

# 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

1014 E. ASHMAN ST. MIDLAND, MI 48642  
(989)832-7472 [WWW.MIDLANDVINEYARD.COM](http://WWW.MIDLANDVINEYARD.COM)

Follow us on Facebook & YouTube

**THIS WEEK @ THE VINEYARD**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**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](#).**

## EUCHRE NIGHT

Plan to join us for a fun night of cards, snacks, and fellowship as we hold our annual Euchre tournament. You are welcome to come whether you're a seasoned veteran or a Euchre newbie. We'll even teach you how to play if you've never learned. The event is Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. You can sign up [here](#) or at the info center.

## VineyardYOUTH SPRING HILL

**VineyardYOUTH**, you are invited to the Spring Hill winter retreat from February 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. This annual event is an awesome time to get away from your busy schedule, connect with friends, and grow in your personal walk with Jesus. Go online for details on how to get registered.

## US IN MIND

Change your relationship by changing your mind!

Well-known and respected author and speaker Ted Lowe will help us discover - through Scripture, research, and neuroscience - an ironically simple way of rethinking how we see our relationships. The practical, easy-to-understand steps he offers will equip you to change your relationship by changing your mind, helping you to love well, even when it's not easy.

Buy tickets by midnight, January 29, and pay only \$10 per person. Register [online here](#).

## WHISPERING PINES WORKDAY

Interested in helping a family of 7 in need? We will be replacing their flooring January 20-21. [Signup](#) or contact Pastor Dave or Brent Salamon for info.

## WAYS TO CONNECT

For a more information on all the ways you can 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).



January 8, 2023

Pastor James Applegate

Upside Down Kingdom Blessed: Poor In Spirit Matthew 5:3-11

Matthew 5:3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

If you had to list your strongest characteristic(s) what would they be?

If you had to list the strongest characteristic(s) for (insert important person) what would they be?

GOD \_\_\_\_\_ THE POOR! (1 Samuel 2:8, Psalm 9:18)

God \_\_\_\_\_ poverty! (Matt 25:31-46, Duet 15:11, Proverbs 31:8-9, James 1:27)

Application 1: God's message to the poor is " \_\_\_\_\_ "

"Poor" is the individual who realizes their own utter \_\_\_\_\_, and who has put their \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

In other words, \_\_\_\_\_ in God, not \_\_\_\_\_ in ourselves and our world.

Application 2: Have the \_\_\_\_\_ of the "poor", trusting in God and NOT in the world. Live with the generosity of the poor.

What does "poor" look like spiritually? It looks like \_\_\_\_\_!!

Application 3: Jesus is calling for all people to \_\_\_\_\_ and trust in Him to provide!

Choice: Dependency on my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_, or dependency on your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the promise and outcome of realizing WE are not enough and instead TRUSTING IN GOD?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**NLV PASTORAL STAFF:**

James Applegate - Lead Pastor  
james@midlandvineyard.com

Dan DeLeeuw - Associate/Youth Pastor  
dan@midlandvineyard.com

Mike Leiter - Worship & Staff Pastor  
mike@midlandvineyard.com

Don Milton - Pastor Emeritus  
don@midlandvineyard.com

Larry Moe - Care & Connection Pastor  
larry@midlandvineyard.com

Katie Turner - Children's Ministry Director  
katie@midlandvineyard.com

Dave Vercellino - Kids Church Pastor  
dave@midlandvineyard.com