# 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: VinevardKIDS 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
  - o Wednesday nights 6-8 pm @ the church.
  - o 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

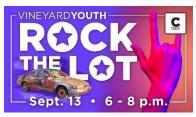
A heartfelt thank you to Glynn Johns for his dedication to keeping our church spotless for over ten years. Glynn's consistent hard work ensuring our sacred space remains clean and welcoming has not gone unnoticed. We also appreciate his unique ability to turn carpet snag cutting into a

team-building exercise, making the task not just efficient but fun. Here's to Glynn's invaluable service in our church community!

# September 10th, 2023

## **COMING UP AT THE VINEYARD**

To register and for more information about these and other events, please visit our <u>website</u>.



## **ROCK THE LOT**

Youth - This Wed!! Dress like rockstars, belt out epic karaoke tunes, & the ultimate car smash! \$5 to attend. Be there!



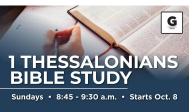
## **TAILGATE PREVIEW**

Connect groups are back! Learn about groups, meet the leaders, and sign up in the parking lot after service next week!



## **FALL RETREAT**

Nature, hiking, zip-lining, and many opportunities to connect with God and other women. Last day to register is Sept 13th!!



## **BIBLE STUDY**

Our next study begins Oct 8th before service. All are invited to join us as we dive into 1 Thessalonians. Bring yourself and a Bible!

## 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 <u>prayer@midlandvineyard.com</u>.

Tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering baskets, lobby lock-box, sent <u>online</u>, or through the mail.

Wi-Fi NETWORK PASSWORD: NLVGuest Visit us online or check out our socials:



www.midlandvineyard.com





September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Pastor James Applegate** 

**Hear from God: Refocused** 

**PRAISE GOD! His Change is Good!** 

Proverbs 3:5-6

In this series we will revisit the **Hear from God** themes we received back in February. These themes are meant to guide and encourage our focus for the year. If these are truly from the Lord, as we believe they are, then we want to remember and REFOCUS!

**Today's Hear from God Refocus**: Trust in God because He is faithful and in control. He has led us in this season of transition and will continue to guide us on this journey. **God's change is great!** 

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

We have three themes for today. Past, Present, and Future. They are...

- Today we praise God for what He has done! We celebrate and praise God for blessing us through a season of change. Four out of five of our staff positions have acquired new personnel. We have been blessed with wonderful staff, and through all the change GOD HAS BEEN FAITHFUL!
- 2. Today we **seek God for the NOW**. We want His presence with us today and everyday. We want to know and do the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Come Holy Spirit!
- 3. Today we are **trusting God for what He has for us next**. God was and is faithful, but He is not done (praise Jesus). As God's handiwork, He has prepared the next good work for us to do. We proclaim our faith in God's way. We celebrate because He already has the victory, and we get to join Him in bringing His Kingdom to earth as it is in Heaven.

Attached to your bulletin are three sheets of paper, each one coinciding with one of our three themes. We invite you to write your praises and prayers in response to God and His leading today, praising Him for what He has done, is doing, and will do in YOUR life. When you are ready, you are welcome to stick them to one of the walls up front. We want to cover the walls with the celebration of our God by His body here at NLV!

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