

Experiencing God's Transforming Presence @



December 10th, 2023

COMING UP AT THE VINEYARD

To register and for more information about these and other events, please visit our [website](#).

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 a Connection Card in a chair back near you, 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!

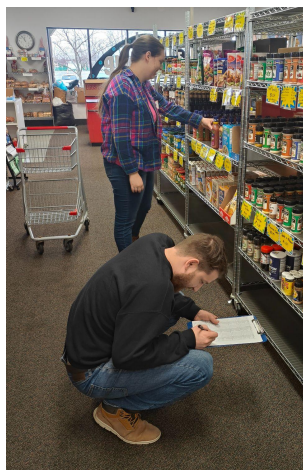
WHAT TO EXPECT

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!

REGULAR CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES

- **Children: VineyardKIDS** w/ Pastor Dave
 - Dismissed weekly after the 2nd song of worship during our Sunday services.
- **Jr/Sr High: VineyardYOUTH** w/ Jessica Cooper
 - Wednesday nights 6-8 pm @ the church.
 - Various events throughout the year.
- **Young Adults: VineyardYA** w/ Pastor Dan
 - Every other week following service.
- **VineyardMEN & VineyardWOMEN**
 - Men - Retreats, breakfasts, Bible studies, fish fries, draft parties, and more.
 - Women - Soul Sisters gatherings, Bible studies, kayak trips, retreats, and more.

KUDOS



Shout out to the amazing Young Adult group here at NLV. Group members Elizabeth and Robert donated their time at the Bridge Food Center this past Saturday. If you've never heard of The Bridge,, they are a great non-profit in our community that offers discount groceries for those in need. If you're interested in learning more or getting involved, talk with Pastor Dan!

BELL RINGING

Help change lives and impact the community while spreading Christmas cheer. Join us - it's always a good time!



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join the Young Adult group for cookie decorating, Christmas trivia, and a night full of fun immediately following Bell Ringing.



POTLUCK

Here's a special event for our "Prime Timers" - a Christmas Potluck! See Sherry Ward with questions and sign up in the Narthex today!



CHRISTMAS EVE

A Worship Circle 10am in the morning, a Candlelight service 6pm in the evening! Join us for both Sunday Dec 24th!



WAYS TO CONNECT

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

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 box, sent [online](#) (scan QR code) or through the mail.



Wi-Fi NETWORK PASSWORD: NLVGuest
Visit us online or check out our socials:





ADVENT

J E S U S M O D E L E D



December 10th, 2023

Matt Worsley

Advent

Jesus Modeled Peace

Matthew 10:34

Not Peace, but a Sword

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.” (Matthew 10:34)

Peace does _____!

Peace is the _____ of _____.

Peace, from the Greek **eirēnē** (i-rah'-nay) is “the _____ of a _____ of its _____,

and so _____ from God and _____

with its earthly lot, of _____ that is.” (Thayer)

1. _____ led Jesus into the wilderness. (Luke 4:1)
2. _____ was at work on Jesus throughout. (Luke 4:2)
3. Jesus _____ the voices around him and _____
_____. (Luke 4:4, 8, 12)

How to _____ the _____!

1. _____!
2. _____!
3. _____!

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but _____ yours be done.” (Luke 22:42)

Wrestled, from the Hebrew **'ābaq** (aw-bak') - “_____”, “_____!”

_____ **leads to Turmoil.** _____ **leads to Peace.**

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