



THE vineyard CHURCH 

2023 MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT

A photograph of Pastor Mark Pope, a man with grey hair wearing a green button-down shirt and khaki pants, standing at a black podium on a stage. He is looking towards the audience. In the background, a band is visible with a guitar, drums, and other instruments. The stage is lit with vertical light bars. The foreground shows the silhouettes of the audience.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK

Once again I find myself reflecting on a year with an almost overwhelming sense of gratitude in my heart. My gratitude is for the partnership of the hundreds of individuals who serve and give at The Vineyard for sure, but deep down my greatest sense of gratitude is toward the Father for His activity among us.

In the pages ahead you will find a report of some of the wonderful things the Father has been doing. As you read, you will likely get a sense of His activity intervening in the lives of individuals who have faced a difficult year; His activity of starting new seasons of joy or mission; His activity of creating a network of relationships that support, celebrate, and

encourage significant spiritual growth ... and for some, His activity of saving a soul and bringing it from death to life.

As you read please do three things:

- Enjoy the testimony!
- Realize your part in the story of God's activity here at The Vineyard.
- Say a prayer that God will continue to show up in the lives of our church, our community, and our world.

With love in my heart for Him and YOU,

MARK Mark Pope
Lead Pastor



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

IN 2023...

100 people were baptized

VINEYARD GROUPS

53 Vineyard Groups

OVER 500 people participated in Vineyard Groups

388 people participated each month

VINEYARD CLASSES

23 Vineyard Classes & Workshops

Most popular classes...

150 attendees at *Deeper: Holy Spirit Unveiled*

80 attendees at *Dreams and the Bible*



IMPACT STORY

Scott Warner

I started coming to the Vineyard in 2013–2014. I was hesitant, but since it was important to my then girlfriend now wife, I decided to go with her so we could spend more time together. Once she went to college I stopped attending regularly since it was more her thing than mine. We got married in 2019 and began attending more consistently in 2021. At one point during that time my wife and I decided to get marriage counseling. I realized during those meetings that I needed to get serious about my faith. I eventually started meeting with Keith for a one-on-one Bible study. This gave me the opportunity to dig deeper into the Bible and ask any questions I had about the things I was reading.

I have now been involved in a men's group for more than two years. It's given me the opportunity to meet various men of a different ages and life stages. Our theme for past year 2023 was Kingdom Man, the sequel to BetterMan which we went through previously. I now also serve on the hospitality team with greeting and the welcome center. One of the area's I have been growing in over the past year is prayer. I been getting a little better

at praying out loud. (Praying with kids at bedtime). I feel the most connected during weekend worship. Men's Group gives more connection. Serving increases connection. Keith encouraged me to join a team.

The most important thing for me was to have an open mind and ask questions. My relationship with the Lord really began when I started reading my Bible and asking questions about the things I don't understand.



THE NEXT GENERATION

VINEYARD KIDS

OVER **200**

kids averaged on weekends

140

volunteers served in Vineyard Kids

49

3rd–5th graders attended Connexus

VINEYARD STUDENTS

OVER **70**

students averaged on Vineyard Student Night

30

volunteers serving in Vineyard Students

41

students attended Middle School Camp

33

students attended High School Camp

VINEYARD YOUNG ADULTS

OVER **70**

young adults averaged at
Vineyard Young Adult Gatherings



IMPACT STORY

Lisa Williams

In 2015, I drove by The Vineyard on my way to visit my then boyfriend. Since the church was centrally located between my house and his, we started attending regularly. After getting married, I attended various other churches but always came back to the feeling of community I felt here at The Vineyard. It quickly became clear that my husband was never going to be interested in coming to church with me, so I often attended weekend services with my mom or granddaughter. I would slip in and out mostly going unnoticed, not getting too involved. It was hard for me to see a bunch of happy families while not having my own perfect church family I had dreamed about. A few years ago, I decided to stop waiting on my husband and start participating in The Vineyard community. I started by attending a Membership Essentials class to learn about the church and how I can be involved. I was able to get plugged into a group which helped me to connect better with women in the church. These new friendships helped me to see that other people had messy lives and things they struggled with just like I do. Later, in 2021, I decided to take the next step in my

walk with Christ by getting baptized.

Over the past year a major theme of my life was choosing to step out of my comfort zone. When my marriage ended in a divorce, it was Sarah Kovach during our one-on-one Bible study who helped me understand how to act in a godly manner during that rough patch of my life. God has been continually teaching me how to love people better even when they were not easy to love. I have learned to focus on what God was calling me to do rather than what I thought would be the best path for myself to take.

A photograph of a man with light brown hair and a beard, wearing a blue shirt, leaning over a young boy with dark skin and short black hair. The boy is wearing a blue t-shirt and a grey jacket, and is looking down at a book or paper in his hands. The man is also looking down at the book. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

OUTSIDE THE WALLS

VINEYARD COMMUNITY CENTER

OVER **100**

children and adults served every week

75

volunteers serving at the Community Center

702

House renovated and launched with primarily donated services for expanded Community Center ministry

BAG HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

OVER **6,200**

pounds of food & toiletries collected for Hope Ministries and Sister Maura Brannick Medical Clinic Food Pantry

24 HOURS TO LOVE OUR CITY

OVER **500**

volunteers served at

25

outreaches

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT FOR INDIA

OVER **\$150,000**

given to expand an at-capacity Christian school in Hapur, India

ADOPT-A-KID CHRISTMAS

132

kids' Christmas gifts and stockings given



IMPACT STORY

Kara Johnson

I first learned about The Vineyard through a friend who told me about her experience with the church and the community center in the Barbee Creek neighborhood. My daughters and I began attending the church in October of 2022, when my youngest daughter was only a few months old. At first, I experienced a lot of fear. I was afraid of the judgment I expected to receive due to having children out of wedlock. However, I was mostly coming for my children's benefit, so I didn't let that fear stop me. I wanted them to have the opportunity to know Jesus growing up. As we continued to attend the church and get more involved, that fear went away. There wasn't any judgement, and I felt so accepted by this community. This led to me getting the opportunity to teach my children about the Bible, and my daughter has begun to quote scriptures and has been praying out loud with me. Being part of this church family has had such a powerful impact on me and my children. During Chasing God 2023, I had moment when, for the first time, I heard from Jesus and felt reassured that I was doing the right thing for my kids.

The past year has been a big year of spiritual growth for me; I've been praying a lot more often and even made the choice to be baptized this past October. After attending the church for a while, I decided it was time to get more involved, so I started attending the NEXT classes after learning about them through the weekend announcements. Through those classes, I learned more about Jesus, the Bible, and the Holy Spirit. At the beginning, I was unsure about where I fit into The Vineyard community. But while attending NEXT, I discovered how much I really liked Pastor Keith and Abi, so I decided to plug in there as a volunteer table leader. Getting more involved in the community made me increasingly aware of how little I know about the Bible. To help with this, I reached out about participating in a one-on-one Bible study. We've been going through the book of Matthew and having the chance to talk through my questions. This has helped to strengthen my faith and deepened my understanding of Scripture. It's been so beautiful to see the way my children and I have grown spiritually over the past year. Jesus knew what He was doing bringing me to church that day.



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



Brickyard Healthcare



Hope Ministries



Center for the Homeless



Kingdom Closet



Christ for India



Pet Refuge



City of Mishawaka



Reins of Life



Cultivate Culinary



Ronald McDonald House



Hannah's House



Voices for Life



Hello Gorgeous



IMPACT STORY

Landon Story

In the summer of 2023, I started attending The Vineyard after graduating high school. I was wrestling through my plans for my future and trying to decide which path to take post high school since I didn't feel that college was the right option for me. I felt God calling me to search for a hands-on ministry experience which led me to the Vineyard School of Ministry (VSOM) as well as an internship working with Young Adults and Leadership Development at The Vineyard. During my internship, I've had the chance to be involved in groups, help develop various ministry areas, and help to raise up new leaders. I've also experienced various teams and groups that have helped me to get more connected with a great community of people.

As part of my internship, I started meeting with Pastors Steve and Andrew, who encouraged me to dig deeper into scripture and grow my understanding of the Bible. Having others push me in my faith has always been a blessing and an important part of my spiritual growth. One of my favorite verses is Proverbs 27:17 which says, "as iron sharpens iron, so one

person sharpens another." Just as I had people pouring into me spiritually, I was also able to pour into someone else. In the Fall of 2023, I started a one-on-one Bible study with Jackson, one of the guys in our young adults' group. We were meeting weekly, going through the book of Luke. That Bible study helped both of us to dig into Scripture and unpack it together. After meeting for a few months, Jackson made the choice to get baptized. He had been baptized before, at a younger age, but was ready to publicly rededicate his life to Christ. This time he knew the importance of baptism. Since I was spiritually pouring into him, I got the honor to be a part of this major step in walk with Christ by helping to baptize him.

Looking back on the past year, the word that best summarized 2023 was "intentionality." I have gained a deeper understanding of the importance of personal faith and become more intentional about getting into the Word and pursuing Christ on a much deeper level than I had before. I'm so grateful for the spiritual leaders pouring into my life and the community of other believers around me.



FINANCIALS

INCOME

TOTAL **\$2,842,135**
includes tithes, offerings, and investment income

EXPENSES

ministry operations \$185,715
staffing & benefits \$1,604,395
administrative \$420,497
facilities \$160,075
TOTAL **\$2,370,682**

NET INCOME

TOTAL **\$471,453**

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

total assets \$6,973,849
total liabilities \$113,236

The Vineyard Church performs an annual voluntary audit working with an external accounting firm. The financials provided in this report are based on pre-audited information from the previous 12 months (January 1– December 31) in alignment with our fiscal calendar year.