



2022



Impact Report





Remember before our God and Father your work
produced by faith, your labor **prompted by love**, and
 your endurance **inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 THESSALONIANS 1:3

In his writings to the church at Thessalonica, the Apostle Paul says to remember the work produced by faith. It is so easy to be consumed by today's urgencies that we don't think to be thankful for God's faithfulness yesterday. That's why Paul says, "remember the work produced."

But he also says this work was "produced by faith." Everything good we do as a church is because of the object of our faith — God. Crosstown, I hope you know how much God richly blessed us in 2022. When you choose to serve God out of a heart of faith, He will always do amazing things in your life.

Paul also reminds the church that their work is "prompted by love," meaning that our love for God and our neighbors fuels our work. Jesus was clear on this — "the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, and with all of your mind."

Finally, Paul says that our hope in Christ inspires endurance. So as we head into the new year, let's continue enduring as we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit living inside of us.

Church, I am incredibly thankful for what God has done through you.

2022 has been another faithful and fruitful year of ministry in our local areas. It is incredible to see what God chooses to do through ordinary people.

As you flip through this Impact Report, take some time to remember what God has done through your work, your giving, and your serving — produced by faith and prompted by love — as we go into 2023 inspired by the hope we have in Jesus.

Love you, Church!

**PASTOR
 JEREMY**





4,300 people attended Trunk or Treat & Fall Festivals

83 kids given backpacks and school supplies

106 Operation Christmas Child boxes donated to Samaritan's Purse

65 boxes of food donated to local families in partnership with Mission Share of Rochester

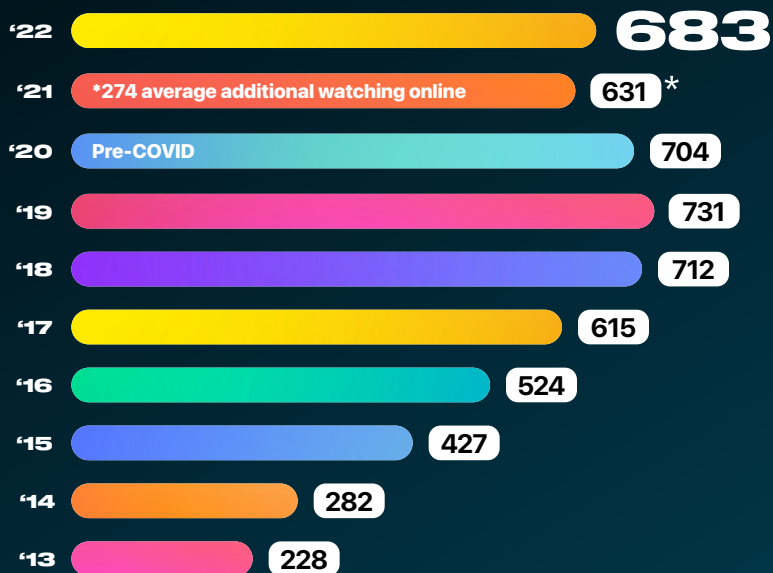
65 gifts given to 25 families by partnering with New Directions of Olean

Other Outreaches

- Olean brought back VBS with 86 kids attending and 56 volunteers serving.
- Wellsville partnered with Texas Hot to help serve at 100th anniversary parade.
- Shinglehouse helped 25 families this Christmas by donating 44 gifts.
- Hands & Feet Ministry at the Shinglehouse Campus had 20 volunteers help with projects like splitting wood, fixing flooring, installing windows and support beams, etc.

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HISTORICAL **IN-PERSON** WEEKLY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE



2022 Average Attendance Breakdown by Campus

122
Arcade

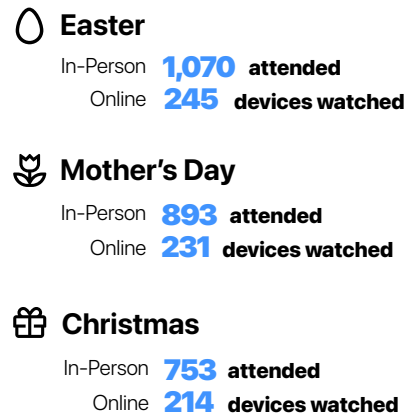
92
Greece

180
Olean

158
Shinglehouse

131
Wellsville

HOLIDAY SERVICES



FAMILY MINISTRIES

89 Average Kidzone Weekly Attendance

64 Average Roots Gathering Attendance

FOLLOWERS NOT FANS

I was facing an unexpected divorce. Two things I remember doing at this time: running for my Bible and finally understanding what it was to come to the end of myself.

Growing up, my view of God was a bit different. Raised Catholic, I had been taught to fear God. An "if I make one mistake, God will be mad at me" fear.

After high school, I lived my way for many years. I attended church here and there but had no real relationship with God. I always knew he was there, but I still did things my way.

Then came the unexpected divorce. I said, "Ok, God. I am done doing this thing on my own. I am yours." A few friends God put in my life years before led me to Crosstown. After attending a few weeks, I heard Pastor Stu mention a men's small group meeting on Wednesday and I jumped right in. Gathering, sharing, and listening with other men about the ups and downs of life was very beneficial in my walk.

Now, I am seeing things through a different perspective. I have learned so much about the love of God by studying the gospel, being around other believers, and hearing their stories.

My fear of God is still there, but now it's a reverential fear, a respect. I laugh a little when I think of how God has ways to bring us back to him, if we let him and trust him. It's been over a year, and God has been faithful through it all.

Mike Knapic



Arcade Campus Quick Facts

126

First Time Guests

1

Salvation

2

Baptisms

64

Volunteers Serving

73

in Small Groups

3

New Members

GO THE EXTRA MILE

As a teenager, I partied, smoked pot, drank beer, skipped school. I still believed in God, and I prayed to Him. But I became a rebel against authority. Even in the Army, I still had this thing in my head about God. Off and on, I would read the Bible and pray. But was I willing to give up this sinful life?

After three years, I was honorably discharged and found a wife, Dawn. I joined the New York Army National Guard, moved up in the ranks, and retired after 20 years. Still praying to God, but not committed. After retirement, I decided I would spend time studying the Bible again.

As time went on, it was like I was spiritually under attack. Like the devil himself was going after the people closest to me and coming at me from all different angles. My wife, in particular, was even telling me she fell out of love with me.

We worked on both of our issues together. We got back together and things were going good so we started planning vacations. Until her health started to decline. It was Ovarian Cancer. We set an appointment with the doctor to look at treatment options, but the next morning I found her on the couch not breathing. After calling 911,

I performed CPR until the ambulance arrived. It was too late. Why did this happen? I didn't call out to God for anything. I wasn't angry with Him, but I wasn't calling out to him like I used to. Depression is worse than anything I have ever encountered. The emptiness just got bigger until that's all I thought about. I lay in bed one night and started to cry out to God; the tears would not stop. I asked God if there are true Christians out there that I could get to know and trust. God answered. A good friend, Edwin, moved into a house not too far from me. He told me about this church he found called Crosstown and invited me to check it out.

I didn't come at first, but he asked me again so for him I did. I decided to keep coming, not understanding what was

going on. Everyone was so nice and welcoming, which was a change from what I was used to. One morning, I prayed still asking what my purpose was without Dawn. I asked Christ, "I'm here, and use me how you see fit." Then I get this call. It was a man named Tom Tartaglia from Crosstown. He said there was a baptism on Sunday and he needed help sawing and fitting wood over the tub to help keep the water warm. I told him, "sure, I'd be happy to." After the call, I looked up and said, "well I can't say no after what I just prayed for."

On Easter Sunday 2021, I was baptized in the same tub I helped Tom cover. Now I'm a member and volunteering. I have a new purpose.

Tom Ellwanger

Greece Campus Quick Facts

213

First Time Guests

1

Salvation

2

Baptisms

54

Volunteers Serving

92

in Small Groups

7

New Members

GOD IS THE GOAL

As a young teen, I remember having questions about God, but no one in my circle talked about Him. So, I went through my teenage years playing, drinking, and doing things I shouldn't have. I was absolutely a mess until I was 30. Nothing changed. I married at a very young age, and we had a child. I got divorced very young. I got remarried and had four kids, and things weren't good.

Then at work, I went to the day shift. Looking back, it was God's divine guidance at that time. He dropped me in the middle of two Christian men on the day shift. For two solid years, I heard about the Word of God.

I bought myself a small Bible to put in

my pocket. I kept reading it. It made sense to me. But, I was looking at these men who lived a different life than I, and my conclusion was, "that all sounds good, but I can't do that. There's no way I can live like that." I couldn't. That's the one time in my life I was right. I couldn't, but God could help me live like that. It's like I went to bed with the mouth of a sailor and a drinking problem that was going to kill me. And I woke up the next day, and my mouth was clean. God just took that desire. He reached down in me and threw it to the wind.

But I had a 15-year-old son I had raised to be just like me. I had a 13-year-old daughter headed for nothing but trouble. Two younger

kids. A wife. Their lives were just flipped upside down. Nobody was happy. My wife left and came back in about seven months. You can't go into a situation, snap your fingers, and say, "done." You pay the price, and I had everything coming for me. I deserved it. I knew I was the bad guy. And God didn't let me escape. It took a long time to heal. It took me a lot of time to undo the injuries I had done.

We're approaching our 50th anniversary only because of the Lord. My oldest daughter gave her life to Christ within a year of my salvation. My oldest son, almost 50 now and rebellious just like I was, he proclaimed that he's a Christian.

I prayed for my wife for 25 years. I prayed for my son for 30 years. And now they're both saved. It was in God's time, not mine.

I've had liver cancer for 15 years. Recently, doctors said I was too sick for treatment, but I don't look at it like most people. I don't rise and say I'm going to fight this thing. I'm in God's hands. He has a path for me, and I will do my best to be close to Him, be obedient, and learn as much about who He is.

God broke my heart, broke down my spirit, humbled me, and changed my life. What an amazing, sovereign, wonderful, merciful, loving Father. I will never get over what He did for me. How could I?



Steve Owens
(1948-2022)

Former Crosstown Elder, father, husband, brother, grandfather, mentor, faithful servant, friend.

Olean Campus Quick Facts

193

First Time Guests

3

Salvations

8

Baptisms

73

Volunteers Serving

98

in Small Groups

6

New Members

CHURCH OF SMALL GROUPS

We went to small groups before attending Crosstown on Sunday mornings. Our close friends had just started a group and invited us to come. Small groups brought a family-like feel along with a Godly view. I shared prayer requests from things happening in my life. Then when I wasn't keeping the group up-to-date on those things, I was surprised that people were reaching out to me with genuine concern. Along with the amount of in-depth conversation of the Bible, it felt like a body of believers that wanted what God wants.

Small groups opened our eyes to the heart of Jesus for the church. Christ wanted this for His Church: people who are unified and connected.

My wife and I didn't realize how much we needed this kind of fellowship and accountability to grow in our lives. It has transformed our lives and the way we view church.

Shawn Evingham



Shinglehouse Campus Quick Facts

160

First Time Guests

7

Salvations

15

Baptisms

72

Volunteers Serving

93

in Small Groups

9

New Members

NEVER TOO LATE NEVER TOO EARLY

I was far from a faithful believer when I started coming to Crosstown — correction, my parents started attending. And (thank God, in hindsight) they dragged my sister and I along.

I was an absolute terror filled with anger, lustful desire, and purely selfish intent. I was sent off to Snow Camp 2019 with destructive intentions in mind. I strictly remember going up to the mic and telling everyone how unhappy I was. I remember thinking I would feel super tough and cool by doing this, but soon as I sat back down by my sister I wept bitterly, I mean like ugly cry. For the rest of the day I wondered why I was so distraught and why I was so sad and disappointed in myself.

That night my cabin leaders (two amazing women I appreciate to this day) and cabin-mates prayed over my sister and I. And for the first time, I felt so open. I shared everything and more, but most importantly that night I prayed for the very first time. A messy and very distorted prayer, but a prayer nonetheless, asking God to come into my heart, erase my sin, shame and guilt, and ultimately change me. Two month's later I was baptized on Easter.

Coming back to camp as a leader has been incredibly controversial for me. I've always felt a deeper connection and comfort with helping our wonderful Kidzone kids, but the teenagers are absolutely terrifying.

When asked to serve, I gave a hesitant yes. I was excited but nervous. Would I be a good and godly leader? Can I guide these kids who are only a few years younger to see God's presence? I know God has provided me peace and strength in my many worries, and I also know he has surrounded me with so many experienced men and women of God to help me help students.

My biggest takeaway joining the leader team is this: don't be afraid to

ask God for help and don't be afraid to ask other believers for guidance.

We're going to mess up and disappoint someone (I do it all the time), so own it, bring your convictions to God, repent, apologize. Never stop trying to be more like Jesus and pursue His glory.

Kaylee Elliott

Wellsville Campus Quick Facts

104

First Time Guests

4

Salvation

8

Baptisms

59

Volunteers Serving

73

in Small Groups

8

New Members

'22 SERMON SERIES

We are Passionate About God's Word

OF WEEKS IN EACH SERMON SERIES

15
14
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"Being a disciple of Jesus will cost you... not being one is already costing you more."
PT 13, IT WILL COST YOU EITHER WAY

"I not only know who I am, I know where I'm going."
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING?



"Your burden is the very thing that qualifies you to come to Jesus and find rest."
PT 1, GENTLE & LOWLY



"Most likely you are here, at this church, because someone was present in your life pointing you to Jesus"
BE PRESENT



JANUARY 2 **APRIL 17** **APRIL 24** **JUNE 5**

“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you (Joshua 3).”
SETTING UP 21 DAYS OF PRAYER



JULY 31



“Trials are **not** an **obstacle** to your comfort but an **opportunity** to become more like Jesus.”
PT 1, A STRANGE PERSPECTIVE ON TRIALS

JUNE 12



“While God sometimes gives us more than **we** can handle, He never gives us more than **He** can handle!”
PT 6, MY PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

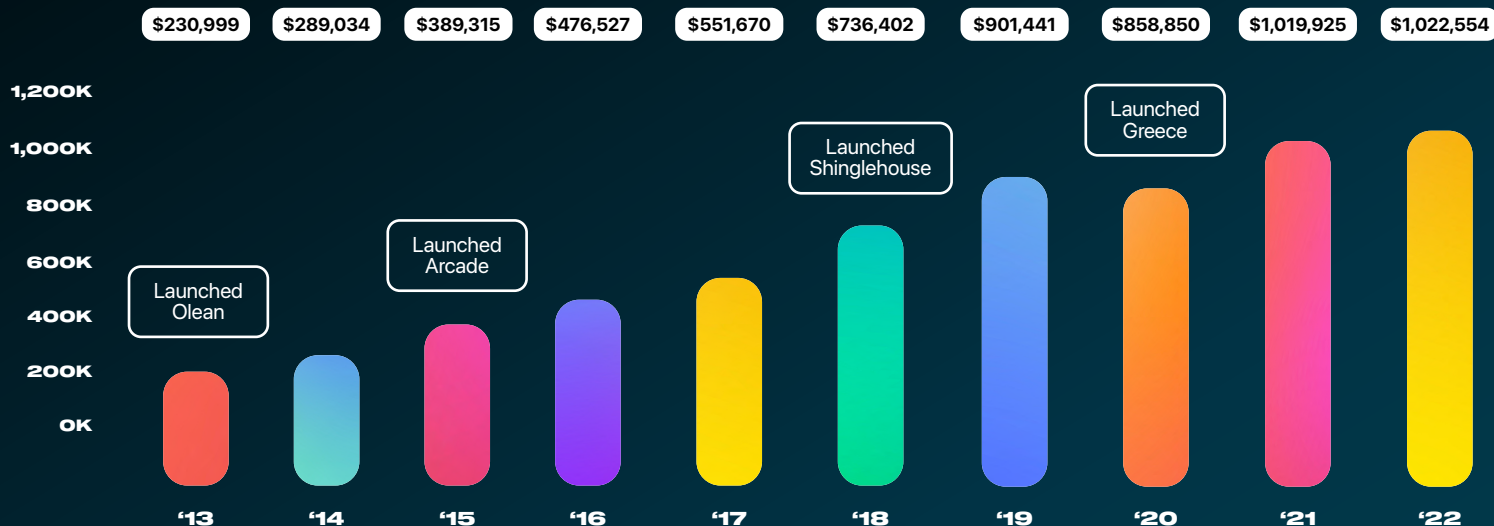
SEPTEMBER 11

“If Jesus really is the King, am I the best person to rule my life?”
THE KING AND CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 24

HISTORICAL YEARLY OFFERING



2022 "Investing In Our Future" Christmas Offering

Almost doubled our goal of \$40,000 for local, regional, and global initiatives.



\$77,007

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

\$827,581

Personnel
(Staffing of Ministries)
\$482,462

Other Ministries
(Small Groups, First Impressions, Planning Center, Special Events)
\$138,527

Next Generation Programming
(Kidzone and Roots)
\$19,232

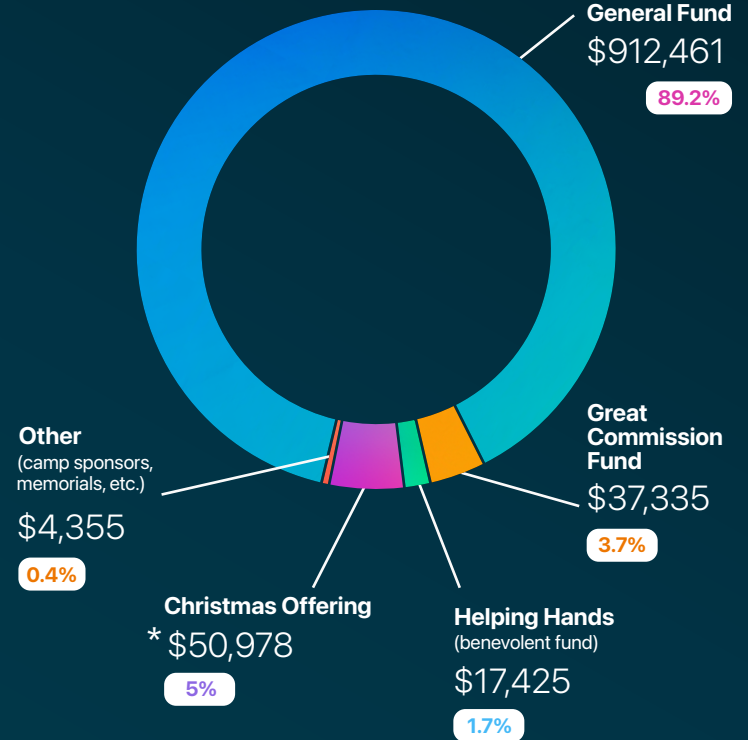
Building Upkeep & Improvements
\$116,527

Outreach & Missions
\$33,561

Worship & Tech Ministries
\$37,775

TOTAL OFFERINGS

\$1,022,554



* Christmas Offering money contributed in the 2022 fiscal year

