



February 9, 2025

Dear Capo Beach Church Family,

We are deeply saddened by the recent events that took place within our church—an environment we strive to maintain as a sanctuary of unity, love, and peace. It is unacceptable that anyone, especially our children, youth, and visitors, had to witness such behavior.

As a church, we are called to reflect a holy community—one committed to unity, openness, accountability, and submission to the Holy Spirit. We sincerely apologize for any pain or distress this incident may have caused.

To provide clarity, we want to share some background information regarding Sunday's announcement.

For some time, there have been compelling reasons for a necessary change in our leadership model. In an effort to prepare for the future, enhance transparency, and foster greater collaboration, we have been diligently working to restructure our leadership. This decision was not made lightly but was reached through careful consideration and extensive prayerful discussions among the Spiritual Leaders and Church Board.

The New Testament offers clear guidance on church leadership, emphasizing the importance of a team of elders, including the pastor. This biblical principle is outlined in passages such as Acts, 1 Timothy, 1 Peter, and Titus.

Over the past several months, we have engaged in numerous meetings—both in large groups and smaller discussions—with Craig and Jeanne. We sought their input and guidance, hoping to align our vision together. Our sincere intention was for Craig to be part of this new leadership model, but he declined to accept the change and the position offered by the Board.

Regrettably, due to Craig's continued refusal to adopt the decision of the Board of Directors, he was released from his position on Tuesday, February 4. This decision has been deeply painful and challenging for everyone involved.

We appreciate your understanding and support during this difficult time. Our commitment remains to lead our church in a way that honors God's will and fosters a thriving, Christ-centered community.

We are also aware of a petition requesting a town meeting to discuss this matter. However, in keeping with our commitment to confidentiality and respecting Craig's privacy, we have decided not to hold such a meeting.

We continue to seek God's guidance, trusting in His wisdom, strength, and direction. May we, as a church family, move forward together in faith, united in His love and grace.

In Christ,

The Capo Beach Church Board of Directors