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# NEW LIFE VINEYARD CHURCH

## WELCOME! ARE YOU NEW?

Whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home, we want to say, "Thank you!" for visiting us. We encourage you to fill out our yellow connection card or go online to our "[Ways to Connect Page](#)" and fill out our online form. We'd love to get to know you and help you get to know us!

## ABOUT NLV

New Life Vineyard Church exists to help people to *experience the transforming presence of God*. We do this by *Connecting* to Christ and Others, *Growing* into Christian Maturity, *Serving* others, and *Going* out into our community to make a positive difference. We value love, acceptance, and forgiveness in all relationships. You matter to God, so you matter to us!

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- **Sun Worship:** 10:00 AM
- **Wed Morning Prayer:** 8:00 AM (Zoom)
- **Wed Youth:** 6:00-8:00 PM
- **Sat Men's Bible Study/Breakfast:** 7:30 AM

## WHAT TO EXPECT

We're a "come as you are" kind of church. Most of our family come dressed casually. Our music is contemporary, but also contemplative. We encourage people to have fun celebrating God's goodness. We welcome clapping/raising of hands, and saying, "AMEN!". Our celebration services aren't meant to be a show, but rather a group of people all celebrating an audience of One - our great and awesome God!

## CHILDREN

We invite the kids to join in for our weekly Children's ministries. We dismiss the children to their classes after the second song of worship on Sunday.

## JR/SR HIGH STUDENTS

Our VineyardYOUTH group meets Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 PM here at the church in addition to special events throughout the year. Pastor Dan also teaches Sunday mornings every other week.

## MEN & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Our Men & Women's ministries provide ways for people to connect with God and each other. Throughout the year we schedule a variety of activities such as retreats, breakfasts, a fish fry, and more. Check our online calendar for upcoming events.

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## THIS WEEK @ THE VINEYARD June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Please join us for one of our two service options: In-Person at 10:00 AM (masks optional), or Online at 10:00 AM via [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or our [Website](#).

## SOUL SISTERS

Join the Vineyard Women for the final installment of Soul Sisters for the spring season. It is Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:30pm. The speaker will be our very own Joy McMillan! Sign up [here](#) or at the info center.

## MENS SOFTBALL TEAM

Our men's softball team is back in action this Monday night for a double header starting at 7:45 at Redcoat #5.

## IMPACT VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

This 4-day youth event is going to take our whole church to smoothly. We are still in need of cleaners, kitchen help, and carnival volunteers. We will have a list of all the opportunities at the info center. There's something in there for everyone! You can sign up at the info center. Questions to [Pastor Dan](#).

## COMMUNITY BBQ

The Impact event will cap off with a community BBQ on June 18<sup>th</sup> from noon-2pm. The service opportunities are on the Impact sign-up form, but we would also like to encourage our members with small children to save the date and plan to attend.

## GRADUATION SUNDAY

This week we will honor all those who have graduated from high school, college, or trade school. If you would like your graduate to be recognized, please let [Pastor Dan](#) know before the service.

## HONORING PLAN FOR THE MILTONS

We will be putting together a video with all of your memories and stories with the Miltons as part of our honoring plan. There are two opportunities to do this, June 5th before and after service as well as June 8th from 5-7pm. You can register [here](#) to let us know that you're coming, or you can just drop by and we'll get you filmed.

## PRAYER AND GIVING

If you would like prayer for any reason, you can reach us at [prayer@midlandvineyard.com](mailto:prayer@midlandvineyard.com). Tithes and Offerings can be placed in the offering baskets, lobby lock-box, sent [online](#), or through the mail (1014 E. Ashman St, Midland, MI, 48642).



June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Pastor Don

Series: Looking Forward

Living with a Thankful Heart

Text: Ephesians 5:18-20

**Ephesians 5:18-20** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Worship: Ps. 92:1** It is good to praise the Lord and make music to his name, to proclaim his love in the morning and his faithfulness at night.

Where do you have a deep sense of gratitude to God for everything?

Who taught you how to be thankful and grateful?

Endless Thanks! Eph 5:20 ...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything.

Recognize, God is your source. James 1:17. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

What is the opposite of being grateful? Murmuring, griping, complaining and ingratitude.

Everything comes through Christ. Eph 5:20 ...giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hindrances to living with a grateful heart.

1. Pride
2. A critical spirit
3. False expectations
4. Spiritual amnesia

The Trifecta of Thankfulness: [Colossians 2:7](#) rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. [Colossians 3:15](#) Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. [Colossians 4:2](#) Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

Be Happy, don't worry. 1 Thess. 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Ingratitude stifles the work of the Holy Spirit. 1Thess. 5:19-21 Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good,

Be grateful, Be thankful, Be an encourager, Be a blessing...

Make a list of things you are thankful for and people you need to thank.

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## KUDOS

Shout out to the women's team and Joy McMillan for rocking another great Soul Sister's event! What a great point of connection for the women in our church family and beyond! Great work!

## WAYS TO CONNECT

For a more information on all the ways you can connect at New Life Vineyard Church, visit [midlandvineyard.com/waystoconnect](http://midlandvineyard.com/waystoconnect).