



# IMPACT REPORT 2022

**Clovie**  
Clovercrest  
Baptist  
Church

Experience.  
Create.  
Reach.

# VISION

For all people to become followers of Jesus

# MISSION

Loving God Loving People

Making Disciples of Jesus Together

# VALUES

Experiencing God

Creating Community

Reaching Beyond

# 2022: RESTORE

Here at Clovie we believe that Jesus is in the business of restoring all things, bringing life and freedom to all people through the power of His death on the cross and His resurrection. The Apostle Paul speaks of Jesus this way in Colossians 1:19-20: "For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

This focus on restoration has seen us participate with God in seeing the following in 2022: 28 people putting their trust in Jesus for the first time; 9 people being baptised and going public with their faith; 164 Bibles being given out to people in our community who are seeking God; an education trainer being funded in Nepal for a year; 11 slaves being freed through the work of IJM; the Clovie Gawler partnership moving forward in

faith; and our ongoing commitment to serving the local community through Pathway Community Centre and Quench Café.



In many areas 2022 was a tough year with COVID, other sickness, rising pressures from the increased cost of living, and the compounding nature of 3 challenging years. However, God is faithful and we have so much to thank God for! This year's Impact Report is under our five vision priorities where we highlight a God who is in the business of restoring all things!

Many blessings,  
**Pastor Mike**



# REACH - INTRODUCING PEOPLE TO JESUS



## SAYING YES TO JESUS!

In the middle of 2021, I was called by God as a non-Christian to the church, at a time when I was lost and seeking answers and understanding. I felt I needed to ask for forgiveness as I thought I must've done something terribly wrong to have been faced with so many challenges in my life at that time. I was fortunate that Roger was here and was able to hear me, comfort me, and pray for me. The solace provided by Roger left a lasting effect. I really considered choosing faith on this day and left with a Bible.

When I got home, I asked God to show me that He is real. I asked Him to show me through the Bible. When I opened the book up, where I felt He told me to, I was looking at the beginning of the book of Job. I felt I was reading about my own story!

12 months went by before God started asking me again to come to Him. After a series of undeniable callings, I came to my first church service here at Clovie. I was welcomed so warmly and genuinely by Mike. I really felt like I had come home. 8 days later I was diagnosed with Stage 4 lymphoma (blood cancer). I'm convinced God insisted that He come into my life to give His love and offer His strength to beat the illness. I gladly put my faith in Him and my life in His hands.

**Darren**

# SAYING YES TO JESUS!

It has been a joy to see God continue to draw children to Himself. We have seen 7 kids say “Yes” to Jesus for the first time this year! We have also handed out several Kids Bibles, devotions, and next steps packs that will help kids to continue their faith journey. We celebrate the 2 children that were baptized this year, as they went public with their faith.

Each week, one year 5 is dropped off to church as her family doesn’t yet attend Clovie. It is a joy to see her now inviting friends along to Clovie Kids. During this term we were able to give her a Bible and Devotion. When she arrived one Sunday, she shared with us that she prayed for the first time during the week! It is wonderful to be part of her faith journey.



# REACHING COMMUNITY FAMILIES

In 2022 we hosted several outreach events with a focus on reaching and connecting with people who might not yet know Jesus. In March we had a Father and Son Night, with 60 Dads and their sons. They came together for a night of fun and building relationships with their kids and with other dads. Mark and Ben Heard shared a Gospel message and encouraged our dads to be real, humble and loving.

In October we had Mother Daughter Night, led by ‘Miss Scribbles’, who stepped us through painting a work of art. Over 50 people attended, which included 9 families from the local community. One grandma from the Heights School community came along with her beautiful granddaughter who has been coming to Clovie Kids. The Inglis girls shared from Psalm 139:13-14 about how we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

In November we had our Gingerbread Night, with a record attendance of 125 women! Over

70 of these were from the local community. It was a night of creativity and fun, including a Gospel message shared by Bronwyn Harvey. Her focus was the true hope we can find in God.



# REACHING BEYOND CLOVIE

The planting of a seed creates an opportunity to Reach others! Our Life Group Seminar in 2021 gave Richard Hawke time to share with leaders about a Reaching Beyond opportunity in the prison ministry he is involved with. This led to a great connection with one of our Groups in 2022.

**Bob's\* story:** Bob came to Christ at Adelaide Remand Centre soon after being incarcerated in 2021. After reading the "Word For Today" devotional, he realised God wanted to have a relationship with him. He was followed up by a chaplain and received a Bible. Bob was hungry to read from the outset, especially the Bible and Christian biographies. He began sharing his faith early on with other inmates, and was dubbed "the priest" by other prisoners in his unit. Bob continues to be a great influence for the gospel in the environment God has placed him.

Bob was accepted into the Breaking Free program and as part of that program has been steadily engaging with Peter Ochse.

As a result of Peter's business background, and the connection made with Richard in the LG Seminar in 2021, Peter was approached in 2022 to connect with Bob. After some correspondence early on, they connected on the phone. Richard successfully introduced Peter to Bob at the regional prison on a public visit. Peter's comment after meeting Bob for the first time was "I'm very impressed". His Life Group pray for Bob on a regular basis.

\*Name changed for privacy purposes

# QUENCH CAFÉ BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

A key focus for us at Quench has been building relationships with our volunteer team, particularly those who are from the local community. Through relationship, we have been able to bless them and show them what our personal relationship with Jesus looks like. Some of our volunteers regularly join us to pray for the day. We've noticed a general openness towards talking about God and receiving prayer, which is significant. We are celebrating that at least one volunteer will be attending the next Alpha Course!



# A FRIEND WITH PURPOSE

Kids COACH (Creating Opportunities and Casting Hope) is a mentoring program where volunteers serve as a friend with purpose for one hour, once a week, in our local state school. Kids COACH has continued to make a difference in the life of each student. 9 Mentors served this year, with one Mentor taking on a second student. Many connection stories come out of Kids COACH. Teachers who have a Mentor coming to their classroom to connect with a student, often let us know about the difference the Mentors make. We also have the opportunity to phone many Kids COACH families to offer further support. Through COACH we continue to have Mentee children going to Blast; a lunch time program where they hear about Jesus' love and acceptance for each one of them. We celebrate that some COACH Kids have come to JAM, our outreach program that runs once a month here at Clovie for year 5 and

6 children. We are also celebrating a Mentee who is about to graduate from our Kids COACH Program and is now coming each Friday to Echo Youth. He has built friendships with other students and is starting to build trust with his new youth leaders for 2023.

Through Kids COACH, we continue to grow trust, connection, and relationships. We have been successful in gaining a grant from Baptist Care to expand into Family COACH in 2023.



# GROW — GOING DEEPER WITH JESUS AND COMMUNITY



**512**

**AVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE  
OF ONSITE  
GATHERINGS**

**145**

**AVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE  
OF ONLINE  
GATHERINGS**

**657**

**TOTAL AVERAGE  
ATTENDANCE**

# SIMEON'S BAPTISM TESTIMONY

Quite simply, I don't know why it's taken me this long to get here.

My life has been a series of blessings. I have been incredibly blessed to know the goodness of God almost all my life, as the by-product of two parents who know and love God.

My childhood was no walk in the park but my siblings and I were shown how faith is built through adversity – through my parents' example. They were and are flawed human beings pressing into God despite divorce, death, mental health issues, family conflict, and financial concerns. My siblings and I saw it all, and yet God was walking with us through it. My parents' own seemingly consistent faith showed me how God's goodness leads us through easy, comfortable times and difficult, painful times.

There is no one moment that I can pinpoint where I first heard the Gospel or reacted to it. Maybe there was one but I don't remember it. When I look back, I was consistently trying to better understand the faith of those around me, including family and friends.

Again, I have been incredibly blessed to know an array of intelligent and intellectually-gifted people of faith

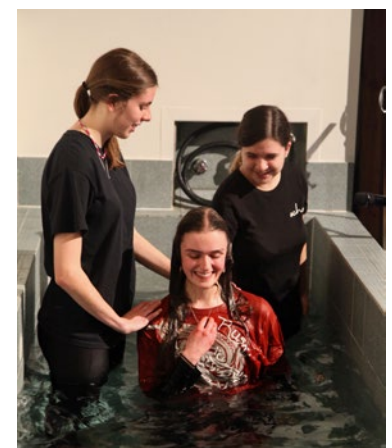
throughout my life who have shown me that God doesn't just appeal to our hearts but also to our heads. This group were particularly formational as I reached high school and traversed university – eager to question everything I knew with the arrogance of youth. It's only as a result of these individuals that I continued to take my faith seriously, during this intellectual and cultural awakening. This sound foundation has empowered me to take my faith into my professional life.

Finally, my life to this point comes full circle. I get to be the parent who does their best to try and model faithfulness, love and discipline to my 3 beautiful kids. I'm such a flawed human being, as many can attest, but the Lord has blessed me so profoundly with these people in my life. God continues to challenge and convict me – to be a better person, a better father and a better husband. I've come to learn to appreciate this. Despite my contrarian nature, I find myself here submitting to His example. If Jesus can submit to baptism in his early 30's, I should feel blessed to do the same.

**Simeon Lawson**

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BAPTISMS



## THE POWER OF PRAYER

When I received the devastating news that my second daughter had cancer, I went into shock and became extremely anxious. I struggled for nights and days, crying to God for help, to take away this sword over my child's head. I felt weak, and I begged God to give me the strength to support her. Rachel, the Leader for Prayer, contacted me and she prayed for us. We were also upheld at our monthly prayer meeting. The morning of 21/9/22 brought a breakthrough! My struggle shifted to a positive feeling as God responded.

That day the Holy Spirit gave me Psalm 28:7 twice:

"The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving." (NLT)

Afterwards, the Holy Spirit blessed me with a sense of peace. How precious is His love and care for us! May our Saviour bless each one in our group who prayed for us for strength.

Thank you.

I am grateful that we have had the peace to face what is ahead. I believe God is working behind the scenes for her healing, strength and trust.

**Dalene Blackie**



## GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS

2022 has been a very different year for us. My husband Steve retired, then in June he had open heart surgery to replace a valve. From the start of this journey, we felt God's peace as our Life Group gathered around us in prayer and support. God spoke to us through the worship song Goodness of God. "All my life you have been faithful... with every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God."

Steve went into surgery knowing God's peace. However, there were complications, and he was left with a hole in his heart. It meant another operation and we, alongside our church family, prayed that it would

not involve opening the current wound. Our prayers were answered as the non-invasive procedure worked. But then, he had fluid around the heart. After repeated scans, when it looked as though it would have to be drained, the fluid disappeared. God answers prayers. We tangibly felt every single prayer. We knew that God was listening, we expectantly waited for healing, and it came. We are so thankful for the prayers of the faithful.

**Val D'Arcy**



## HEARING FROM GOD

When you're a Year 12, people often ask, "What are you planning to do next year?" On the way to youth camp, I was reflecting on the options that I had often responded with, and I realised that studying ministry was much more appealing than any of them. On the second night of camp, the speaker Dave Shepherd came up to me and asked what I was planning to do next year, so I said that I'd just started

to seriously consider studying ministry. He gave me a word from God that affirmed that this is what He was calling me into. I was blown away and incredibly grateful that God gave me such clarity halfway through Year 12, as it has brought me such peace in the confidence that God is guiding my future.

**Anneliese**

## FINDING A NEW HOME

Our family moved to Clovie in May after visiting churches for many months, looking for our new home. We had moved from our beautiful Anglican church at the beginning of the year, as the evening service no longer worked for our young family. We loved our old church, so it was bittersweet to leave. We were so thrilled and thankful to God to have found Clovie! We were surprised to be known by name from the first morning we visited, have treasured the strong,



Christ-centred teaching, admired the community focus, and especially love Clovie Kids. Our prayer is for our son Judah to come to know Jesus as his Lord, Saviour and friend, and we are grateful to have this modelled by the community and children around him. Thank you for welcoming us, Clovie. We look forward to getting to know even more of you as we serve the King together.

**Jarrad, Hannah and Judah Redden**

# LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Steve and I have been coming to Clovie since the end of last year, after moving from Victoria. We were encouraged by the church's mission focus and by the various outreach programs. We felt a bit overwhelmed coming into a big church. Mark and Sonia Heard made a big effort to welcome and get to know us, which we really valued. We enjoyed Clovie Connector at the start of the year. We met Margaret George who invited me (Nicky) to her group, where I was fully embraced. Steve and I also started attending a group on Friday nights, which is a great way to get to know others in a large church.

Our daughter, Rebekah, moved to Adelaide in August. She now attends the George's Life Group with me and very much enjoys it. The young adults have gone out of their way to make her feel welcome and she's starting to



make friends there too. We believe it is highly important for new people to connect in a group because then, no matter how big the congregation, you can feel connected. And now we are starting to feel like Clovie is our new church home.

**Nicky Betts**



# MULTIPLY – RAISING AND RELEASING LEADERS

## FIND YOUR FIT

Step 7 is designed to help our Year 7 students find their fit when it comes to serving in the life of the church. In 2022 we saw 6 students learn together and try different serving opportunities. Many of them have found their fit and will continue serving into 2023. Step 7 is a great leadership program that allows us

to invest in the next generation to help them discover their gifts, explore how God has uniquely created them, and become part of our wider Clovie Team.

## QUENCH CAFÉ ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER

Our café now has a number of volunteers with additional needs and we have buddied them up with some of our able-bodied volunteers. This has been hugely beneficial and rewarding for both parties. Those with extra needs (or their support workers) have reflected how encouraging it is for them to be accepted, valued and to have a safe place for them to

learn new skills. Additionally, our volunteers who are buddied up with them have said they really enjoy being able to help them and have a sense of value in what they do. It is this kind of engaged and loving relationship that allows conversations about faith and Jesus to happen in our Quench community.



# SERVING BEYOND CLOVIE

In August this year, 7 of us took a road trip to Trinity Baptist, Colonel Light Gardens, to bless the church and run their service. 6 of our teenagers served by leading worship and prayer, creating a space for the congregation to experience God. It was wonderful to see our young people use their gifts to bless another church in our Baptist family. The older congregation of Trinity Baptist reflected that they loved seeing young people passionately worshipping and serving Jesus. It's a privilege to see the next generation at Clovie serving and contributing to God's Church.



In July, myself and a group of Clovie young adults travelled to Clare to run a service at the local Uniting Church. We led prayer and worship, performed a kids play, and shared some testimonies. It was a wonderful opportunity to reach beyond Clovie and serve in a new space.

**Ben Heard**



# DEVELOPING THE SKILLS OF A LEADER

Through serving at Echo Youth in 2022, I have been given a great opportunity to develop my leadership skills. I get to lead a Life Group, which has been an incredible experience. I absolutely love coming into youth on a Friday night and connecting with the Year 6/7 boys. I love leading them and seeing them develop as young men. I have become more confident in not only leading my life group, but in my

role as a youth leader in general. I have grown in my ability to respond in different situations and adapt to the unique needs of our students. Echo Youth is a great environment for me to further develop my leadership skills, and I can't wait for what's next.

**Elijah Hughes**

# EXPAND – ONE CHURCH, MANY GATHERINGS

## EXPANDING CLOVIE KIDS



In 2022 we launched Clovie Kids Online! A handful of our Clovie Kids leaders have enjoyed filming content each term. We publish two videos on YouTube and Facebook each week, with an intentional split between Junior and Senior aged kids. This covers the same topics we are learning about at our Modbury North campus, which is a huge blessing to our online community. It is a wonderful resource to offer families and we pray that God will continue to expand our reach into many homes.

## GATHERING AS YOUNG ADULTS

Clovie Young Adults began gathering fortnightly on Wednesdays this year, to unpack what it looks like to be a resilient disciple. There is a lot of excitement and a little apprehension stepping into something new; however, there have been countless times where words that were spoken on Sunday were echoed in the words preached at YA.

This extended further into the discussions we had in Life Groups. To me, this has demonstrated that God has a plan for us - even if we cannot always see it. I've always known He has a plan for me, but to actively see this plan in action throughout 2022 has been absolutely amazing.

**Eliza**



## EXPLORING FAITH ONLINE

Chelsea engaged with Alpha Online after hearing about it through Instagram. She had been part of our church in the past, and had moved to NSW and disconnected with church and faith. Through Alpha, she received prayer, words of knowledge from our team, and experienced

community. She summed up Alpha with the word “connection”, to others and to God again. Life is bringing her back to SA, and she hopes to reconnect with Clovie. She will now have known friendly faces at our physical gatherings, excited to greet her.



## CONNECTING ONLINE

Our family recently took our caravan and had a family road trip through Victoria. Although this was a great time getting away from our ‘normal life’ back home, we were blessed to still feel connected into church through Clovie Online. We were able to watch the service at different times and we even tuned in to watch the live stream in the car while we were driving to our next destination one Sunday morning -

until we sadly lost internet connection! It was great to be able to keep up with the sermon series and worship on the road, doing church as a family while still being part of our bigger church family at Clovie.

**Susie Wilson**

## REACHING A LOCAL NURSING HOME

We host a monthly church service in the Ality Nursing Home. For our service on November 11th, the Nursing Home asked if we could combine a church service with a Remembrance Day service. Instead of our regular attendees, the entire Nursing Home came, along with staff and family members!

We were able to present a Church Service with hymns, prayer, and a short sermon, before transitioning into the Remembrance Day elements. It was wonderful to engage with this opportunity to expand the ministry of Clovie and reach into the lives of so many people.



# INNOVATE – DARING TO DREAM

## ADDITIONAL NEEDS MINISTRY

We know all people hold a special valuable place in the body of Christ, regardless of their ability. Jesus and His church are for everyone. We have started an Additional Needs ministry called “Cherish”. These children and their families are a treasured gift to our church community, and we want to find ways to help and walk alongside them. So far, we have 11 families who participate in Cherish. In 2022 we shared a meal together, and we hosted a conversation on Zoom with Robyn Campbell, mother of three boys on the autism spectrum, who has a passion for Additional Needs ministry. She runs workshops to increase awareness about disability, autism and neurodiversity. The journey of raising three neurodiverse children has not always been easy, although with God by her side, she was able to share some breakthroughs and lessons along the way. We currently have 6 children partnered with a 1:1 carer when they attend Clovie Kids on a Sunday. We are excited to see where God will grow this ministry in 2023!



**\$17,760.50**

FUNDS RAISED IN 2022

## 2022 PING-PONG-A-THON

In 2022, we raised \$17,760.50, reaching a new record for Clovie! These funds will be used to free and protect 11 people from slavery and exploitation.



## JOINING THE FIGHT AGAINST SLAVERY

In January this year, God stirred my heart for Ping-Pong-a-Thon. As part of Pong this year, I was going to challenge myself to do 12 hours; however, in the early part of the year, I tore my ACL, and underwent a knee reconstruction. Despite this injury, I still wanted to continue to raise funds and awareness. I leveraged a variety of my online communities, such as YouTube and LinkedIn, to let people know about slavery in our world

today. I also spoke to people off the cuff in my workplace, strangers and even people at the gym. Through Pong this year, I was personally able to raise \$2,800. Since Pong ended, I have continued to have conversations about how it went, and I have connected with others who want to address the issue of slavery in our world today.

**Minh**

# UPSKILLING OUR SENIORS

In Term 3, Clovie hosted a series of Seniors Tech and IT Support Lessons for people who needed to upskill or learn more about the use of technology. Our trainer was extremely patient and able to help with different

questions and problems. We had a small but enthusiastic group of people who improved their skills and became more confident in using this technology.

# A NEW INVESTMENT IN MARRIAGES

This year we launched The Alpha Marriage Course. We ran it on Zoom for 7 weeks, with a purpose to invest in and grow healthy marriages. 14 couples attended, all at various ages and stages, each valuing the excellent content presented each week. We are looking forward to running this course again in 2023, as it is such a valuable investment into a lifelong relationship. One of this year's couples shared this:

"The leadership led in such a 'real' and 'open' way that often helped to lighten the mood for us and opened a door to have similar or more frank conversations about sometimes difficult topics. Being on Zoom meant we didn't feel awkward about having to be with the whole group in person, as many of the topics were quite personal. We appreciated the regular



encouragement to keep the conversation going and being open about seeking support from our Pastors or other supports. Knowing our Pastors were praying for us as a couple, was so appreciated. We both really valued this time and have already agreed to keep regular date nights. We have also discussed ways we can be more honest in our conversations around certain things we need to share moving forward."

# Restore.



## SEEING LIVES RESTORED

In 2022 we launched Restore ministry, with a heart to see people facing big life challenges find healing and restoration to the abundant life that Jesus offers. This year we introduced the Bereavement Journey and the Marriage Course and again ran Valiant Man and Divorce Care, with a total of 40 participants. Each course saw people deeply impacted by the opportunity to come together with others who were facing the same life challenges around addiction, relationships, grief, loss, and pain. One participant in Divorce Care said “I no longer feel so condemned and isolated.”

Another reflected, “Divorce Care helped me heal faster than I would have otherwise.” An attendee of The Bereavement Journey experienced a significant breakthrough with her anger. Two people from the general community appreciated the time so much that they plan to return next year. Across each course, we observed people making very significant progress in their healing journey and relationships.

# FINANCIALS

Avg. Weekly Offering:

**\$18,192**

↓ 17% decrease from 2021

Total Giving:

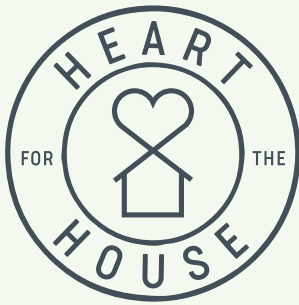
**\$945,979**

Other Income:

**\$290,174**

Total Operating Revenue:

**\$1,419,886\***



Giving Total:

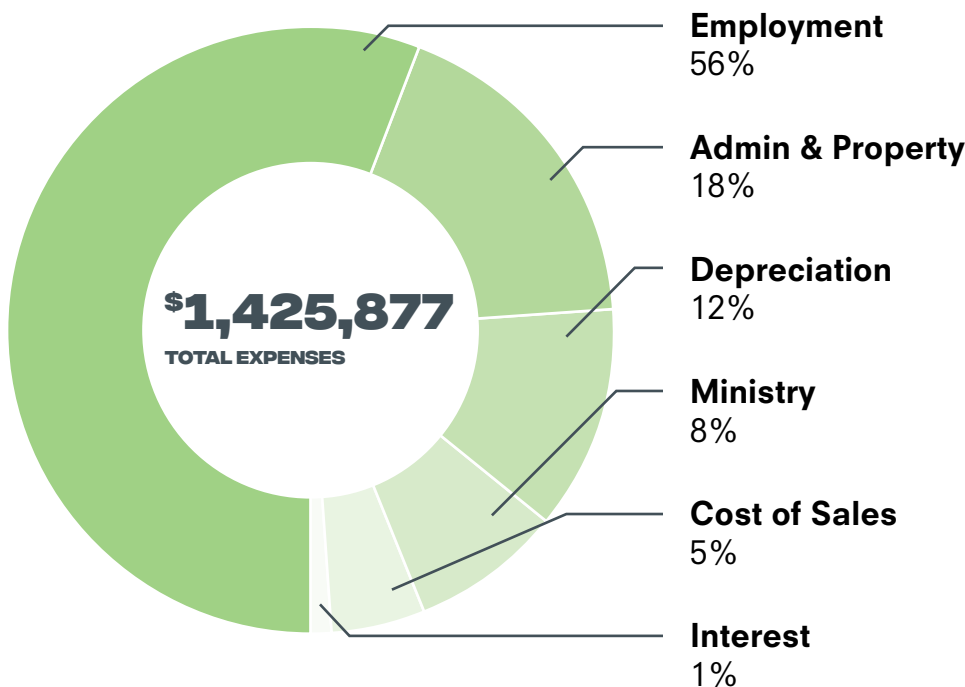
**\$208,357**

Auditorium:

**\$183,733**

Baptist World Aid (Nepal):

**\$24,624**



\*Due to its tax deductibility status, the Baptist World Aid giving stream from Heart for the House is not included in 'Total Revenue'.



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