

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 "[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, 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 [events](#) such as retreats, breakfasts, a fish fry, and more.

NEW LIFE VINEYARD CHURCH

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THIS WEEK @ THE VINEYARD

January 29th, 2023

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](#).

CONNECT GROUP WEEK

It's Connect Group week! If you would like more information about the available groups, check out the [website](#) or talk with Pastor Larry.

HEAR FROM GOD MEETING

Plan to join us on Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 6:00pm. This is our annual business meeting followed by the culmination of our *40 Days of Fasting and Prayer*. It's a great opportunity to share what God has placed on your heart during this time. The results of this meeting will help our leadership team provide direction that is in line with how the Spirit is moving.

SPRING HILL

VineyardYOUTH: Spring Hill is fast approaching! There are limited spots available for your student to join us this February 10th-12th. To sign-up, head to the youth page of the website and follow the instructions. You have to register both with the church and Spring Hill. See Pastor Dan with any questions.

US IN MIND

The *Us In Mind* marriage conference is Sat., February 11th from 6:30-9:00pm at Midland Evangelical Free Church. This is a great date night opportunity! Buy tickets **by midnight, January 29**, and pay only \$10 per person. Grab a flier in the lobby for details on how to purchase tickets.

2022 GIVING STATEMENTS

This past week, annual giving statements were mailed out. If you have not received it yet or if you have any questions about your report, please contact Pastor Dan.

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 [online](#), or through the mail (1014 E. Ashman St, Midland, MI, 48642).



January 29, 2023

Pastor James Applegate

Upside Down Kingdom

Blessed: Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Matthew 5:6

Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."

Will you give God _____?

Matthew has been laying down a pathway for us to be _____ with, _____ by, and _____ through a relationship with God.

Our right actions are meant to come from _____ in God.

Jesus' call us to _____ as if it were _____.

How much do we desire righteousness?

How easily do we set aside righteousness?

What in this world do we often settle for instead of righteousness?

What is God's righteousness? What should we be pursuing?

First pursuit: _____! He is righteousness. (John 6:35, John 4:13-14, John 14:16, 2 Cor. 5:21)

Second pursuit: _____! The Word of God tells us about righteousness. (Psalm 119)

Third pursuit: Righteousness in _____! (2 Tim. 2:22, 1 Tim. 6:11, Romans 6:19, 1 Peter 2:24)

Fourth pursuit: Righteousness in _____! Righteousness to others > Righteousness of others.

Matthew 5:20, "For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

How will we be satisfied...

In our pursuit of Jesus?

In our pursuit of truth through God's Word?

In our pursuit of righteousness in our actions?

In our pursuit of righteousness in our world?

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