

# 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*
  - Dismissed weekly after the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 summer.
- **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

A huge shout-out to all the wonderful volunteers who made Impact and the Carnival possible this year! This photo

is just one of the groups out serving. It was a great 5-day stretch with tons of cool God stories and memories. None of this would have been possible without all of you! Great job Team Vineyard!

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## COMING UP AT THE VINEYARD

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



## CHURCH PICNIC

Plan to join the whole church at the park after a shortened service on July 9<sup>th</sup>!



## WELCOME

to the New Life Vineyard family! This class is for all newcomers to get to know who we are as a church and movement.



## YOUNG ADULTS

Make plans to join our YA group for a fun, light hike and a picnic lunch on the Manistee River.



## LUNCH PACKING

If you're looking for a great opportunity to serve our community, sign up to help the SHARE program this summer.

## WAYS TO CONNECT

For more information on all the ways to connect at New Life Vineyard Church, visit [midlandvineyard.com/waystoconnect](http://midlandvineyard.com/waystoconnect).

## 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.

Wi-Fi NETWORK PASSWORD: NLVGuest

Visit us online or check out our socials:



FREEDOM IN GOD  
**EXODUS**

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Pastor James Applegate

Exodus Series

Freedom In God

Exodus 1 & 2

**Key Verse: Exodus 1:7,12, “but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them... But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread...”**

**Alec Motyer on Exodus reflecting Christ’s redemptive work.**

*Think of what an Israelite would say on the way to Canaan after passing through the Red Sea. If you asked an Israelite, “Who are you?” he might reply, “I was in a foreign land under the sentence of death and in bondage, but I took shelter under the blood of the lamb. And our mediator led us out, and we crossed over. Now we’re on our way to the Promised Land, though we’re not there yet. But he has given us his law to make us a community, and he has given us a tabernacle because we must live by grace and forgiveness. And he is present in our midst, and he will stay with us until we arrive home.*

God can make \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, no matter the “\_\_\_\_\_”.

God overcomes the \_\_\_\_\_.

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Instead of \_\_\_\_\_, God may use our \_\_\_\_\_ and its \_\_\_\_\_ to expose our sin, prompting us to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

**Charles Spurgeon**

*...Every one who enjoys the liberty wherewith Christ doth make us free, must first feel the galling bondage of sin. Our wrists must be made to smart by the fetters of our iniquity, and our backs must be made to bleed by the lash of the law—the taskmaster which drives us to Jesus Christ. There is no true liberty which is not preceded by true bondage; there is no true deliverance from sin, unless we have first of all groaned and cried unto God, as did the people of Israel when in bondage in Egypt. We must all serve in the brick-kiln; we must all be weary*

God overcomes the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of this world.

Are we motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ feed \_\_\_\_\_ and lead to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ and be ready to \_\_\_\_\_.

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