

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. Jessica Cooper 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.

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THIS WEEK @ THE VINEYARD

February 26th, 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 time to gather with a small group to take steps on your spiritual journey while building friendships and disciples! To learn more, talk with Pastor Larry or head to the info center.

EUCHRE NIGHT

We're hosting an encore edition of Euchre Night on St. Patrick's Day! This is your chance to join the excitement - meet some new friends and have fun with old ones. Friday, March 17th from 7-9pm. Sign up in the Narthex or online.

BEGINNINGS CLASS

Whether you just started attending NLV or have been around for a while but have never taken the Beginnings Class, you're invited to join us March 22nd at 6:30pm. This course will teach you the history of the Vineyard, our theological beliefs and vision, as well ways to get engaged. Sign up in the Narthex or online.

EASTER BAPTISM

With baptism being a symbolic expression of turning from an old life of sin and the beginning of a new life in Christ, Easter Sunday is a beautiful time to make that proclamation. We are offering a baptism during our Easter morning service, on April 9th, and encourage you to take part in this celebration. If you want to be baptized or would like to learn more about baptism, this is the perfect opportunity. Sign up in the Narthex for our preparatory class, which will be held on April 2nd following service.

WAYS TO CONNECT

For more information on all the ways to 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).



February 26th, 2023

Pastor James Applegate

Upside Down Kingdom

Blessed are the Pure in Heart

Matthew 5:8

Key Verse: Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Application 1: To have a pure heart is to have _____. (Psalm 51:7-12)

- Have you accepted Christ's forgiveness and covering for your sin?

If not, do so today! Jesus loves you and wants a living, loving, real relationship with you. The life God has for you starts with accepting His forgiveness, believing He is the Son of God, and making Him Lord of your life. (Romans 10:9)

Application 2: To have a pure heart is to have _____. (Micah 6:6-8, Matthew 23:23)

- How are our actions and motives aligning with God?
- Are we living righteously **AND** with pure motives?
- Where do we need to ask God to help correct our motives in doing His work?

Application 3: To have a pure heart is to have a _____ on _____ and _____ . (Exodus 20:3-6, Matthew 6:24, James 4:4-9)

As believers in Christ, do we view all things in light of God and His kingdom advancement, or do we find ourselves segmented (double minded)?

- What is God saying to you right now?
- What would a kingdom focus in your whole life look like?
- Do you desire this life? Tell God and ask for his help.

God, create in me a pure heart!

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