

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. Jessica Cooper 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.

THIS WEEK @ THE VINEYARD

March 5th, 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](#).

PRIME TIME COFFEE

We're happy to announce a new opportunity for connection for those of us who are in our prime... the retirees, seniors, and elders of our church. On weeks when Connect Groups are not meeting, these amazing individuals gather for coffee and conversation at the Midland Mall. Join them starting this Tuesday 10:00 am. Contact Sherry Ward for more info.

EUCHRE NIGHT

We're hosting an encore edition of Euchre Night on St. Patrick's Day! This is your chance to join the excitement - meet some new friends and have fun with old ones. Friday, March 17th from 7-9pm. Sign up in the Narthex or online.

BEGINNINGS CLASS

Whether you just started attending NLV or have been around for a while but have never taken the Beginnings Class, you're invited to join us March 22nd at 6:30pm. This course will teach you the history of the Vineyard, our theological beliefs and vision, as well ways to get engaged. Sign up in the Narthex or online.

EASTER BAPTISM

We are offering a baptism during our Easter morning service, on April 9th, and encourage you to take part in this celebration. If you want to be baptized or would like to learn more about baptism, this is the perfect opportunity. Sign up in the Narthex for our preparatory class, which will be held on April 2nd following service.

WAYS TO CONNECT

For more information on all the ways to 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).

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THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM BLESSED

March 5th, 2023

Pastor James Applegate

Upside Down Kingdom Blessed are the Peacemakers Matthew 5:9

Key Verse: Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Pursuing peace is the _____.

God is often called the _____. (Rom. 15:33, 2 Cor. 13:11, Phil. 4:9, 1 Thess. 5:23, Hebrews 13:20)

Jesus _____. We are peacemakers because Christ first made peace. (Eph. 2:14-18)

The Holy Spirit is a _____. (Gal. 5:22-23)

Step 1 of peacemaking: _____ with God. (Col. 1:29-22)

Step 2 of peacemaking: _____ from God. (Eph 2:14, Phil. 4:6-7, Gal. 5:22-23)

Step 3 of peacemaking: Trust in _____ instead of _____. (Rom. 12:17-21)

Peacemaking requires _____ and _____. Even to the point of death. Look to the cross.

Peacemaking means _____ a godly, peaceful resolution to _____. (Rom. 12:18, Matt. 10:34)

Step 4: Pursue _____ with others. God gives us methods of resolving conflict. (Matt. 18:15-17)



Image from Peacemaker by Ken Sande

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