



THE vineyardCHURCH 

2025 **MINISTRY
IMPACT
REPORT**

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light." — Genesis 1:1–3

These verses come to mind as I reflect on 2025. They don't primarily surface because of the "formless and empty" description, or even the "darkness over the surface of the deep," but because of the power and wonder of God's voice declaring, "Let there be light."

2025 was yet another year marked by Light—God's light breaking into dark places in the lives of individuals who had been struggling for far too long. His light appeared in both small groups and large gatherings, where kids, teens, young adults, and even some of us not-so-young adults were studying the Bible, serving on teams, and traveling to faraway places to lend a helping hand around the world. As you read the following pages, please take your time. Don't rush. Pause, enjoy, and celebrate the ways God has been at work among us.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the role you've played in all that God has been doing at our church. Your participation, sacrifice, and prayers are truly making a difference.

And please join me in asking the Father to continue speaking over the ministry of Vineyard Church:

"Let there be light!"

MARK Mark Pope
Lead Pastor





MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

IN 2025...

124 people were baptized

OVER 1,600 average weekly onsite attendance

OVER 2,590 adults attended Chasing God

105 individuals graduated NEXT by completing all four classes

696 Team Vineyard Members

339 unique individuals participated in Vineyard Groups

620 Connect Cards received from families exploring the church

168 hours of Open Prayer and Worship

5 mission trips served North Carolina, Oklahoma City, Honduras, Uganda, and India



IMPACT STORY

James and Phylicia Barth

Moving to a new city brings a familiar mix of feelings—excitement, uncertainty, hope, loneliness. Only after meeting people does a sense of belonging set in. For James and Phylicia Barth, a new city also meant a new church, and The Vineyard was one of the first they visited. Coming from a smaller congregation, the size alone was intimidating. However, the welcome was genuine, the pastors were relatable, and the teachings connected to their everyday lives. Although they did not deeply connect with anyone, those reasons kept them coming back.

To go from attending church to having a church family, they realized they would have to take a step. As parents of a toddler and hoping for another, the Raising Kids Workshop was their first move. There, Phylicia discovered the Gather Moms Group, which changed everything. She quickly built friendships with women going through the same season of life, as God opened a door.

From that one step, something neither of them expected grew. Within the Gather Moms Group, Phylicia found the confidence to talk openly about spiritual things for the first time. Soon after, she got baptized, started a discipleship

through the book of Matthew, and bought a study Bible to replace a King James Version that had sat unread in her nightstand since she was a teenager. In 2025, as she read the entire Bible, she discovered characteristics of God she had never known. Meanwhile, the spark wasn't isolated to Phylicia. James began reading his Bible consistently, getting up early to spend time in the Word before the day started. Even their little one caught the spark, coming downstairs one morning with his Story Bible, ready to join in.

The Barths are a different family than they were a year ago. More prayer, more Scripture, more meaningful conversations they never had before. A year ago, their approach to an important life decision would have been, "What can we do to make this happen?" Now, as Phylicia says, "I understand—it's not in my hands. It's God's decision."

Following God's lead, James and Phylicia stepped into the community and watched Him move through their family. All of this began with one simple "yes." As Phylicia puts it, "Small groups and supportive community—those are the biggest things that have helped us grow and feel part of the church."



THE NEXT GENERATION

VINEYARD KIDS

OVER **240**

kids averaged on weekends

189

volunteers serving in Vineyard Kids

74

3rd-5th graders attended Connexus

VINEYARD STUDENTS

83

students averaged on Vineyard Student Night

46

students averaged in Middle School Core Class on weekends

OVER **80**

students attended Middle School and High School Camp

42

volunteers serving in Vineyard Students

115

students attended Chosen 2025

VINEYARD YOUNG ADULTS

35%

increase in attendance at Vineyard Young Adult Gatherings



IMPACT STORY

Olivia Bell

Although Olivia has been aware of the name of Jesus for most of her life, it was not until early 2025 that 'Jesus' became more than just a name. Prior to 2025, Olivia would wake up each day gripped by fear—broken, lost, searching in all the wrong places for peace. The dread that followed her resulted in daily outlets of self-harm and a desire not to live this life anymore.

But people intervened. After an extended stay at a state hospital, Olivia moved into the same apartment building as her grandmother. There, she found her first glimpse of hope. Her grandmother helped her navigate a world that felt overwhelming. There was so much Olivia had to learn. But her grandmother didn't just help her get on her feet; she created a pathway for Olivia to form her own community. It was through one of her grandmother's church friendships that she learned about the Young Adult Gathering on Tuesday nights. It was what Olivia needed. This small act of friendship and connection directly impacted Olivia ... and changed everything. Hope began to grow.

The people she encountered at Young Adults made a difference. They were kind, authentic, and had a genuine hunger and thirst for God ... and it showed! Olivia not only found a community willing to pour into her but also realized she never wanted to return to her old self. She had found a life with God that was completely different than life without Him. She now knows the One named Jesus!

Now, a day in Olivia's life has no comparison to her life before Christ. Before, she could not go a day without self-harm; now, she is 21 months clean and cannot go a day without reading her Bible or talking to God. Before, she was searching for hope and peace but could not find them; now, she has found both in the Lord. Her world went from complete darkness to full of light—restored, redeemed, completely healed. She is walking in freedom and chasing after God's heart.



OUTSIDE THE WALLS

VINEYARD COMMUNITY CENTER

100 children and adults served every week

OVER 80 volunteers serving at the Community Center

54% increase in teens attendance

BAG HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

OVER 5,740 pounds of food & toiletries collected for local ministries

24 HOURS TO LOVE OUR CITY

OVER 600 volunteers served at **27** outreaches

WORLDWIDE MINISTRY SUPPORT

OVER \$200,000 given to ministries in India, Uganda, Honduras, and in our local community

SHARE THE JOY DRIVE & CHRISTMAS PARTY

128 kids attended and received multiple Christmas gifts



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



Brickyard Healthcare



Christ Child Society



Christ for India



City of Mishawaka



City of South Bend



Cultivate Culinary



Emmons Elementary



Faith Mission of Michiana



GymTown Food Pantry



Hannah's House



Hello Gorgeous



Homes for Tracy



Hope for Joy (Uganda)



Hope Ministries



Kingdom Closet



Mishawaka Food Pantry



Reins of Life



St. Vincent de Paul



Transformation Ministries



Voices for Life



World Compassion Network



IMPACT STORY

Jan Rankin

During her walk with the Lord, Jan has experienced many small, purposeful coincidences that seem too intentional to be random. She calls these moments “God-winks.” For Jan, these “God-winks” led her from attending a church conference to serving at the Vineyard Community Center.

People often believe that in order to lead others, they need to look perfect on the outside. Jan’s experience serving has taught her that you don’t need to present a perfect life. Having navigated the challenges of being a single mother and surviving some hard college years, Jan found that her history was actually her greatest asset in connecting with people.

When connecting with and leading people, transparency often acts as a bridge. For women dealing with addiction or financial struggles, a “perfect” leader can feel judgmental and unattainable. However, a leader who openly admits to having once struggled herself offers hope. While working with the women at the Community Center, Jan discovered that when she shared her testimony of having made similar mistakes, the women became less skeptical and more trusting. When Jan shares her past, she is

demonstrating that growth and change are possible for anyone.

Since serving at the Community Center, Jan has realized she needs Sunday morning worship to refuel for the week. It’s not just about serving; it’s about being healthy enough to stay in the fight when the people she loves are struggling. Persistence can be one of the hardest parts of faith. Jan’s parents and grandparents spent years praying for her during her rebellious period. She views those prayers as a long-term investment—a voice that stayed with her even when she wasn’t listening. Now, she applies that same persistence to the women she serves. She prays in car rides and grocery aisles, finding quiet moments to stay connected to God amidst the chaos. The fruit of this persistence is often seen in the next generation. When a mother becomes healthy, the children follow. Transformation doesn’t start with a lecture; it starts with the dignity of being seen.

Jan’s journey from 2021 to today reveals that there is no “magic potion” for changing a life. There is no shortcut to bypass the hard work of presence and prayer.



FINANCIALS

INCOME

TOTAL **\$3,155,068**
includes tithes, offerings, and investment income

EXPENSES

ministry operations \$156,329
staffing & benefits \$1,854,716
administrative \$529,653
facilities \$130,781
TOTAL **\$2,671,479**

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

TOTAL **\$483,589**

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

total assets \$8,936,108
total liabilities \$91,953

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.