Experiencing God's Transforming Presence @



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</u> <u>Connect</u>" 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, and you matter to us!

Wi-Fi NETWORK PASSWORD: NLVGuest

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 families 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 **VineyardKIDS** 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 **VineyardMEN** & **VineyardWOMEN** ministries provide ways for people to connect with God and each other. Throughout the year we schedule a variety of <u>events</u> such as retreats, breakfasts, a fish fry, and more.

NEW LIFE VINEYARD CHURCH

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Thank you for joining us in-person or online for our worship service today! Our online services are available via Facebook, YouTube, or our Website.

EUCHRE NIGHT

Plan to join us for a fun night of cards, snacks, and fellowship as we hold our annual Euchre tournament. You are welcome to come whether you're a seasoned veteran or a Euchre newbie. We'll even teach you how to play if you've never learned. The event is Friday, January 20th from 7-9pm. You can sign up <u>here</u> or at the info center.

VineyardYOUTH SPRING HILL

VineyardYOUTH, you are invited to the Spring Hill winter retreat from February 10th-12th. This annual event is an awesome time to get away from your busy schedule, connect with friends, and grow in your personal walk with Jesus. Go online for details on how to get registered.

US IN MIND

Change your relationship by changing your mind!

Well-known and respected author and speaker Ted Lowe will help us discover – through Scripture, research, and neuroscience – an ironically simple way of rethinking how we see our relationships. The practical, easy-to-understand steps he offers will equip you to change your relationship by changing your mind, helping you to love well, even when it's not easy.

Buy tickets by midnight, January 29, and pay only \$10 per person. Register <u>online here</u>.

WHISPERING PINES WORKDAY

Interested in helping a family of 7 in need? We will be replacing their flooring January 20-21. <u>Signup</u> or contact Pastor Dave or Brent Salamon for info.

WAYS TO CONNECT

For more information on all the ways you can connect at New Life Vineyard Church, visit midlandvineyard.com/waystoconnect.

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 <u>online</u>, or through the mail (1014 E. Ashman St, Midland, MI, 48642).

THE UPSIDE DOWN BLESSED

January 15, 2023			Pastor James Applegate
Upside Down Kingdom	Blessed: Poor I	In Spirit	Matthew 5:3-11
Matthew 5:4, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."			
, the God!	, and	recognize o	our grief and mourning and provide hope to all who come to
What does Jesus mean when he says "blessed"? in are the chosen of my kingdom.			
Our is found in _	, not the circumsta	ances of the w	/orld!
The key to being	is to have a		with GOD!!!!
Mourning can take place anytime brings death to something. (Romans 6:23)			
With God there is	after	(Romans 6:23)
How will we be comforted? (2 Cor. 1:3-4, Psalm 34:18)			
How does God comfort those who mourn? Using the of (2 Cor. 1:3-4, Romans 12:15) 			
•tha	t we have a God who		(Hebrews 4:15)
• The	is our	(John	14:25-27, Romans 8:26-27)
• Bya	nd the pror	nises of God.	(Romans 8:28)
Application 1: When we mo	ourn, run to God! He	, H	le, He!
What does it look like to ha Mourn with	ve a heart that mourns? ! (Romans 12:15)		
Mourn the	_ of the world.		
Mourn the	(Romans 9:2)		
Application 2: Have mourn	ul hearts:fo	r sin and	for those affected by sin.
Application 3: Matthew in his beatitudes is drawing us a map of and			
Poor in Spirit-			
Mourn-			

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