

Experiencing God's Transforming Presence @



December 17th, 2023

COMING UP AT THE VINEYARD

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



YOUTH CHRISTMAS

THIS Wednesday after GRUB! Wear your favorite Christmas clothes and come for fun activities and a gift exchange!

A DOUBLE PORTION OF CHRISTMAS EVE



CHRISTMAS EVE

A Worship Circle 10am in the morning, a Candlelight service 6pm in the evening! Join us for both Sunday Dec 24th!



YOUTH LOCK-IN

Open to all 6-12th graders. Lots of fun and games as we ring in the new year! Dress brightly! \$10 each, sign up online!



BIBLE STUDY

The next church-wide Bible Study, on the Book of Jonah, begins Sunday January 7th, 8.45am in the Training Room. All are welcome!

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 box, sent [online](#) (scan QR code) 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 a Connection Card in a chair back near you, 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



Thank you to Jeanne Calkins for putting together our winter decorations for the outside of the building! She does a wonderful job putting her green thumb to work for God with all the flowers and plantings outside our building. Great work, and a special **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO JEANNE AND ROB! 47 years, WOW!!!**



ADVENT

J E S U S M O D E L E D



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Pastor Larry Moe

Advent

Jesus Modeled Joy

Luke 2:8-11

That Thief Stole My Joy

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Joy is both something that can be a _____ or an _____ and it can also be an _____ that we can summon whenever we choose to do so.

- The title “Savior” means a _____ or _____.
- The title “Messiah” means _____.
- The title “Lord” means _____ to whom _____ and _____ is subject to.

Joy Killer #1: Damaged Relationships

When you quarrel over opinions where each has their own set of truths, which one is right? _____!!!!!! (Philippians 2:3-5)

Joy killer #2: Various Trials (James 1:2-4)

Trials bring us to _____ and they make us _____!

Joy Killer #3: Worry

“Worry is like a good rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but doesn’t get you anywhere. (Matthew 6:27 and 34)

Luke 2:9: An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Where do you need the light of Glory to shine into your life and bring you JOY??

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