

# 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 night 6-8pm here at the church
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays during service
- **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

## 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

**WI-FI NETWORK PASSWORD:** NLVGuest

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## COMING UP @ THE VINEYARD March 12th, 2023

### CONNECT GROUPS

It's Connect Group week and your chance to get connected in a small group to take steps in your spiritual journey while making friendships and disciples. Grab a sheet from the Information Center or talk with [Pastor Larry](#) to learn more.

### EUCHRE NIGHT

Don't forget to join us for the encore edition of Euchre Night *this Friday* from 7-9pm! This is your chance to join the excitement, meet some new friends and have fun with old ones. Sign up in the Narthex or [online](#). Drinks provided, but not childcare. Please bring a dish to pass!

### BEGINNINGS CLASS

Whether you just started attending NLV or have been around for a while but have never taken the Beginnings Class, you're invited to join us March 22nd at 6:30pm. This course will give you a peak into what we are all about as a church and show you ways to get connected. Sign up in the Narthex or [online](#).

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

VineyardMEN! Join us March 25th at 9am for our Men's Breakfast. This event is open for men of all ages to come out and enjoy some food, connection, and a brief message from Rob Boothroyd from Colossians. It's always a great time and you don't want to miss out! Sign up [online](#) or in the Narthex.

### EASTER BAPTISM

During our Easter morning service, on April 9th, we will be having baptisms. What better way is there to demonstrate your commitment and obedience to God! Signups have started coming in and we couldn't be more excited! To learn more, talk with a pastor and sign up in the Narthex or [online](#) for our preparatory class, which will be held on April 2nd following service.

### 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 (1014 E. Ashman St, Midland, MI, 48642).



# NEW LIFE VINEYARD CHURCH

March 12th, 2023

Pastor Dave Vercellino

Putting it All Together

John 14:15

## Key Verse: "If you love me, keep my commands." -John 14:15

Throughout the ages, and even now, people have wondered about God.

- Does he exist?
- Is he mad or disappointed in me?
- Does he love me?
- What does he want from me?
- How can I get on his good side?

These are great questions that all people should earnestly consider.

### Which of these questions have you pondered?

The answer to all these questions is simply - **Jesus**.

In Colossians 1 it says, *"The Son is the image of the invisible God.... For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things...."*

When we wonder what God is like, or how he sees us, or what he wants from us... we look to **Jesus**.

In the Sermon on the Mount (*or the Beatitudes that we've been talking about*), Jesus has laid out his most important teachings... they fit together like a puzzle to complete the life of those who want to follow him.

This morning we saw a man, Zacchaeus, who was far from God and his people. He was scorned and despised. Yet he was curious about this Jesus; he wanted to know more. He wanted to see Jesus.

And what did Jesus do? He said "I must come to your house...."!

He shocked the religious people but transformed the life of Zacchaeus who, after his encounter, put the pieces together.

Luke 19:8 - *"Look Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."*

**How can you apply the encounter that Zacchaeus had with Jesus to your life?**

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