# 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. Pastor Dan 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.

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

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# THIS WEEK @ THE VINEYARD January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Thank you for joining us in-person or online for our worship service today! Our online services are available via <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="YouTube">YouTube</a>, or our <a href="Website">Website</a>.

#### VineyardYOUTH SPRING HILL

VineyardYOUTH, you are invited to the Spring Hill winter retreat from February 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is an awesome time to get away from your busy schedule, connect with friends, and grow in your personal walk with Jesus. Go online for details on how to get registered.

#### **GUATEMALA RECAP MEETING**

Tonight at 5:30, we will be hosting a meeting for everyone who is interested in learning more about the great work that was accomplished in and through our team that went to Guatemala. This will be an awesome opportunity to get excited with us about the movement of God and the advancement of His kingdom. Childcare will not be provided but snacks will!

#### **US IN MIND**

Change your relationship by changing your mind!

Well-known and respected author and speaker Ted Lowe will help us discover – through Scripture, research, and neuroscience – an ironically simple way of rethinking how we see our relationships. The practical, easy-to-understand steps he offers will equip you to change your relationship by changing your mind. This will help you to love well, even when it's not easy. Buy tickets by midnight, January 29<sup>th</sup>, and pay only \$10 per person. Register online here, or grab a flier from the info center where you will find registration instructions.

#### **WAYS TO CONNECT**

For more information on all the ways you can 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 <u>online</u>, or through the mail (1014 E. Ashman St, Midland, MI, 48642).



January 22, 2023 Pastor James Applegate

Upside Down Kingdom Blessed: Poor In Spirit Matthew 5:3-11

Matthew 5:5, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."			
	BEATITUDES OF NEED	THE CENTER: RIGHTEOUSNESS	BEATITUDES OF ACTION
	<ol> <li>Poor in spirit</li> <li>Mourn</li> <li>Meek</li> </ol>	4. Hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be satisfied	5. Merciful  6. Pure in heart  7. Peacemaker
Psalm 37:11-12, "But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity."			
How do we inherit the land and bring and?  Make it personal: How do I take control of my life (the land) and bring peace and prosperity to it?			
Current culture says, "	Be	Jesus says, "Be	<i>"</i>
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The meek: Those who are strong enough to realize we are, but  So, we submit to God - His will and His way.			
God's way is the only	way to a	nd God's w	vay can appear upside down.
Who will have? Will we trust our abilities and ideas, or give them to God and His control?			
Let me control, so that He control. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)			
In God's hands we will inherit the earth. In God's hands we can			
God loves to use the to do the			

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