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: VineyardKIDS w/ Pastor Dave
 - o Dismissed weekly after the 2nd song of worship during our Sunday services.
- Jr/Sr High: VineyardYOUTH w/ Jessica Cooper
 - o Wednesday nights 6-8 pm @ the church.
 - o 2nd and 4th Sundays during service.
- Young Adults: VineyardYA w/ Pastor Dan
 - o Every other week following service.
- VineyardMEN & VineyardWOMEN
 - o Men Retreats, breakfasts, Bible studies, fish fries, draft parties, and more.
 - o Women Soul Sisters gatherings, Bible studies, kayak trips, retreats, and more.



KUDOS

Congratulations to our graduates of high school, bachelors, and masters programs:

Matthias Francisco, Mikayla Lewis, Jonny Leiter, Michael Leiter, Paige Lukowski, Jocelyn Perez, Tea Seeley, Olivia Signletary, and Maddie Wyman!

May 28th, 2023 COMING UP AT THE VINEYARD

To register and for more information about these and other events, please head to our website.



BE READY!

All those working with children need our new childcare training. First 2 offerings: 5/31 @ 6pm & 6/4 after service.



POWER PRAYER!

All leaders and those who have participated in prayer teams in the past, join us for a refresher course.



MISSIONS OPP!

This is an info meeting for all those thinking about our mission's trip in February 2024. 6/4 after 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 <u>online</u>, or through the mail.

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May 28th, 2023 Pastor Jay Pathak

Empowered Series Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-4

Key Verse: Acts 2:1-4, "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Jay Pathak Video Sermon

As the Vineyard, we are a people of the Spirit. We can have encounters with the living God.

God is among us and with us by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost Sunday we remember the day, after Jesus' resurrection, where the disciples of Jesus waited and prayed for Jesus' promise in Acts 1:8 to come true.

Pentecost and other encounters with God in scripture, are inherently experiential. People are encountering and experiencing (see, hear, feel, etc.) the living God via the Holy Spirit!

This experience changes them. "Anytime we experience God we will be changed." (Blackaby, *Experiencing God*, 2023)

The moment of Pentecost proves that God came in the person of Jesus Christ, He died, He rose again, and now He is pouring out His Spirit, fulfilling the promise in Joel 2:28-32.

Jesus conquered death and offers a fear free life to you. Have you accepted His gift? If not, do so today, and let a pastor know that you accepted Jesus as savior! We want to celebrate with you and help you continue to experience God more!!!

Jesus did His work, not just so you can get to heaven, but so that heaven can get into you! It's a naturally supernatural event.

Experiencing God/heaven on earth is experiencing natural life as it was MEANT to be.

"This is real like gravity is real."

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to have God overwhelm you and change you.

Do you want to be changed by the Holy Spirit, living a Spirit directed life? "Come Holy Spirit."

Have you said, "Yes," to the life that is offered in Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

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