

The Church

The Church is,

- a creation of God (Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 3:9, 17; 15:9),
- founded and owned by Jesus Christ "I will build My church" (Matthew 16:18), and
- directed and energized by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 10:17; 12:5–27; Romans 12:4–5).

Vision Statement Definition

- There is a difference between a church's vision statement and its mission statement.
- The vision statement is the church's forward-looking statement about what the church hopes to ultimately achieve.
- The vision statement is where the anticipated manifestation of the church in the long run is pictured.

Vision Statement Definition

- It states what the church is trying to build and serves as a yardstick for future actions.
- A vision statement should be a long-term roadmap for the planning and accomplishment of the church's goals, strategies and objectives.

Vilano Beach Christian Church is a Fellowship of Believers who glorify God by bringing the light of Christ, demonstrating His love and giving hope for the future, to the those living in spiritual darkness in the Beaches senior adult communities.

Mission Statement Definition

- The mission statement is a guide for the church's dayto-day operations as it strives to fulfill its vision statement.
- A church's mission statement is concerned with how the church achieves its vision.

• <u>Make Disciples</u> – In Matthew 28:19-29 Jesus commissioned His disciples to make disciples.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- A disciple is a follower, someone who attaches himself to his leader.
- Jesus sent the church on its mission to acquaint people in every place with Himself.

• Glorify Christ – In Ephesians 1:11–12 Paul indicates that part of God's purpose for the church is to exalt Jesus Christ by the way that the church lives and by what it does.

11 In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory.

• Build up the Saints - The church is to encourage and comfort its individual believers.

11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (1 Thes. 5:11)

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. (2 Cor. 13:11)

Goals Definition

• The church's goals are the outcomes that the church seeks to attain through its services, ministries and kingdom investments.

Vilano Beach Christian Church Goals

VBCC is the light of Christ to the those living in spiritual darkness in the Beaches senior adult communities

Goal #1: All seniors in the local Beaches communities have the opportunity hear the Gospel weekly

Vilano Beach Christian Church Vision Element Goals

VBCC demonstrates Christ's love to the those living in spiritual darkness in the Beaches senior adult communities.

Goal #2: All identified temporary needs of individuals and families in the Beaches senior adult community for food, shelter or transportation assistance will be resourced.

Vilano Beach Christian Church Vision Element Goals

VBCC gives hope for the future to the those living in spiritual darkness in the Beaches senior adult communities.

Goal #3: Ministries giving hope to senior adults living in the Beaches senior adult communities have the resources to meet the identified spiritual needs.

Core Values Definition

- The core values of the church are those values which form the foundation on which the church serves the Lord and conducts itself.
- They are the values that are so important to the church that through out the changes in society, government, politics, and technology they are still the core values by which the church abides.
- In an ever-changing world, core values are constant.

Core Values Definition

- Core values are not descriptions of what the church does, or the strategies used to accomplish the church's mission.
- They underlie the church's service to the Lord, how members interact with each other, and which strategies employed to fulfill our mission.

Core Values Definition

- They are the basic elements of how the church serves the Lord.
- They are the practices used every day in everything the church does.

Core Values Purpose

- Clarify who we are
- Communicate what we stand for
- Explain why we do everything the way we do

- Underpin the whole church
- Rule personal relationships
- Guide how we teach
- Guide making decisions

Vilano Beach Christian Church Core Values

- Acts 2:42 tells us, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
- Make Disciples
 - Teach the Word
 - Support Local Ministries
 - Support Local Outreach

Core Values Vilano Beach Christian Church

- Glorify Christ
 - Gather Regularly
 - Celebrate the Lord's Supper Regularly
 - Encourage Personal and Corporate Prayer
- Build up the Saints
 - Teach the Word
 - Encourage Fellowship

