

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 a Connection Card in a chair back near you, 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 2nd song of worship during our Sunday services.
- **Jr/Sr High: VineyardYOUTH** w/ Jessica Cooper
 - Wednesday nights 6-8 pm @ the church.
 - Fun 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 huge shoutout to our amazing bell-ringing teams! Your joyful spirit and service as bell ringers for the Salvation Army made a real difference this season. Thank you for spreading joy, greeting everyone with warmth, and serving Jesus through your kindness.

December 24th, 2023

COMING UP AT THE VINEYARD

To register and for more information about these and other events, please visit our [website](#).



CANDLELIGHT

Our celebrations of Jesus continue TONIGHT with a special Candlelight service from 6-7pm!



YOUTH LOCK-IN

Open to all 6-12th graders. Lots of fun and games as we ring in the new year! Dress brightly! \$10 each, sign up online!



BIBLE STUDY

The next church-wide Bible Study, on the Book of Jonah, begins Sunday January 7th, 8:45am in the Training Room. All are welcome!



Merry Christmas!

Blessings to you and your family this Christmas! May it overflow with joy as we remember and cherish the greatest gift of all time, Jesus!

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 prayer@midlandvineyard.com.

Tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering baskets, lobby box, sent [online](#) (scan QR code) or through the mail.



Wi-Fi NETWORK PASSWORD: NLVGuest

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ADVENT

J E S U S M O D E L E D



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Pastor James Applegate

Advent

Jesus Modeled Love

1 John 3:16

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.” –1 John 3:16

Jesus modeled love from the _____ . (Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-3)

Jesus modeled love by His _____ . (Philippians 2:5-11)

Jesus modeled love by living this _____ in its _____ . (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Jesus modeled love by his _____ .

Jesus modeled love by _____ on the _____ . (Romans 5:7-8, 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:10)

Jesus modeled love by _____ from the _____ . (Romans 6:4-7)

_____ is Love. _____ is Love. (1 John 4:16)

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE TO THE LOVE OF GOD?

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas from all of us at NLV – our pastors, staff, and Board! We pray that you will experience the love and blessings of our living and loving God through family, scripture, praise, worship, and/or the body of Christ. We encourage you to take time this Christmas to reflect on all the ways that God has shown you His love.

- ❖ Reflect on all He has done in scripture, demonstrating the God who came near (Emmanuel).
- ❖ Reflect on the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- ❖ Reflect on all the good that you have in your life, no matter what circumstances you find yourself in, and know that “Every good and perfect gift is from above...” (James 1:17)

We thank God for all of His blessings, known and unknown, and FOR YOU!!!

In Christ's love,

Pastor James

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