

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

## NEW LIFE VINEYARD CHURCH

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## THIS WEEK @ THE VINEYARD October 23<sup>rd</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](#).

## CONNECT GROUP WEEK

This week our Connect Groups will be meeting at their appointed times. If you would like more information about the available groups, check out the [website](#) or talk with [Pastor Larry](#). We encourage everyone to check with their group leader to verify times and location.

## VineyardWOMEN'S Discovery & Discussion

This Bible study (Tuesday nights @ 6:30) covers a different woman from the Bible every week. The lessons are stand-alone, so you can come whenever it works with your schedule without feeling behind or left out. Childcare is provided. This week's discussion on Abigail will be led by Kristina Whiting.

## 1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Larry is leading a Bible Study through 1 Corinthians on Sunday mornings. They meet from 8:45-9:30 am before service. This new time slot allows those serving on Sunday mornings to be a part of the group.

## BEGINNINGS CLASS

We are offering our Beginnings class **THIS WEDNESDAY**, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm. This is a chance for new folks to take a peek under the hood of the church and see what we're all about. You can sign-up [here](#).

## GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

[Pastor Larry](#) will be leading a group to work with our missionary Les Melton in Guatemala from January 6-14, 2023. A generous donor has stepped up to contribute \$500 towards the cost of the trip for the first 10 people who financially need help. Please contact him ASAP to get details and see how you can partner with us on this trip!

## 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).



# WE ARE VINEYARD

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

James Applegate

Series: We Are Vineyard

A Relevant Ministry

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Key vs. 23, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

Being relevant isn't about being "cool". It's about being **genuine** and **confident** in who you are while **respecting** and **engaging** the people and environment around you.

We want the message of our church and you, its congregants, to be **scripturally driven and culturally relevant**, but **not** culturally driven or scripturally manipulative.

A godly, relevant ministry starts \_\_\_\_\_ . Who He is and who we are in Him.  
*How are you building confidence in God?*

A godly, relevant ministry \_\_\_\_\_ so that we can minister to others.  
*Where are we valuing our privileges, rights, and comforts more than the kingdom of God impacting people?  
Where do we need to sacrifice our rights, our privileges, so that God's kingdom will impact others?*

A godly, relevant ministry will \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of God honoring relationships.  
*What "meaningless" rules are you being called to follow for the sake of relationships and the hope for God's kingdom?*

A godly, relevant ministry will \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of God honoring relationships.  
*Who is God calling you to have a relationship with DESPITE their cultural differences?  
Whose culture has God called you to be in?*

A godly, relevant ministry will \_\_\_\_\_ the "weak" of faith.  
*Where have we STOPPED a relationship, with deeds, words, or time, because of "weaker" faith?  
Where do we need to be gracious regarding someone's "weak" faith, not judging but relating?*

A godly, relevant ministry will \_\_\_\_\_ so that they might know God.

In doing so, we will \_\_\_\_\_ .  
*What are the blessings of the gospel?  
Where have you experienced the "blessings" of the gospel?*

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**KUDOS**  
Big thank you to John Gross who mounted handles on all the drawers and cupboards in the Toddler Room and Nursery. It makes the space much easier to use and finishes off the project nicely!

**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).