

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 December 18th, 2022

Thank you for joining us in-person or online for our worship service today! Our online services are available via [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or our [Website](#).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Plan to join us for two special services during this holiday season. On Christmas Eve we will host a very special candlelight service at 6pm that you don't want to miss! On Christmas Day we invite you to a special abbreviated **celebration service** from **10:30-11:15**. This will be a fun, memorable service that includes a present for your children (Shhhh. Don't tell.)

END OF YEAR GIVING

Quick reminder that financial gifts need to be turned in or postmarked by Dec. 31st in order to receive tax credit for the 2022 billing year. Thank you for your generous support of God's work!

40 DAYS OF FASTING AND PRAYER

It is an NLV tradition to start every year with 40 Days of Fasting and Prayer. During this time, we choose days to fast and pray for God's blessing, direction, wisdom, and more. This culminates in our Hear from God meeting on Feb 15th at 6:30pm. There are packets and a sign-up folder at the info table this morning.

BLESSINGS AND BENEDICTIONS

Every Wednesday we release another video in the Blessings and Benedictions series. It's a brief video designed to encourage and build your faith. In case you missed it, you can find it on our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages. Please consider sharing it on your social media to encourage others on their faith journeys.

WAYS TO CONNECT

For a 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 [online](#), or through the mail (1014 E. Ashman St, Midland, MI, 48642).

PREPARE YE THE WAY



December 18th, 2022

James Applegate

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Advent: Love

John 15:9-17

John 15:9-11, 17 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete... This is my command: Love each other.”

God’s love for you exists whether you _____ it, _____ it, and _____ it or not.

GOD LOVES YOU! _____ YOU!

Our issue isn’t God’s unconditional love. Our issue is our _____ to _____ God’s love.

God’s love is there, will you _____ it? Will you come into _____ with God?

God’s love is _____ when we enter a _____ with Him.

The absence of God’s love isn’t a _____ problem, it’s an _____ problem.

You can’t _____ someone’s love, and _____ them as a person.

God has demonstrated his love in many ways, but JESUS was his GREATEST DEMONSTRATION.

God’s love is there, will you _____ in it?

- Living as Christ (obeying His commands) leads to living in and experiencing God’s love.
- Living in sin (disobeying Jesus’ commands) brings separation from God.

We will experience God’s love when we live like Christ. We live like Christ when we _____
Christ loves us.

When was the last time you loved with the love and name of Jesus?

Who is God putting on your heart and in your life that you need to love like Jesus loves you?

Where do you need more relationship with the triune God today?

Where do you need to step into obeying Jesus’ command?

Where/who do you need to love as Christ loves you?

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