

Experiencing God's Transforming Presence @



September 24th, 2023

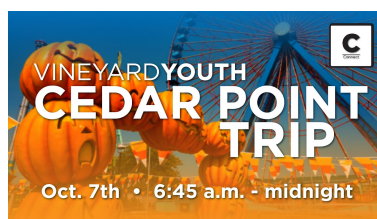
COMING UP AT THE VINEYARD

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



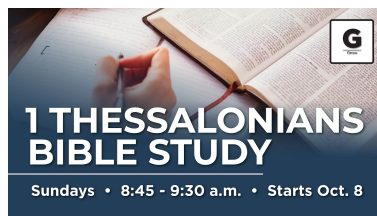
GROUP WEEK

Connect groups start TODAY after service and throughout the week. It's not too late to sign up, see Pastor Larry to get connected!



CEDAR POINT

VineyardYOUTH are heading to Cedar Point! For details and to sign-up, head to the youth page online.



BIBLE STUDY

Our next study begins Oct 8th before service. All are invited to join us as we dive into 1 Thessalonians. Bring yourself and a Bible!



RETIREMENT CLASS

Covering all aspects of retirement, this 6-week online course begins Oct 10th. Visit our website to learn more and sign up!

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 lock-box, sent [online](#), or through the mail.

Wi-Fi NETWORK PASSWORD: NLVGuest

Visit us online or check out our socials:



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 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



This week we celebrate Ashlyn Rutterbush, part of our wonderful VineyardYOUTH! Ashlyn is serving Jesus and the community around her by starting a Bible Study with almost twenty of her peers at Dow High. It is great to see the next generation living for Jesus and discipling others! Well done Ashlyn!

HEAR FROM GOD

REFOCUS

September 24th, 2023

Pastor James Applegate

Hear from God: Refocused

Christ is our life!

Colossians 3:1-17

Jesus is meant to be the _____, the _____, and the _____ of everything else we do. (Past, Present, Future)

Christ is the _____ of our motivation (Past).

- He is _____, the _____ of life. (Colossians 1:15-18)
- He is God and _____ us to God. (Colossians 1:19-2, Colossians 2:13-15)

Christ is the _____ for our motivation (Present).

- He has _____ us to _____. (Colossians 3:11)
- He has made us _____. (Colossians 2:9, Colossians 3:12, Colossians 1:22-23)

Christ is the _____ for our motivation (Future).

- Our _____ is _____ in Him! (Colossians 3:3, Romans 8:31-39)
- He will _____ in _____, and so will we! (Colossians 3:4)

Living for Christ starts by _____!

- In Christ we are called to _____ to our _____. (Colossians 3:5-6)
- In Christ we are called to _____ our _____. (Colossians 3:7-9)

We don't _____ with _____. We put on the _____ and _____ of Christ.

- In Christ we are to put our _____ on the things of _____. (Colossians 3:1-2)
- In Christ we are to _____ the _____ of Christ. (Colossians 3:12)
- In Christ we are to _____ the _____ of Christ. (Colossians 3:13-14)
- In Christ we are to have _____. (Colossians 3:15-17)

Will you pursue Christ, putting off the actions and attitude of the world, and putting on the actions and attitude of Christ?

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