

# 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

## NEW LIFE VINEYARD CHURCH

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## COMING UP @ THE VINEYARD

March 19th, 2023

### BEGINNINGS CLASS

If you have recently started coming to the Vineyard or have never taken our Beginnings Class, we strongly encourage you to join us **next Wednesday, March 22nd from 6:30-8pm**. This course will give you a peak at what we are all about as a church. Sign up in the Narthex or [online](#).

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

VineyardMEN, join us next Saturday, 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, fellowship, and a brief message from Rob Boothroyd 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 time to demonstrate your commitment and obedience to God! Signups have started coming in and we are excited! To learn more, talk with a pastor and sign up in the Narthex or [online](#) for our preparatory class held on April 2nd following service.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

VineyardWOMEN - Join us to learn more about who God is through his many names in our 7-week study titled "**Knowing God by Name**" by Mary Kassian. This will be held on Tuesday nights starting April 11th and will be led by Tara Applegate. Please register early so we know how many study books to order. Sign up in the Narthex or [online](#).

### VINEYARDYOUTH

Join us for our Spring Break Lock-In, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9pm-7am. Cost is \$5 to attend and registration is required. Also – mark your calendars for **Impact:Shine!** youth service week, June 20-24<sup>th</sup>! Go [online](#) for more info on these youth events.

### 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).



March 19th, 2023

Pastor James Applegate

Upside Down Kingdom	Blessed are the Persecuted	Matthew 5:10-12
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**Key Verse: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:10**

God is blessing our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in doing the things of God despite persecution.

Jesus makes it clear persecution can be expected. (Matt 5:10-12, 10:16-20, Luke 6:22, John 15:18-20)

Why so much talk about persecution?

1. To be \_\_\_\_\_. Have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ soil.
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ our own lives.
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

Is living a kingdom characteristic life worth the sacrifice of persecution?

We have joy in God because \_\_\_\_\_.

We have joy in God because \_\_\_\_\_.

We have joy in God because \_\_\_\_\_.

We have joy in God because we are living like the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

We have joy in God because \_\_\_\_\_.

We have joy in God because \_\_\_\_\_.

Call to action.

1. Examine your life.
2. Make Christ your king!
3. Choose to live the kingdom lifestyle.
4. Grow deep in your knowledge, faith, and relationship with God.
5. REJOICE!!!

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