Cape Vineyard
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Upward
Inward
Outward

UPWARD, INWARD, & OUTWARD
DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

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Our Vision

Partnering with God to transform our community and our world one life at a time for His glory.

This transformation happens in 3 ways:

UPWARD

Loving God as worshipers.

INWARD

Loving the Church as disciples.

OUTWARD

Loving the world as witnesses.

Salvation

Everything we do is to point people toward **surrendering** their life and heart over to Jesus.

Salvation gives you a **new life**.

> "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Salvation leads to **continued growth**, it is not just a one-time event.

> "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith– and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God– so that no one may boast."
> Ephesians 2:8-9

This new life of salvation is a gift that is made possible through **the cross**.

> "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21

When you experience salvation, you are **forgiven** for your sins.

Salvation is accomplished through the **grace** of God, and He wants us to keep living in that **grace** every day.

I SAY YES

Have you said yes to Jesus as your Lord?

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9

Baptism

Baptism is a public **proclamation of the change** that has happened in our lives.

> "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying; all authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. God therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.'" Matthew 28:18-19

We say we "follow Jesus" in believer's baptism, because **He first modeled it for us**. If Jesus was baptized, how much more do we need it?

> "At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the spirit descending on him like a dove."
> Mark 1:9-10

COMMON BAPTISM QUESTIONS:

I was baptized as a baby,
do I need to be baptized again?

I was baptized many years ago–or as part of another Church–should I be baptized again?

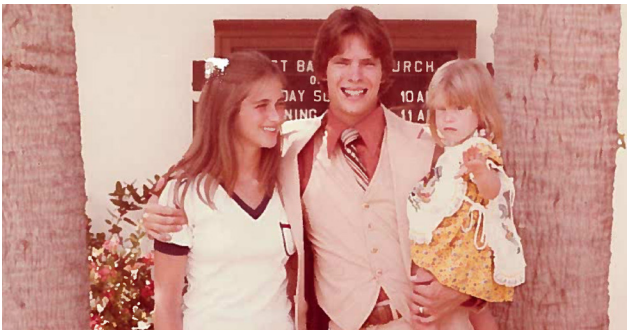
I still have struggles and hang ups in my life, should I wait to get baptized?

What should I wear?

Should I invite friends to watch my baptism?

Our History

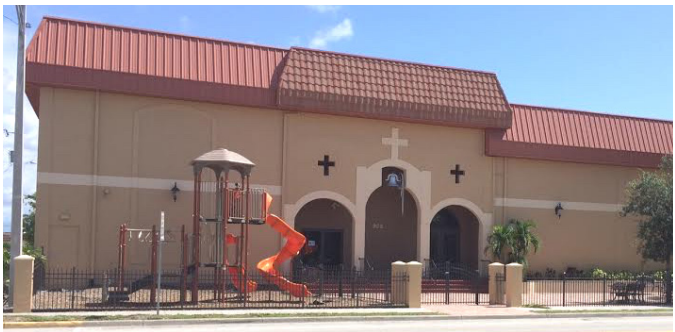
Our Church is led by our Co-Pastors, Kim & Jamie Stilson. They began their ministry at First Baptist of the Islands on Sanibel in 1979.



By 1996, there were dozens of family driving to Sanibel for Church every Sunday. So the Stilsons planted Vineyard Community Church and began meeting at the Life Center at the Cape Hospital.

Shortly after our beginning, we outgrew the Life Center and began renting Trafalgar Middle School.

In 1999 we purchased our current building on 47th Terrace and in 2012 our building had a major remodel.



FROM THE BEGINNING, GOD CALLED US TO BE A CHURCH THAT WAS ABOUT SEEING

LIVES TRANSFORMED

Our Core Values

Not every Church has the same flavor. These are some distinctive that help define who we are at the Cape Vineyard.

We proclaim God's love in a down to earth, relatable style. Everything that we have to offer comes from the Bible and is taught and lived in such a way that we could bring others to come to know God. Our heart is to "ring the bell" for all that we connect with.

We seek to experience intimacy with God in worship. Our worship is aimed to interact with the power of God in our lives. We don't sing songs out of ritual or habit, but rather to connect more deeply with our loving Father.

We live a life of mercy. One of our greatest callings is to care for the poor, the least, the lost, and the lonely. We don't discriminate against people based on their merit, we know that God loves all people deeply, no matter their standing within society.

We celebrate diversity. The Kingdom of God breaks down all the barriers of this world–whether ethnic, gender, economic, political, or generational. We don't treat anyone differently, and all are welcomed to partner with us in ministry.

We find wholeness in relationships and community. Our faith is walked out as a family, not a crowd of individuals. This is predominately done in our Small Groups, which make up the core of our Church.

We live "ugly" and authentic lives. We don't try to hide our flaws or shortcomings. Instead, we are honest about our weaknesses, surrendering them to Jesus and others through appropriate vulnerability.

We practice Kingdom equality in our leadership and ministries. Our Church is co-led by our senior pastors with equal calling, authority, and love. Throughout every area of ministry in our Church, there is no lid on individuals based on gender, race, or age.

Intimacy with God

The Father wants a **close relationship** with you.

God gives us the Holy Spirit as a **helper** to bring us into intimacy with Him.

Often there are barriers in our lives: past hurts, family brokenness, or relational pain that we've experienced which prevent us from connecting with the Father & receiving from Him in the way that He wants us to.

> "The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'"
>
> Romans 8:15

Prayer is how we develop intimacy with God.

> "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
> Philippians 4:6

We can come to God in confidence that He cares about us, and wants to help us. He is our Father, we can ask Him anything, tell Him anything, and trust Him with anything.

Belong

We are created for **community**.

> "It is not good for the man
> to be alone."
> Genesis 2:18

Community is commanded in the Bible and leads to **growth**.

> "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another."
> Hebrews 10:24-25

Jesus loves **the Church**.

> "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her."
> Ephesians 5:25

In community, there are

no perfect people allowed.

We must be willing to be ugly (honest, real, appropriately vulnerable) in order to find growth.

Small Groups are where true community happens. You'll never fully be connected into the life of our Church until you've committed to belong within one of our groups. We want to see people develop meaningful, authentic, life-giving relationship with other believers.

The V in Vineyard

The V in Vineyard stands for **volunteer**.

God has created us all with **gifts** and abilities to serve within the body of Christ.

> "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."
> 1 Peter 4:10-11

Serving others requires a **humility** that sees how important every person is to God.

> "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."
> Philippians 2:3-4

We have many opportunities available to serve with us. Whether you want to serve on a Sunday or during the week, we have awesome "First Serve" opportunities. These are great places to start serving.

The Father's Missional Heart

When Jesus came to earth, He came to reveal **the Father's missional heart** to us.

In Jesus' life and death, we see that the Father held nothing back in order to show how much He **loves the people** that He created.

> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, went away and sold everything he had and bought it."
> Matthew 13:44-46

God has called you to **make a difference** in the world around you.

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

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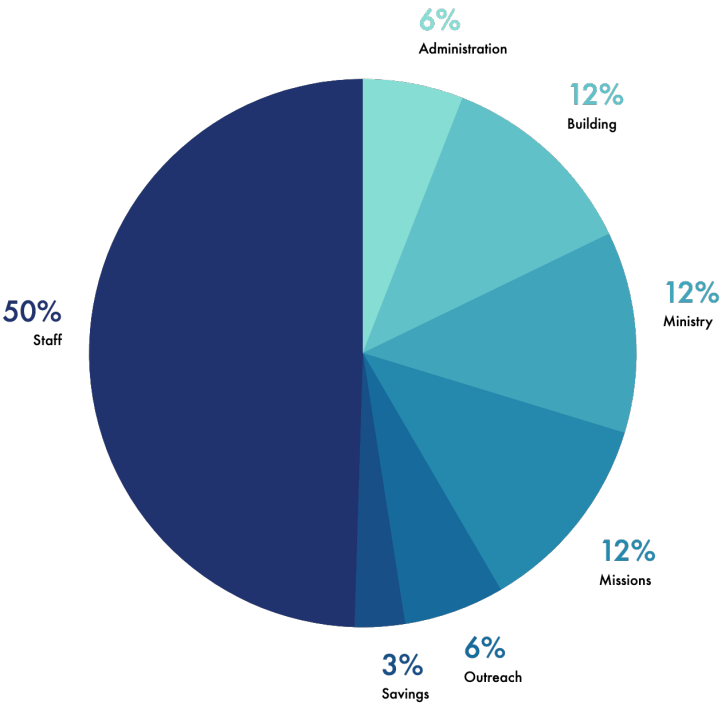
Our Finances



Administration: Business related expenses such as database management, supplies, and electronic giving fees.

Building: Maintenance, insurances, and utilities.

Ministry: Costs for programs such as weekend services, student ministry, and family ministry.

Missions: Support for missions partners (Vineyard USA, Bethel Colony of Mercy, Convoy of Hope) and missions trips.

Outreach: Events to serve our community like Dinner Church, Bike Night, and Movie Nights.

Savings: Capital reserves for future needs and expenses.

Staff: Expenses related to compensation for our team including salaries, health insurance and retirement.

How Money is Handled

Every offering is counted confidentially by a volunteer team, never by a lone individual.

We have a Church Council which oversees our budget and are also the signers of the checks. Our staff does not sign checks or have access to bank accounts.

Spending and budgets are monitored throughout the year by our Executive Pastor, Co-Lead Pastors, and the Church Council.

90 DAY CHALLENGE

Giving God your first & best

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."
Malachi 3:10

Partnership Commitment

A Vineyard partner is someone who has committed to the three areas of our mission.

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