# 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 communication 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!

# 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
  - o Dismissed weekly after the 2<sup>nd</sup> song of worship during our Sunday services.
- Jr/Sr High: VineyardYOUTH w/ Jessica Cooper
  - o Wednesday nights 6-8 pm @ the church.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during service.
- Young Adults: VineyardYA w/ Pastor Dan
  - o Every other week following service.
- VineyardMEN & VineyardWOMEN
  - o Men Retreats, breakfasts, Bible studies, fish fries, draft parties, and more.
  - o Women Soul Sisters gatherings, Bible studies, kayak trips, retreats, and more.



# **KUDOS**

Congratulations, Ari Perez, on being the **Two Time Grand Champion** at the recent Lions Karate Martial Arts Tournament. We're so proud of you!

# May 14th, 2023

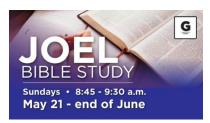
# **COMING UP AT THE VINEYARD**

To register and for more information about these and other events, please head to our website.



#### THIS FRIDAY!

It's not too late to grab your tickets go online or see Pastor Dan!



#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Starting May 21st – join us in the Training Room at the end of the hall!



#### IMPACT:Shine!

Youth -Registration is now open. Daily speakers, live worship, campfire chats, games, fun, and connection!

# **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 <a href="mailto:prayer@midlandvineyard.com">prayer@midlandvineyard.com</a>.

Tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering baskets, lobby lock-box, sent <u>online</u>, or through the mail.

#### **NEW LIFE VINEYARD CHURCH**

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May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Pastor James Applegate

Mother's Day Real Motherhood Proverbs 23:22-25

# Key Verse: May your father and mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful! Eve (Genesis 3-4)

- We all make mistakes. Mothers, you are NOT perfect, and you do NOT need to be.
- While there may be <u>consequences</u>, there is no <u>condemnation</u>.
- There is forgiveness for failure. It is found in Jesus! (Romans 8:1, Lamentations 3:22-23)

# To mothers whose children have walked away from God's will:

- God still loves and cares for your child. God does not abandon you or your child!
- You are not held accountable for your child's mistakes. (Ezekiel 18:20)

# Abigail: A spiritual mother to many.

- Do what is <u>right</u> even when a spouse <u>chooses wrong</u>.
- God is honored and will honor those who do what is right. Keep at it!
- You can be a mother to anyone when doing the Lord's work. We need you!

## Moses' Mother and Pharaoh's daughter. (Exodus 2:1-10)

- Moms who are brave enough to put their child up for adoption. They trust in God.
- Accepting one not of their own blood but treating them as her own.
- It's hard. The plan is unknown. God sees you and you are a true mother. Walk in His ways.

# Naomi (Book of Ruth)

Accepting and treating their children-in-law with the love and acceptance of a mother.

# Mary the mother of Jesus

- Trust God with the future and call of your child. God will take care of your child.
- We may have doubts. God's plan may not look like what WE thought it would be.
- God will eventually bring healing and restoration.
- God is <u>loving</u> and he <u>sees</u> you, <u>loves</u> you, <u>cares</u> for you.

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