

Impact Report

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PHILIPPIANS 1:6

2023



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AND I AM SURE OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL BRING IT TO COMPLETION AT THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST.

Thank you for taking the time to read this year's Impact Report and celebrating the incredible journey we've been on as a community of believers.

As I reflect on 2023, I'm reminded of the many ways God has worked in and through each of you. This reflection brings to mind what the Apostle Paul wrote at the beginning of his letter to the Philippians: "I thank my god in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, and I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6)

This passage beautifully captures the ministry of what God is doing at Crosstown. We are better together. Paul's words echo through the heart and minds of our church family, showing the power of unity and shared purpose in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you for investing your life into something that matters. It's through the investment of people like you that God uses to make an impact in our communities and around the world.

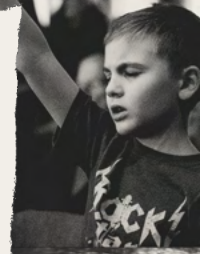
Together, we've been co-laborers in the Gospel, and this Impact Report is a celebration of the great things God has done in and through us.

As you take the next 15-20 minutes to read through this report, you'll have an opportunity to revisit moments that defined our year — moments of worship, fellowship, and ministry. From outreach programs that touched the lives of those in need to the joyous celebrations of baptisms and new believers, each moment has been a testament of the love of Jeus that binds us together.

I truly believe the best is yet to come for Crosstown in 2024, and I can't wait for another fruitful year of ministry serving alongside you all.

Love you, church.

Pastor Jeremy





4,625

PEOPLE ATTENDED
TRUNK-OR-TREAT
& FALL FESTIVALS

196

KIDS GIVEN BACKPACKS
AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

158

OPERATION CHRISTMAS
CHILD BOXES DONATED
TO SAMARITAN'S PURSE

1,075

PEOPLE ATTENDED
EASTER OUTREACHES

129

KIDS ATTENDED
VBS (HALF NEVER
GONE TO CHURCH)

130

FAMILIES PROVIDED
WITH HOLIDAY MEAL
BOXES AND GIFTS

Other Outreachs

Partnered with New Directions in Olean to provide over 80 gifts to 20 families for Christmas.

Gave 550 teachers of the Pioneer School District appreciation gifts.

Provided special effect glasses for approx. 500 people at Shinglehouse's July 4 Fireworks.

Provided a free Christmas Whoville experience in Wellsville for over 900 attendees.

Partnered with Arcade Chamber of Commerce for Winterfest.

Historical *In-Person* Weekly Average Attendance



Campus Specific 2023 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN



Holiday Services

EASTER (APRIL 9)

In-Person | **1,078** ATTENDED
Online | **287** DEVICES WATCHED

MOTHER'S DAY (MAY 14)

In-Person | **898** ATTENDED
Online | **208** DEVICES WATCHED

CHRISTMAS EVE (DEC 24)

In-Person | **959** ATTENDED
Online | **154** DEVICES WATCHED

Family Ministries

89 KIDZONE (CHILDREN)
AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

78 ROOTS (STUDENT)
AVERAGE GATHERING ATTENDANCE

Followers Not Fans

I started attending Crosstown in January of 2021 during my junior year at Houghton University. The COVID pandemic restricted many churches to online-only services and I was looking for a church where I could physically attend rather than simply watch online. I believe that God's people were meant to be in fellowship together, serving one another. So, I began looking into churches in the area and found Crosstown. I was warmly welcomed by many on my first Sunday

and so I came back the next week, and the next, and the next. After about a month, I knew that I wanted and needed to not just attend church but serve. I volunteered at a few of the outreach events and began to feel even more connected with my new church family.

It wasn't long before I was serving on the worship team. It was here, in this ministry, where I felt I belonged. So, I continued serving until I graduated

from Houghton. I thought that would be the end of my time at Crosstown, but God had other plans.

I started graduate school in Buffalo in the Fall of 2022, and though I was located a considerable distance from Crosstown, I truly felt that God was calling me to stay.

After another year, I was approached to consider taking on the Worship Leader position. I was worried that the position might be a lot to take

on being not only a full-time student but also working part-time at another job. However, God faithfully reminded me that, "You can't go wrong serving the Lord." I accepted the position and have enjoyed the opportunity to continue to serve my church family in this unique way.

Noah



Arcade Campus QUICK FACTS

137
FIRST TIME GUESTS

5
SALVATIONS

10
BAPTISMS

69
VOLUNTEERS SERVING

48
IN SMALL GROUPS

1
NEW MEMBER

Saved People, Serve People

Everything that I have ever hoped for concerning church I have wonderfully found in my Crosstown Alliance Church family!

The love for God, His Word, and one another, and how they have promoted it in my life through their efforts of Discover, Develop, and Display, have been a source of refreshment and exhortation that I will cherish for all eternity.

I cannot express how privileged I feel to have been able to develop wonderful, everlasting friendships as a result of the effort of the church putting into offering small groups for everyone throughout the year.

I also have been tremendously blessed and encouraged by so many who have a burning desire to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. This is wonderfully

expressed by the huge volunteer base that we have in our membership. It has also been heavenly expressed by so many willing to come and help me minister to the residents at Hilton East Nursing Home every week.

We now have a full worship team, seven preachers in rotation, and other amazing volunteers to help bring the hope of the gospel and praise of Jesus to

those who are about to slip off into eternity! God has also amazingly used Crosstown to allow me to use my gifts and abilities to serve and honor our Lord Jesus Christ which I will be forever thankful for. I am forever indebted to our Heavenly Father for giving me the opportunity to be part of my Crosstown church family.

Bob



Greece Campus QUICK FACTS

139

FIRST TIME GUESTS

2

SALVATIONS

5

BAPTISMS

63

VOLUNTEERS SERVING

71

IN SMALL GROUPS

3

NEW MEMBERS

Prayer Is A *Priority*

Janelle and I desired to start a family very early in our marriage. Certain doors were never opened and have since remained closed to us. So, eventually we turned our sights on adoption.

This process in and of itself was more of a challenge than we realized. Excitement, frustration, heartbreak, unanswered questions, and answers that were tough to hear have all been parts to the past several years. I'm

uncertain how we could have remained optimistic, and even preserved our marriage, without keeping prayer as our first response.

Our relationship with God, our faith, and marriage have certainly seen their fair share of storms. Although we have focused on being obedient and faithful to the opportunities that have been given to us, prayer has been one of the ways that we are reminded of the grace that's been

given. Coming before the throne of an almighty God is a humbling thing. I was constantly reminded of Jesus' prayer on the night He was betrayed. "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will but yours, be done." (Mark 14:36) Even Jesus' prayer was in humble submission to the Fathers will. We knew God had amazing things in store for us.

The periods of waiting were far from easy. Considering

Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, humble submission was the only way we could have endured. Taking our petitions to God every day strangely molded our perception that the storms we would walk through were for His glory and our good.

Josh



Olean Campus *QUICK FACTS*

161

FIRST TIME GUESTS

6

SALVATIONS

3

BAPTISMS

73

VOLUNTEERS SERVING

100

IN SMALL GROUPS

4

NEW MEMBERS



God Is The *Goal*

I gave my life to Jesus in my twenties at the first Billy Graham crusade in Wellsville. I landed in a good church with good people around me, but I ended up moving away and the friends I was with weren't saved or even interested in church.

For the next few decades my Christian walk could have best been described as a stagger. I knew God wanted me. I just couldn't find a church that fit. I moved from

place to place, settling for a while, but never really putting down roots. After moving (yet again!), I ended up in Shinglehouse. I tried a few churches in the area but didn't find one that felt right. Then I went to an outreach that Crosstown did at Nanipops. Free ice cream? Why not? There I talked to Mike and Lisa Hunt who I knew vaguely.

Then, I was with a friend who ran into a guy she knew. He was going to

Crosstown and told her how great it was, how they were growing and really seeking God.

A few weeks later I walked into the Shinglehouse campus. It was so weird. I came into a place I'd never been, where I knew almost no one, and I'd never felt so at home in my life.

From that beginning things have just gotten better. I have been challenged to go beyond my comfort zone. I

have led small groups, served on the tech team, arranged an outreach, and have had the opportunity to meet and come alongside so many wonderful people. It is truly a blessing to be surrounded by women and men who really want to put Christ first.

Diedrah



Shinglehouse Campus *QUICK FACTS*

147
FIRST TIME GUESTS

3
SALVATIONS

7
BAPTISMS

71
VOLUNTEERS SERVING

94
IN SMALL GROUPS

NO NEW MEMBERS WERE ADDED
NOT A MEMBER? FILL OUT AN INTEREST FORM ONLINE.

Never Too Early *Never Too Late*



I've always felt like God was chasing after me. My spiritual journey has been full of trials and tribulations. Growing up, there was nobody around me who was religious; I've always known God but never knew His story.

I didn't live my life following God's word and because of my actions, I struggled. But I felt God's hand

with me, trying to guide me. I prayed to Him, but I was so scared to "jump in".

I wasn't qualified. I wasn't good enough. How could someone like me come to pursue God? Yet, still I felt God's call so I started attending Crosstown.

I can remember the first time I came and feeling strangely like I

was home. I did feel qualified – I was good enough – anyone can pursue God – He loves us all. Through our pastors, members, and my evergrowing faith, I had found Crosstown to be my forever home, a place of grace.

Crosstown became the home where I've grown in my faith, married my best friend, dedicated my

children, served our children's ministry, and have truly become a new creation.

Through Crosstown I've come to know God, and I stopped running.

Taylor



Wellsville Campus *QUICK FACTS*

132
FIRST TIME GUESTS

1
SALVATION

15
BAPTISMS

59
VOLUNTEERS SERVING

67
IN SMALL GROUPS

NO NEW MEMBERS WERE ADDED
NOT A MEMBER? FILL OUT AN INTEREST FORM ONLINE.

Sermon Series

13 WEEKS
12 WEEKS
11 WEEKS
10 WEEKS
9 WEEKS
8 WEEKS
7 WEEKS
6 WEEKS
5 WEEKS
4 WEEKS
3 WEEKS
2 WEEKS
1 WEEK

DISCOVER (PART 1)
“Those who truly know, go find others who need to know.”

Church In 3D



JANUARY 1

Luke: Season 2



NO REGRETS STEWARDSHIP (PART 1)
“Live in such a way that your generosity contributes to someone else’s heavenly dwelling.”

JANUARY 22

Walking Free



DON'T TURN BACK (PART 9)
“Grace is given so we can walk in freedom, not go back to a place of slavery.”

APRIL 23

MADE FOR WORSHIP (PART 1)

“Worship is not a song or a service, it is a way of life.”

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Made For More



AUGUST 6

**HOMOSEXUALITY/
TRANSGENDERISM
(PART 6)**

“We are to have compassion for people without compromising God’s Word.”

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I Have This Friend...



SEPTEMBER 10

WHERE IS GOD IN ALL OF THIS? (PART 2)

“God is at work, even when our circumstances tell us otherwise.”

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Ruth



NOVEMBER 5

THE BATTLE FOR THE THRONE (PART 3)

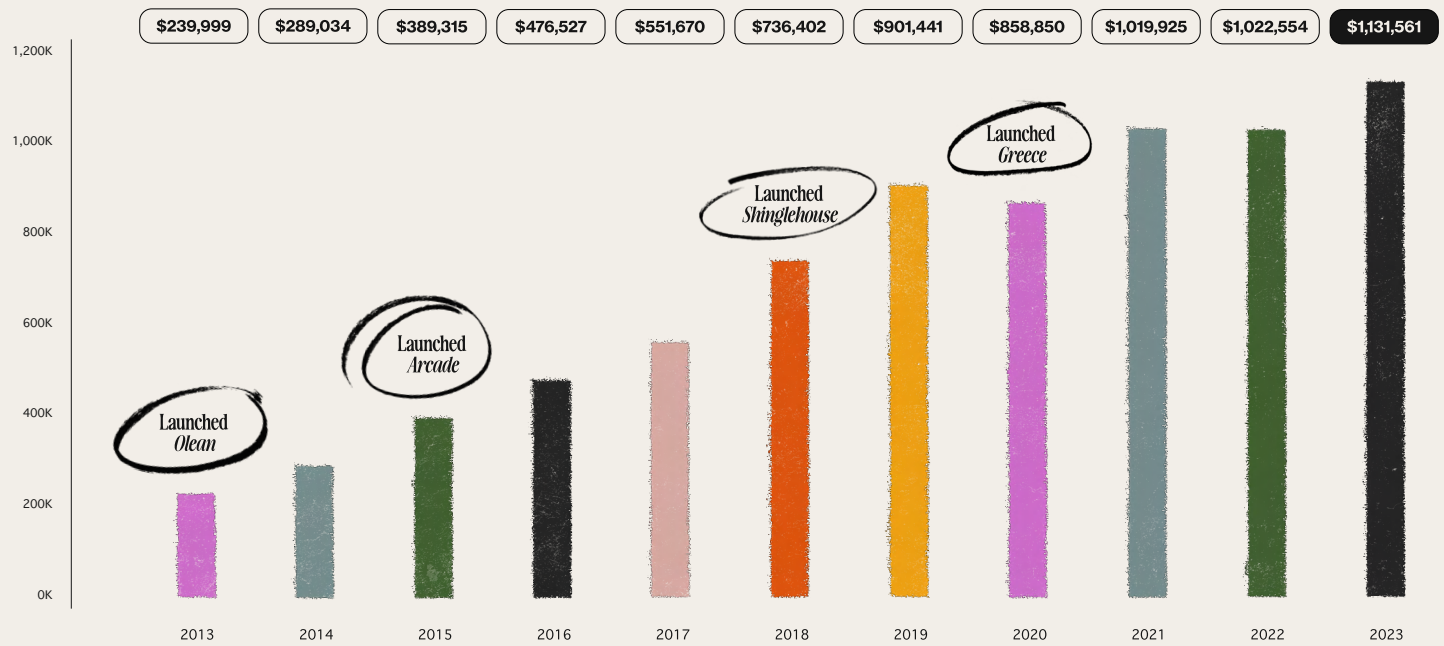
“There is still a little Herod inside of you that needs to be put to death.”

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Rediscovering Christmas



DECEMBER 3

Historical *Yearly* Offering



2023 "Acts 1:8" Christmas Offering

WE HAD A GOAL OF \$50,000 FOR LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND GLOBAL INITIATIVES.

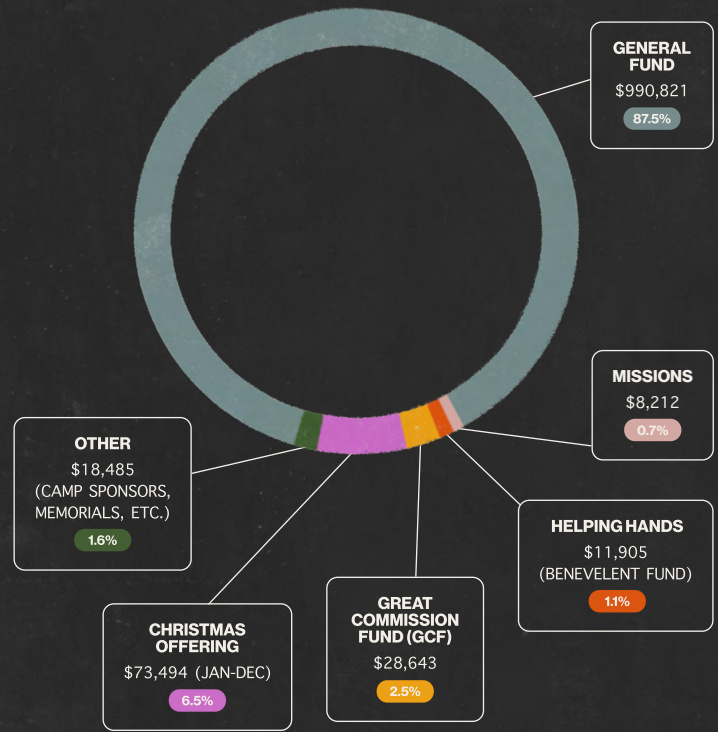


\$40,691

General Fund Expenses \$925,518



Total Offerings \$1,131,561



This is a place of *grace.*