

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

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THIS WEEK @ THE VINEYARD

February 12th, 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](#).

SOUL SISTERS

The Vineyard Women are hosting a time of fellowship, spiritual growth, and fun as they gather for another of their beloved Soul Sisters events. This event is being held here on Friday, Feb 17th at 6:30pm. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass for the shared meal. Childcare will be provided. Sign up in the narthex or online.

CONNECT GROUP WEEK

It's Connect Group week! Most of our groups will be meeting at their regularly scheduled times. If you would like more information, there are sheets at the info center with all the available groups or talk with Pastor Larry. We encourage everyone to check with their group leader to verify times and location prior to attending.

SPRING HILL

The youth are currently having a blast up at SpringHill winter camp! Please pray that every student deepens their connection with God and with each other while they wrap up this fun weekend. Parents - don't forget to pick up your students at 2:00 today... the leaders will be ready to head home for a nap!

RIGHTNOW MEDIA

If you're looking for ways to dive into a deeper understanding of the Bible, be sure to check out Right Now Media! With over 20,000 videos available, you're sure to find something for the whole family! There's a link at the top of our website for quick, easy access from your phone or computer!

WAYS TO CONNECT

For more information on all the ways you can connect at New Life Vineyard Church, visit midlandvineyard.com/waystoconnect.

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 lock-box, sent [online](#), or through the mail (1014 E. Ashman St, Midland, MI, 48642).



February 12, 2023

Pastor James Applegate

Upside Down Kingdom	Blessed are the Merciful	Matthew 5:7
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Key Verse: Matthew 5:7, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

When you look at God, do you see *mercy*?

The God of the Bible (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - Old Testament and New Testament) is _____.

Because our God and King is _____, WE are called to be _____.

The Reciprocity of Mercy: The measure of mercy _____, will be _____. (Matthew 5:7, James 2:13, Matthew 6:12-15, Matthew 18:32-35)

If I didn't deserve mercy and yet received it, then who am I to withhold it from anyone else?

The kingdom characteristic of mercy means to _____ others the _____ they deserve.

The kingdom characteristic of mercy means to _____ with the _____. It is a deliberate effort of the mind and of the will to identify with the other person.

The kingdom characteristic of mercy must lead to _____ and _____. *Mercy in action!*

It is because of mercy that we are called and able to _____ and _____ our _____. (Luke 6:27-36)

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The kingdom characteristic of mercy must lead to _____ and _____. *Mercy in action!*

Mercy is easier when we *receive* mercy, forgiveness, and healing from Christ.

Mercy is easier when we view people as *Christ views us and them*.

With that view, treat people as Christ treated you – *Mercy, Love, Forgiveness, & Grace*.

Where do you need to *receive* and *experience* the mercy of God? Where do you need healing?

To whom do you need to demonstrate the mercy of God?

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