# Experiencing God's Transforming Presence @

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## 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 "<u>Ways to Connect Page</u>" 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.

#### **NEW LIFE VINEYARD CHURCH**

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## THIS WEEK @ THE VINEYARD July 17<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**.

#### MENS SOFTBALL TEAM

Our men's softball team wraps up the regular season July 18th on Red Coat field #4 at 9:00pm. Come out and support the team!

#### SHARE LUNCH PACKING

We are once again helping to pack lunch for the Salvation Army SHARE program the week of July 18th at 9:00am. We're looking for 5-6 folks each day to help us out for about an hour - great family activity! Sign up <u>online</u> or at the information center.

#### VineyardWOMEN'S KAYAKING ADVENTURE

Monday, July 25th at 6pm the Vineyard Women will meet at the Tridge for a kayak trip. Details and registration are at this **link**.

# RETIREMENT PLANNING FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Retirement Planning from a Christian Perspective is a 6-week online class with optional weekly Zoom class discussions. NLV members Art and Crystal Prunier teach this class. Advance Registration is required. Read all the details and register <u>HERE</u>.

#### GAS CARD CHALLENGE

This week we will distribute gas cards on Sunday Morning for you to take and distribute in our community to those in need. Please take one for yourself as well if it would be a blessing.

#### **MILTON HONORING**

As part of our plan to honor the Miltons, there will be a dinner at Pi's on Friday, July 29th @ 6pm (\$20/person) and also at our annual church picnic on the 31st at Plymouth park (free!). Please sign up for both **online**...space is limited for the dinner at Pi's, but not for the picnic.

#### MIDLAND COUNTY FAIR PARKING

Save the date, August 15-20. Join as we serve Jesus and our community for a cool \$13,500 that goes to missions, youth, women/men ministries, etc.

#### PRAYER AND GIVING

If you would like prayer for any reason, you can reach us at **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).



# July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### Series: Looking Forward Misconceptions & Misperceptions About God

Pastor Don Text: Rev 21:3-4

**Rev 21:3-4** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now **among** the people, and he will dwell **with** them. They will be his people, and God himself will be **with** them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has **passed away**."

# If you reject Christianity what is your alternative? What are you building your life around?

**Misconception** - a view or opinion that is incorrect because based on faulty thinking or understanding. **Misperception** - a wrong or incorrect understanding or interpretation.

If you have spiritual struggles, it usually comes from your misconceptions and misperceptions of God.

## Four Misperceptions...

- Life *From* God
- Life *Over* God
- Life *For* God
- Life Under God

The correct view is Life with God! Matthew 1:23 The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means "God with us").

Our final state. Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

All is made New. Rev 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

**His promise to you!** <u>Isaiah 43:2</u> "Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and through the rivers they shall not overwhelm you."

Matthew 10:7-8 As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

We are eternally grateful to ALL who have made New Life Vineyard a success for the glory of God and the betterment of mankind. We could not have done it without:

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