. We can't achieve this in ourselves. But we want to keep praying and praying to our God – for our friends, family, neighbours, community, nations and leaders – for Him to open hearts to the gospel of our Lord Jesus and for Him to build his church. God is powerful and notice that in Matthew's gospel, Jesus teaches us to pray – Matthew 6:9-13; 9:38.

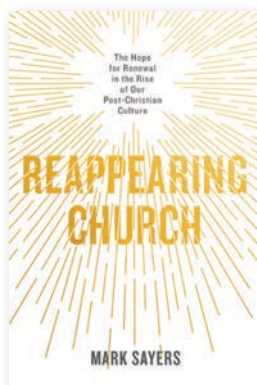
And so we have this 2022 Annual Report and our Annual Meeting on **Wednesday night 22 March 730pm at Petrie**. It will be a meeting where we discuss the direction of our church and vote on various financial matters, but it will also be a night of praise and prayer. We hope you can join us. It will be a really good night together as we talk about our vision and indeed pray for it together.

Our audited financial statements are not included in these papers. They will be distributed separately.



➤ RADICAL MEMBERSHIP

Here's a rather heavy quote from a book, 'Reappearing Church' by Mark Sayer,



"The whole of contemporary Western culture – from the structure of our malls and cities, to the very fabric of the internet and social media platforms – are ideologies that shape us toward a vision not rooted in the eternal, but in the unlimited freedom and pleasure of the individual."

Heavy stuff. Do you agree? A book like 'Reappearing Church' helps us to see that the ideologies within contemporary Western culture have led to a rise in loneliness and anxiety, a loss of purpose and meaning, and people feeling worn out with all the polarisation. But the book also helps us to see that right now in our culture, these challenges make for great opportunities – the gospel of our Lord Jesus is precisely the life-giving truth every person needs.

The book also makes the point that we can bring this gospel as we offer a counter-way of doing life – not about unlimited freedom and pleasure of the individual, but where struggling but forgiven and restored people live in grace-filled community.

As we talk about 'Membership' (one of our five Ms), this is indeed what we're about – pouring out our knowledge of the gospel in the love and care we give each other. So I want to bring to your attention some of the opportunities we have to live a counter-cultural way because of Jesus – together.

GROWTH GROUPS

weekly together

Since we talk about them so much, growth groups might feel rather mundane. But they are small groups for radical Christian living. In our groups, we can share life, pray for each other, help each other to know God more, and sacrifice ourselves in practical ways as needs and issues come up.



CAMPS

a weekend together

Term 1 is heavy on camps in the Next Gen space - Kids, Youth and Young Adults. But as we take a weekend away from normal life, we're investing in others. A weekend away with others might only be the beginning but what a significant beginning it can be! We can build relationships of care and support – away from individualism – and towards the only true hope we have in Jesus.



SERVING

working together

It might be serving coffee or next gen ministry or music or welcoming, or helping with a working bee, or the myriad of other serving ways at Christ Central. But as we serve alongside others we remind each other that the gospel and eternity matters. Serving with others so that more people might meet Christ is doing the work of building a counter-cultural community that will appeal to others.



DOING PART OF LIFE

together

Of course there's all those ways that Christ Central people are inviting others into their life – it might be a road trip or a holiday, a morning tea or a dinner. People are demonstrating that the together life is better than just staying on our couch and doing life isolated and alone.

There are indeed real challenges to living the Christian life in our culture. But those challenges have always been there. There's nothing new about the call to live radically for Jesus in a world with false gods and false hopes. And in our culture as people are awakened to those false hopes they've trusted in, we want to be like salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16) and help them discover Jesus – and that's not an individualistic thing, but something we do together.

Garnet Swann





MAKING DISCIPLES

At Christ Central we talk about our five passions. These five passions (all beginning with the letter M!) seek to capture some central truths of what a disciple of Jesus actually looks like. With our vision to see a flood of lifelong disciples, our five passions give some definition to what we want to see God

do in our lives. We hope as you read through our 2022 Annual Report you might understand how our five passions express themselves in practice and that you might be deeply encouraged to be part of what God is doing in and through Christ Central.



OUR WORSHIP

A disciple of Jesus wants to magnify His name. We want to praise and worship our Saviour who lovingly laid down His life for us. Sundays are important, but it's every other day we love and adore God too.



OUR WALK

A disciple of Jesus wants to mature in the knowledge of the word. It is amazing that God speaks to us in His word the Bible, so we want to think after God's thoughts and live according to His ways.



OUR RELATIONSHIPS

A disciple of Jesus wants to be a member of His church. We're saved for relationship with God and for relationship with each other. We want to be part of a loving church family where we encourage each other.



OUR WITNESS

A disciple of Jesus wants to be a messenger of Christ's love. We want more people to know what we have - gracious salvation in Jesus. So we pray, build relationships, invite, and talk about Jesus.



OUR WORK

A disciple of Jesus wants to be a minister of His grace. God graciously provides for us time, talents and treasure so that we can use those gifts in service to others. We all have a role to play in gospel work.





MAGNIFICATION

VISION

WE ARE PRAYING FOR A FLOOD OF LIFELONG DISCIPLES GATHERING
TOGETHER, GLORIFYING AND ENJOYING GOD ALWAYS.



HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2022 & SOME OF THE CHALLENGES

PRODUCTION

Did you know that the production team is the first to arrive on a Sunday morning? They can typically arrive around 630am to start laying cables and setting up gear (and then they pack it all away again). What an incredible act of service for all of us as we continue to rent a space for our Sunday gatherings. This past year we saw Ben Buchanan step down from Production Team Leader, a role he has so ably performed for the last 6 years (including throughout COVID when he had to adopt to new ways of using technology) and David Heath has taken on this role. Thanks Ben and David!

MUSIC

The word of Christ dwells in us richly as we sing to God with gratitude in our hearts (Colossians 3:16). We're grateful for our team of musicians who enable us to do this. There is much work involved in choosing appropriate songs, practicing together and then playing on Sundays with a desire to have our hearts focussed on Christ. We can be thankful for our musicians who are not about putting on a performance, but instead humbly pursuing 'undistracting excellence' so that we can adore and magnify the Lord in song..

POINTING EACH OTHER TO JESUS

We've seen the positive development in our Sunday gatherings of having more people taking an upfront role to speak to us of the gospel of our Lord Jesus. This has come through in various ways, such as song leaders bringing an accompanying encouraging word to the songs we sing, or having new people involved in 'MCing'. These elements of our Sunday gatherings are a reflection of the 'priesthood of all believers' that we are in Christ, and are a practical expression of how we're called to encourage each other (e.g. Hebrews 10:24-25).

BIBLE READING & PRAYER

Bible reading and prayer may often feel like a 'standard' part of our Sunday gatherings. Perhaps it seems as if it 'just happens'. But in fact, we have people who give themselves to the spiritual task of enabling us to hear God's word, and also who lead us in speaking to our Heavenly Father who wants to bring good gifts to his children (Luke 11:5-13). There is much thoughtful preparation and practice that goes into this part of our gatherings so that we might experience together the relationship we have with God in Christ.

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PRIORITIES

FOR 2023

① MUSIC THAT MOVES US

We want to grow as a church that is fully engaged in singing as an act of adoration towards God. To this end, we will be looking to introduce new songs (and reviving some old songs too!) that helpfully engages our mind, heart, hands and emotions in the experience of praising our God. We want to be more purposeful and clearer in inviting people to sing wholeheartedly of the redeeming love of God we have found in Christ.

② MUSIC & KIDS

With the temporary plan in place to have Christ Central Kids commence from the start of 830/1030, we're now aiming to have

regular Sundays when all kids and adults are together for the start of normal church. These particular Sundays will involve things such as 'kids talks' as well as music more specifically aimed at the children.

③ SERVING IN PRODUCTION, PRAYER AND MUSIC

We need to build our Magnification Teams, particularly in the area of production, public prayer and music. Would you be willing to serve in any of these areas? Our service is not about being perfect, but it's about a heart of wanting to magnify the name of Jesus.

MUSIC AT HOME

For your own spiritual encouragement at home or in the car, check out these Christ Central music playlists we've put together:

CHRIST CENTRAL SUNDAY SONGS

The up-to-date list of all the songs we sing together on Sundays.

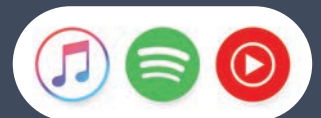
CHRIST CENTRAL DARK CLOUDS DEEP MERCY

Songs of beautiful gospel truth - to engage our hearts even as we suffer.

CHRIST CENTRAL KIDS CAR TRIP BANGERS

A playlist for parents and kids to rock to the truth that God is holy, mighty and He loves us.

**You'll find these
playlists on Spotify,
Apple Music and
YouTube Music.**





MEMBERSHIP

VISION

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WE ARE PRAYING FOR A FLOOD OF LIFELONG DISCIPLES WHO
ARE IN A CONNECTING AND CARING COMMUNITY, BECAUSE
CHRIST UNITES US TO EACH OTHER AS HIS BODY.



HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2022 & SOME OF THE CHALLENGES

CONNECT

While we have a Connect team to give special energy to welcoming ministry, we love the whole-congregation welcoming vibe that Christ Central brings! We're thankful for the many who serve in 1030 Connect and are seeking to strengthen our 830 Connect team. Startup Lunches continues to be an effective way of helping newcomers to integrate and work through next steps. We're pleased that two thirds of newcomers joined a Growth Group within three months of attending Christ Central last year.

COMMUNITY

It was great to see a bunch of growth groups sharing dinner and even going away for a weekend. Throughout the year there was various camps and how good it was to see informal social events that people just organise. Our community together on Sunday

mornings though has suffered on the back of COVID. In 2022 Christ Central numbers increased, but without a proportional increase in Sunday turn out - indicating lower regularity in Sunday attendance. Let's heed God's calling on us to meet together and encourage each other in the gospel.

CARE

The Care Team took new shape in 2022 with several changes in the membership of the group. There were several needs early in the year, with a COVID spike as well as the Brisbane floods. We're thankful for the effective role Growth Groups play as the first point of contact for care, and have been glad to assist in coordinating care beyond that.

2023



PRIORITIES

FOR 2023

① COMMUNITY

At an organised level, we're conscious that the Community Lunches weren't serving 830 well – we're hoping the Community Morning Teas this year add something there. But also, we want to continue for both congregations to encourage informal moments of hospitality and other social occasions. Do you enjoy board games? Or paintball? Or jewelry making? Why not grab a bunch of people and make a thing of it!

② CARE WITHIN 830 AND 1030

We're exploring how we might ensure that Care happens well for both 830 and 1030. This includes having sufficient knowledge and connections to be aware of and meet needs in each congregation. Possibilities include specific Care Team representatives for 830 and 1030, or even two congregation specific teams.





PULSE CHECK



BELONGING & CARE

81%

say that their growth group does life together well, showing real love and care.

83%

said that the Weekend Away helped them build relationships and gain a sense of belonging.

70%

say that if they are away for a few weeks people will notice and check in on them (up from 67% in 2021).



MINISTRY

VISION

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WE ARE PRAYING FOR A FLOOD OF LIFELONG DISCIPLES WHO, IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY, ARE JOYFULLY SERVING JESUS AND HIS CHURCH WITH THEIR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE.



HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2022 & SOME OF THE CHALLENGES

INCREASING NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITY

As we grow as a church there are increased needs. With this in view it's important we are intentional as a Ministry M Team in identifying the gifts that God has given his church in his people, for the building up of the body of Christ.

Invitation to Serve Chats

We're always really encouraged by the serving chats we have – hearing people's stories and heart and of ways that God's equipped them. So, we were buoyed in 2022 to have a growing number of those chats. And we're keen to see that continue!

PRACTICAL NEEDS

We're conscious that many roles are 'behind the scenes' but still essential for the support of gospel work. It's been great to see our Set up and Pack up teams strengthened this year. At the same time, the Eatons Hill Vacuuming Team and the Petrie Property Maintenance team are two areas of continuing need.

Ministry Grid

In 2022 we took our first steps with the online resource - Ministry Grid. It's a helpful web platform designed to assist team members and leaders as they serve – and there's some very practical, gospel centred content!

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PRIORITIES

FOR 2023

① BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING TEAMS

There's always opportunities for disciples of Jesus to serve. And with our desire to see a work established in Petrie, we want to see teams that that are 'oversupplied' (and even some new teams!). The prayer here is that when the second campus kicks off we'll have a bunch of labourers at both locations.

② TRAINING

As we seek to grow labourers it's important that each one is equipped for their work. With this in view we want to dig deeper into training in 2023. The Go Therefore conference and an increased roll out of Ministry Grid will assist in this.





PULSE CHECK



SERVING GLADLY TOGETHER

79% said there has been a clear pathway to get involved in teams.

86% said that they are passionate about the area that they are serving in.

80% sense that they are part of a team of people working together, rather than simply a roster.

MTS

MINISTRY TRAINING STRATEGY

VISION

To win the world for Christ by multiplying Gospel Workers through ministry apprenticeships.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

2022 was the first year of our partnership with MTS! MTS seeks to raise up the next generation of gospel workers and equip them for a lifetime of sharing Jesus. The model is one of apprenticeship – testing yourself and growing in the gospel by getting your hands dirty in the work! And, would you join us in praying for God to even raise up two MTS apprentices for 2024?

OUR APPRENTICE

"MTS has been a great time for me to grow in my own relationship with Christ, as well as seeing others growing. Highlights include Youth, 1-1 bible reading, and RI. It's been a real encouragement to have the support of church, with many people asking regularly how MTS is going, how you can pray for me, and giving generously to support me." Luke Zylstra

FIND OUT MORE

mts.com.au

MTS INFO AND SUPPORTERS NIGHT

Sunday April 23

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A night for:

Everyone as we hear from Luke and pray for him

Anyone curious about ministry apprenticeships – might you consider this down the track?





MATURITY

VISION

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WE ARE PRAYING FOR A FLOOD OF LIFELONG DISCIPLES WHO ARE TOGETHER
HUNGRY TO KNOW GOD BETTER, VIEWING REALITY THROUGH GOD'S TRUTH, AND
LIVING OUT GOD'S WORD IN RADICAL CHRISTLIKE LIVING.



HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2022 & SOME OF THE CHALLENGES

TEACHING SERIES

As a church we are Christ Centred as we faithfully and passionately teach and live out God's authoritative and sufficient word. We launched 2022 with a teaching series 'Dark Clouds Deep Mercy' - looking at God's gift to us of 'lament' as we go through trials and suffering. In the rest of the year we covered the books of Daniel, The Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation, and continued with Matthew's gospel.

GROW WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

After a few years of COVID cancellations, it was great to have the women's conference GROW back in 2022. Over 25 Christ Central women went along to get into the Old Testament book of Jonah. The theme was 'Outrageous Compassion.'

MEN'S SEMINAR

Growth for God's people takes place as we continually turn from our sin. Pornography is an issue for men and women, and so in 2022 we took a moment to speak specifically to men with the heart issues around porn addiction, and how we might see growth and change take place in our lives.

2023



PRIORITIES

FOR 2023

1 GROWTH GROUPS

As well as studying the word together, our growth Groups are how we get connected into loving supportive community at Christ Central. We have a great team of growth group leaders, but groups can easily become too large, so we need to raise up more leaders and establish more groups so that we can keep pace with newcomers coming into the life of our church.

2 PERSONAL BIBLE READING

See pulse check for more details. We want to see a growing zeal for personal bible reading and prayer, especially amongst young people. This year we're re-introducing Christ Central's own bible reading plan, as well as

some bible reading options that are being offered through Christ Central Youth.

3 FAMILIES & DISCIPLESHIP OF CHILDREN

This is taken up within the ministry of Christ Central Kids, but last year 68% of parents indicated they have a regular habit of leading their children in family devotions or bible reading time. That is really encouraging yet we want this to grow. To partner with parents, we've recently released an online library of excellent resources they could use with kids. To check it out, use this QR Code.



christcentral.org.au/kids-resources



Bible Reading Plans for Kids



Under 5s Plan

(Click to Download)



Under 5s
Bookmark

(Click to Download)



5-7 Years Plan

(Click to Download)



5-7 Years
Bookmark

(Click to Download)



8-11 Years Plan

(Click to Download)



8-11 Years
Bookmark

(Click to Download)



PULSE CHECK



67% of all Christ Central regulars (excluding Young Adults) were in a growth group in 2022.

90% of Young Adults were in a growth group in 2022. That is excellent!

Right across our church we want to see more people in growth groups in 2023.

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75% of women have a regular habit of personal bible reading and prayer.

70% of men have a regular habit of personal bible reading and prayer.

83% Over 50s have the strongest habit of personal bible reading and prayer.

67% 18-25s have the weakest habit of personal bible reading and prayer.

EASTER 2023

LAST WORDS OF JESUS

AND HIS FIRST WORDS TOO



Women's Breakfast

SATURDAY MORNING
25 MARCH AT PETRIE | 9-11AM

WITH GUEST SPEAKER
ROBYN BAIN





MISSION

VISION

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TO SEE A FLOOD OF NEW LIFELONG DISCIPLES
ACROSS THE NORTH EDGE OF BRISBANE.



HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2022 & SOME OF THE CHALLENGES

PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPASSION AUSTRALIA

In 2022 we took a huge step forward in our partnership with Compassion Australia taking on more than 20 new sponsor children, and setting the Australian record for the most number of compassion letters written on our letter writing Sunday in August.

RI AT EHSS

Religious Instruction (RI) at EHSS continued again in 2022 with a number of new leaders stepping up to help ensure that the RI program was able to cater for all the classes.

HOPE EXPLORED IN T4

In Term 4 we had our most encouraging "Hope Explored" series with ten genuine enquirers coming along throughout the course to hear the good news about Jesus Christ and the hope He offers as Lord. We pray that the seeds of Good News that were planted during those three weeks will bear much fruit for the sake of God's kingdom.

MISSION PRAYER MEETINGS

Throughout 2022 we held seven Mission prayer meetings to pray for the work of the gospel around the globe, and in our backyards. It was incredibly encouraging to see these prayer meetings grow throughout the year as God's people gathered to call on His name and ask that His will be done here on earth as it is in heaven.

2023



PRIORITIES

FOR 2022

① GROW OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH COMPASSION

In 2023 we are aiming to continue to grow our number of sponsorships towards 100 sponsor children. We're also looking to raise funds for the global food crisis through our Sunday morning coffee donations and bring fresh focus to Compassion's Christmas appeal

② CONTINUE TO BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR CITY

As encouraging as it has been to see God's people gathering to pray in increasing numbers our heart is that the momentum would continue. As we plan and pray for a work in Petrie we want to continue to be a

church that prays to the Lord of the harvest for the workers to be sent into the fields all around us.

③ KEEP ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER TO SHARE JESUS

It can be inviting someone for a coffee or a meal, or an invitation to Hope Explored, or reading the bible with someone one-to-one. We want to be a church that encourages each other to share the Good News of Jesus. And we have those cultural calendar moments which are real opportunities - Easter and Christmas. Also, did you know we have great evangelistic resources at our Connect Desk? Check them out.



GIFTS OF
COMPASSION

GIVE A GIFT WITH GLOBAL IMPACT



PULSE CHECK



Our confidence in sharing the Good News
of Jesus with people grew from

69%-77%

People praying at least weekly for specific people
in their lives to put their trust in Jesus grew from

48%-55%

68%

of our church financially support overseas mission

Invitations to church/church events grew from

52%-64%



CHRISTCENTRAL KIDS

VISION

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OUR PRAYER IS TO SEE KIDS INTRODUCED TO JESUS; GROWING
TO LOVE HIM, HIS WORD AND HIS CHURCH.



HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2022 & SOME OF THE CHALLENGES

KIDS WEEKENDER

2022 saw another unreal Kids Weekender take place at YMCA Petrie. It was a weekend exploding with all sorts of fun, full of awesome games, slippery slide experiments, quirky food and gooey prizes as kids and leaders explored just how 'mind blowingly' awesome God is.

DANIEL DRAMAS

In Term 2 kids, like the rest of church, our kids ministry explored the book of Daniel. As part of that series a weekly drama was performed by our kids team, unpacking the story that unfolds in the book of Daniel. It was a great highlight for our kids (and leaders) as we discovered just how incredible our God is.

8:30 CRÈCHE TEAM

Towards the end of 2022 we saw the development of an 8:30 crèche team. Primarily made up of parents supporting each other on Sunday mornings, backed up by some of our

teenagers, it was so encouraging to see the coming together of this team to support and love our young families.

CONSISTENTLY CHANGING KIDS SPACE

One of the challenges faced in kids in 2022 was the number of different locations used for our Sunday Morning Kids program. COVID, church growth and school hire agreements lead to a number of different spaces being used on Sunday mornings. The lack of consistency posed challenges in terms of set up and preparation on a week-to-week basis.

THANK YOU KYLIE BUCHANAN

We can look back to 2022, but also to many years previously and we want to acknowledge the huge role that Kylie has played in leading kids ministry at Christ Central. Many children and their families have been blessed by her love for the kids through her love for Christ.

2023



PRIORITIES

FOR 2023

① CONTINUE TO BE GROUNDED IN THE WORD

We want to continue to ensure that what we do in kids ministry is grounded in the very word of God we are praying the kids will grow to love.

② BE 'ALL IN'

We want to be a church where kids ministry is more than just a 30 minute Sunday moment. We want to use all the unique gifts that God has given us to shape how we serve and disciple kids as we interact with them and their families on Sundays and all throughout the week.

③ BRING THE FUN

If kids are going to grow to love the church then one of the key experiences of church must be that they love being there. Therefore, as a team, we want to be serious about teaching them the truth but also having lots of fun together as we do that

④ PARTNER WITH FAMILIES

We recognise that discipleship is always a partnership, especially when it comes to kids. Therefore, we want to partner well with parents and families to support discipleship happening beyond just Sundays.

⑤ BE RADICALLY INCLUSIVE

As a church we want to create a culture where no child feels like they don't or couldn't belong in Jesus' family. Therefore, though we acknowledge the way to follow Jesus is narrow, in another sense it's also radically wide. Whatever the background, abilities or experiences of a child we want to create an environment where they always feel welcome and included.

⑥ CELEBRATE THE WORK OF JESUS IN KIDS

Celebrate the work of Jesus in kids: Jesus reminds us in Luke 15 that a celebration takes place in heaven when one sinner finds forgiveness. We want to be a church that joins in that party. Whether big or small, we want to be a team that celebrates the growth our kids experience, as celebration fosters in both us and in the kids a love for him, his word and his church..



CHRISTCENTRAL YOUTH

VISION

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TO SEE A FLOOD OF YOUTH BECOME LIFELONG DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,
LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE
GOSPEL AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THEIR LIVES.



HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM 2022 & SOME OF THE CHALLENGES

Y@C CAMP

Our youth had a fantastic week at QCCC Noosa midway through 2022. Amongst crazy games, great food and exciting adventures, we opened up our bibles so we could understand what it means to live "Holy Ever After". Overall, it was an incredible week of growth together as a youth community.

DOUBLE UP

Double Up is our once per term youth night where we encourage our teens to invite one (or more) of their friends to try out youth. The Double Up's in 2022 involved crazy youth activities, but more importantly, we had the gospel proclaimed and teens were invited to put their trust in Jesus. All of the youth at Christ Central did an amazing job at inviting their friends and for the term 4 Double Up, we had over 30 newcomers at youth!

YOUTH LEADING YOUTH

At Christ Central youth, we invite our teenagers to "Make the space their own". This

involves taking up roles like:

- > Leading youth in Bible Reading and Prayer,
- > Helping out at the welcome desk and connecting in with newcomers.
- > Year 12's involved in the running of the upfront program.

It was amazing to see our teens not just proclaiming the gospel with their mouths, but also practically living out the gospel by serving others on a Friday night.

TEAM STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP

Midway through the year, we realised there was a need for leadership clarity surrounding the running of youth on a Friday night. We made the call to switch to the 5M structure within youth and this involved building teams under our "M Champs". Following this shift, vision and clarity surrounding youth ministry became much clearer, and we've been able to better focus on discipling the youth.



2023



PRIORITIES

FOR 2023

① BIBLE READING

We want our teenagers to be opening up the Bible so they can continue to grow in their life with Jesus. Realising that reading the Bible consistently can be a challenging rhythm to get into, in 2023 we're seeking to provide accessible bible reading plans to all of our youth regardless of where they're at with Jesus. As our youth dive into the word, we'll be seeking to partner with parents to help guide and encourage them on that journey.

② CHURCH CONNECTION

Friday nights are an aspect of our church family, but there is much to gain from youth being involved in the life of church on a Sunday

and throughout the week. This year we'll be focussing on inviting 'non-church youth' to celebrate moments like church memberships and baptisms as well as working harder to create an awareness around Christ Central as a whole.

③ SMALL STEP DISCIPLESHIP

We realise that we can't do everything at once at youth, living for Jesus isn't a one-and done thing. Discipleship is an ongoing journey. This year our leaders will be focussing on taking small steps towards Jesus with our youth - focussing in on things like prayer, bible reading, serving, praise. We want youth to understand the reason, importance and joy behind these things as we see them grow as disciples of Jesus



APRIL 2-6





CHRISTCENTRAL YOUNG ADULTS

VISION

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WE ARE PRAYING FOR A FLOOD OF YOUNG ADULTS ACROSS THE
NORTH EDGE OF BRISBANE GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH AND
REACHING OUT WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.



HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES

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YA CONFERENCE

Despite flood & COVID-impacted changes to location and time (twice!), our YA Conference occurred in mid-May and was attended by 30 people. It was a great time in the word as we thought about the future and relationships. It was encouraging to see the team in action and taking the last minute changes in their stride.

BAPTISMS & MEMBERSHIP

It was so encouraging to see a number of our young adults get baptised and become members. What a wonderful community moment it is, to see God's people gathered together celebrating the work of Christ in the lives of others. It was particularly encouraging to hear their testimonies and have leaders and those who have walked alongside them pray and celebrate God's grace with each young adult

GROWING IN THE WORD

In 2022 it was encouraging to see young adults continue to grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord as well as be equipped and trained in works of service. Whether at NTE, Ignite Conference, our YA Conference or our Growth Groups, it was exciting to see so many of our young adults prioritising growing as a follower of Jesus.

2023



PRIORITIES

FOR 2023

① INTEGRATION INTO MIXED AGE GROWTH GROUPS

As our Young Adults ministry grows we want to see helpful and wise transition into the broader church community – everyone is enriched for it. One of the ways we're looking to assist this transition is through the integration of older young adults into mixed age growth groups. Our hope is this brings maturity and blessing for everyone.

② COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

In a similar way we want to see our young adults developing life long friendships in the life of our church family. Both with their peers but also with those with more life experience, Organising social activities that both appeal to our young adults but also engage other demographics in our church community is one of the ways we hope to see these friendships develop and grow.





COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Our Committee of Management (COM) is a group of men and women who look after financial, legal and property matters. For 2022, COM comprised Anthony Mitchell, Cathy Nash, Dick Burr, Chris Clark and Dan Vreeling. In addition COM was greatly assisted by Shantel Heath who was providing some secretary duties as a non-COM member.

Further comments from COM will be provided to accompany the financials that will be coming out before our Annual Meeting.

COM is elected every year at the AGM by a vote of members. Any member of Christ Central can be nominated. Chris Clark is not going forward for renomination this year and we want to express our thanks to Chris for all the support he has given the committee.

CURRENT INTENDED NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023/24 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT



ANTHONY MITCHELL



CATHY NASH



DICK BURR



SHANTEL HEATH



DAN VREELING

THE BOARD OF ELDERS HAVE APPROVED THAT THE COMMITTEE CAN BE UP TO 7 PEOPLE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT GARNET SWANN

Committee of Management Report

Committee of Management ("COM") is a group of men and women from the membership who look after financial, legal and property matters. For 2022, COM comprised Anthony Mitchell, Cathy Nash, Dick Burr, Chris Clark and Dan Vreeling. In addition, COM was greatly assisted by Shantel Heath who provided secretarial support as a non-COM member.

As Treasurer, Cathy Nash has been preparing and submitting COM's monthly financial reports to PCQ's Receivers to update the Receivers on Christ Central's property, assets and liabilities, and there has been ongoing work to ensure that the Congregation's assets, staff and volunteers are all appropriately insured beyond the base cover required by the Receivers.

Anthony Mitchell has continued to take the lead in all property-related maintenance and safety compliance matters at Petrie, and two working bees were arranged to undertake various improvement works at the property during the year.

One of the highlights this year has been the substantial refurbishment of the Petrie Hall utilising cash reserves transferred to Christ Central by North Pine Presbyterian Church. The works are currently nearing completion; the building is now properly insulated and air conditioned, making it a much more useable and comfortable facility for a variety of ministry uses. It is appropriate that the funds raised by former North Pine Presbyterian Church members have been utilised in this way for ongoing ministry purposes at Petrie. We're very thankful for the Petrie property group that was convened at the start of the year to oversee the renovation work. Led by Steve Buchanan, this team not only coordinated the work, but so often got in to do the work themselves.

From a financial perspective, offerings during 2022 were down 4.4% compared to 2021, but it is recognised that all families were facing increased budgetary pressures. Also, 2021 receipts included one-off receipts of \$184,602 from the North Pine amalgamation and \$10,000 from the ATO cash flow boost. Summarised financial information for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021, respectively, is set out below:

	2022 %	2023 \$
Offerings	496,223	518,905
Overall net surplus/(deficiency)	(112,816)	160,216
Net surplus/deficiency excluding Petrie property renovation	(23,264)	164,024
Cash at year end	191,338	312,722

We remain grateful for the regular, faithful giving provided by those in our church to help Christ Central grow followers of Jesus across the north edge of Brisbane and beyond.

COM is elected every year at the AGM by a vote of members. Any member of Christ Central can be nominated. Chris Clark is not going forward for renomination this year and we want to express our thanks to Chris for all the support he has given to COM.

The current intended nominations for the 2023/24 Committee of Management are Dick Burr, Anthony Mitchell, Shantel Heath, Cathy Nash and Dan Vreeling. The Board of Elders have approved that the Committee can comprise up to 7 people. If you're interested, please contact Garnet Swann.

Christ Central Presbyterian Church
Statement of receipts and payments
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Receipts		
Offerings	496,223	518,905
Designated donations:		
Petrie renovation	16,071	-
Gifts	1,790	5,830
Membership income	29,056	29,622
Mission income	-	691
Maturity income	671	-
Young adult income	1,928	3,548
Youth income	13,954	7,574
Kids income	882	795
Interest	844	36
Sale of books and CDs	2,890	3,089
Property hire income	6,950	8,100
ATO Cash Boost	-	10,000
North Pine Amalgamation	-	184,602
Other receipts	1,377	-
Reimbursed expenses	875	27
Total receipts	573,511	772,819
Payments		
Ministry team	351,725	322,785
Support staff	25,345	36,872
Other staff costs	3,652	2,784
Magnification expenses	32,584	31,541
Membership expenses	36,471	39,228
Ministry expenses	7,359	180
Mission expenses	2,867	4,124
Maturity expenses	4,921	8,386
Youth expenses	27,613	19,959
Kids expenses	2,641	2,582
Ministry support		
Assessments (Church Offices & Presbytery)	53,544	52,944
Office expenses	8,648	8,626
Property services (rent, insurance, internet, etc)	31,979	72,914
Wider church		
Church Missionary Society	3,000	3,000
Other		
Miscellaneous	505	613
Asset major maintenance/improvement/purchase		
North Pine property refurbishment	89,552	3,809
Equipment	3,921	2,257
Total payments	686,327	612,604
Net surplus	(112,816)	160,215

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Christ Central Presbyterian Church
Statement of cash balances, other assets and liabilities
As at 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash on hand and at bank		
Westpac savings account	184,043	304,199
Westpac cheque account	7,095	8,324
Petty cash	200	200
Total cash on hand and at bank	191,338	312,722
Cash on hand and at bank includes collections or fundraising proceeds for a specific purpose. At year end cash was restricted for the following purposes:		
Gifts	-	4,275
Encircle Ltd.	535	535
Other	70	151
Total restricted cash on hand and at bank	605	4,961
Other assets		
PCQ Capital Fund – restricted deposit (note 3)	42,003	42,003
GST receivable	15,156	7,900
Prepaid expenses	200	-
Total other assets	57,359	49,903
Liabilities		
Payroll liabilities	1,767	2,879
Total liabilities	1,767	2,879

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

1. Basis of preparation

These financial statements were prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. The accounts have been prepared using a combination of cash accounting and accrual accounting and do not record full balance sheet items. Revenue is recognised and recorded when cash or its equivalent is received and expenses are recorded when they are actually paid; GST related to income or expenses is recorded at the time of receipt or payment, respectively. Liability amounts are reported for information purposes only. Accordingly, the financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results from operations in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Christ Central Presbyterian Church (ABN 24 524 367 813) (Christ Central) is an unincorporated association registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as a basic religious charity. Sufficient detail is provided in these financial statements in order for us to comply with ACNC guidelines and particularly to be able to review solvency. Any excess cash is for the future ministry purposes of the congregations, and therefore, any excess cash is not equity because it also represents a liability to fund future ministry. All offerings received are for the ministry purposes determined by local congregational leadership and approved by the congregation. These ministries are aligned with our prayer "to see a flood of lifelong disciples across the north edge of Brisbane and beyond". Therefore, the amounts reported in our annual financial statements are the cash accounts and liabilities, as the amounts donated are specified for use only in locally determined ministry and do not represent accumulated profits or equity.

2. Plant, Equipment and improvements to land and buildings

Christ Central owns property, equipment and improvements to land and buildings located at the following properties, which themselves are beneficially owned via trust arrangements. Valuations of these assets are not yet available but are significant:

- the property and improvements registered in the name of The Presbyterian Church of Queensland being Lot 1 on Registered Plan 187269 Local Government: Moreton Bay located at 55-61 Old Dayboro Road, Petrie

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

3. Receivership of The Presbyterian Church of Queensland Incorporated by Letters Patent

On 12 May 2021 receivers and managers (the Receivers) were appointed by order of the Supreme Court of Queensland to all of the assets, property and undertakings of The Presbyterian Church of Queensland Incorporated by Letters Patent (PCQ LPE). The Receivers have advised the Committee of Management that until further directions are made by the Court, it considers Christ Central to be an undertaking of PCQ LPE. However, they have also advised that they intend to allow Christ Central to continue on a “business as usual” basis and to that end the current management, financial reporting, banking arrangements and governance will remain in place. To comply with the current Court orders the Receivers are required to be consulted before Christ Central does any of the following:

- incurs any liability outside of the ordinary course of our operations, or incurs any liability concerning capital work (that is, a liability of a non-operational nature);
- sells or otherwise disposes of any assets;
- encumbers any assets;
- signs or executes any contract or agreement; or
- incurs a liability or expenditure that is unbudgeted or greater than both \$25,000 and 10% of the current bank account balance.

To the date of this report the Receivers have not denied any requests for expenditure and has formally approved the budgeted renovation expenditure and works at Petrie.

Extensive financial information is required to be provided to the Receivers on a monthly basis. The Receivers have made considerable requests for information relating to the assets, property and liabilities of Christ Central (including real property) in order for the Receivers to be able to report to the Court. The Receivers have delivered their report to the Court, and that report is available to members upon request.

The Receivers have advised that the deposit of \$42,003 held by Christ Central in the PCQ Capital Fund is not capable of being withdrawn at least and until the Receivers provide their report to the Court and directions are made by the Court.

The Receivers have advised that the most complex aspect of their report is the determination of the ownership of real property. The real property of Christ Central is legally vested in PCQ LPE; however, it is our understanding and position that it is held by PCQ LPE as trustee under a charitable trust for the religious benefit, religious purposes and religious uses of the local congregation and now being Christ Central, as distinct from the uses and purposes of the PCQ as a whole.

The report of the Receivers and the direction of the Court relating to all the above matters are uncertain. While we remain hopeful that the Court will ultimately find that Christ Central’s assets should not be subject to the receivership, it is possible that the Court will determine that some or all of Christ Central’s assets should be available to extinguish debts of PCQ LPE.

In light of the complexity of these matters, the Committee of Management has joined with 40 other committees of management for other PCQ congregations and appointed expert legal counsel to advise these congregations in relation to their interests in these proceedings. We continue to pray for the many people who have been impacted by the receivership of PCQ LPE, and we pray for a positive outcome for our church.

CHRIST CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ABN: 24 524 367 813

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of Christ Central Presbyterian Church

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Christ Central Presbyterian Church, which comprises of Statement of receipts & payments for the year ending 31 December 2022, Statement of cash balances, other assets and liabilities as at the 31 December 2022 and the notes to the financial statement.

In our opinion the financial report of Christ Central Presbyterian Church, has been prepared in accordance with Associations Constitution, including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as of 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. complying with accounting policies to the extent described in Note 1, and the Associations Incorporation Act 1981; and
3. the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and regulations.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Matters – Comparative figures.

The comparative figures being the 31 December 2021 were audited by Elizabeth Chan.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and to meet the needs of the members. The management's responsibility also includes such internal controls as the officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Management either intent to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.



Sunidhi Mehta

Chartered Accountant
Membership no. 278683

Dated: 23 February 2023

Budget for 2023

Christ Central Presbyterian Church

Budget approved by the Committee of Management

For the year ending 31 December 2023

	2022 Actual \$	2023 Budget \$
Receipts		
Offerings	496,223	525,000
Designated donations:		
Compassion fundraising donations	-	4,000
Petrie renovation	16,071	-
Gifts	1,790	-
Membership income	29,056	30,000
Mission income	-	200
Maturity income	671	750
Young adult income	1,928	4,800
Youth income	13,954	14,686
Kids income	882	850
Interest	844	750
Sale of books and CDs	2,890	3,000
Property hire income	6,950	1,200
Other receipts	1,377	-
Reimbursed expenses	875	-
Total receipts	573,511	585,236
Payments		
Ministry team	351,725	337,703
Support staff	25,345	26,607
Other staff costs	3,652	5,200
Magnification expenses	32,584	17,853
Membership expenses	36,471	41,850
Ministry expenses	7,359	7,845
Mission expenses	2,867	6,223
Maturity expenses	4,921	8,600
Youth expenses	27,613	26,087
Kids expenses	2,641	4,595
Ministry support		-
Assessments (Church Offices & Presbytery)	53,544	55,561
Office expenses	8,648	14,615
Property services (rent, insurance, internet, etc)	31,979	36,004
Wider church		
Church Missionary Society	3,000	3,000
Other		
Miscellaneous	505	320
Asset major maintenance/improvement/purchase		
North Pine property refurbishment	89,552	26,564
Office equipment	3,921	-
Total payments	686,327	618,625
Net deficiency	(112,816)	(33,389)
Net deficiency excluding North Pine refurbishment	(23,264)	(6,825)

