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the **Vineyard** church

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Collage by Andrea Bryant

WELCOME!

The Vineyard is a community of all kinds of people looking to be more like Jesus. We want to love and experience God, love one another, and partner with Christ to bring his hope and healing to the Twin Ports (and the whole world!)

There are lots of ways to get connected, grow, and serve at the Vineyard. Whether you've just started coming to the Vineyard or you've been here a while, there's always something God is inviting you into.

First Steps ▶

Try any of these out to get to know us better:

- Attend our weekend services
- Try out a Small Group
- Learn all about the Vineyard's history and values at Welcome to the Vineyard
- Volunteer with us and serve our community

Next Steps ▶

Continue growing closer to God and explore all he has for you:

- Attend one of our Bible-based classes
- Commit to a Small Group
- Begin tithing regularly

Leadership Steps ▶

If you want to explore what leadership is like at Vineyard try these:

- Take an Alpha Facilitator Training
- Attend Small Group Leader Training

Serving Our City Steps ▶

We want everyone to know how much God loves them (even in really practical ways). Help people feel the love of God in real tangible ways:

- Volunteer in our Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
- Bake or handout yummy treats with our Muffin Ministry
- Donate or volunteer providing period products

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Andrea Bryant is a maker who loves creating in many various art forms. Her main forms of creative expression are design, collage art, and sewing. She grew up in Esko, MN in a creative family where she was encouraged to dream, imagine and create. After high school, she attended the University of Northwestern St. Paul where she received a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design.

Since college she has worked as a graphic designer for various companies and Vineyard churches. Currently she is working at Duluth Vineyard as the Graphic Designer and lives in Carlton with her wonderful husband, beautiful daughter, and their small pack of pets.

If you would like to see more of Andrea's work you can follow her on Instagram, @andi.design, or find some of her sewn work on her website, andi-design.com.

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In-person Services:

Sundays at 9 & 11am at 1533 W. Arrowhead Rd.

Sundays at 6:30pm at 3833 E. Superior St.

Online Services: Sundays at 9 & 11 at duluthvineyard.org/livestream

Office:

Lobby Hours: Tuesdays - Thursdays 9am-5pm & Fridays 9am-1pm

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Love God. Love people. Period.

FIRST STEPS *RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS*

WOMEN'S BRUNCH – Saturday, January 14 at 9am – As women in all walks of life, we are drawn to authentic relationships and deep intimacy with Jesus, but making time for those things can be difficult. Our women's brunch is the perfect space to cultivate friendships, learn new ways to encounter God, and spend time in worship and prayer. Whether you're in high school or retirement, join us for an amazing morning that will feed your stomach and your soul. Did we mention there is bacon? Childcare is not available; however, nursing mothers are welcome.

BAPTISM INTEREST MEETINGS – Sunday, January 15 after both services – Have you discovered a new life in Christ? Why not be baptized to celebrate and let everyone know. If you're interested in getting baptized, please join us in the Welcome Lounge for a quick informational meeting and we'll discuss how and why we do baptisms at the Vineyard.

WELCOME TO THE VINEYARD – Sundays, January 22 and March 12 at 5:30pm – Welcome to the Vineyard is your opportunity to discover what the Duluth Vineyard church is all about. We'll fire up the wood-fired oven and enjoy some delicious pizza together. We'll take an in-depth look at the Vineyard's history, vision, values – touching on lots of areas of ministry and ways you can get involved. If you choose, at the end of the class, there is an opportunity to become a member. Register online or at the Welcome Center.

BAPTISM CLASS – Thursday, January 26 at 6:30pm – Join us in this class to learn more about how we baptize folks here at the Vineyard and to hear God's heart for you as you consider this step forward in obedience to him. We'll go through the baptism statements of faith, share stories of what God is doing in us as he leads us into baptism, and talk through a bit of the logistics of baptism day, too. Although not required prior to baptism, it is highly recommended.

VINEYARD KIDS BAPTISM CLASS – Thursday, January 26 at 6:30pm – Kids can get so excited about getting baptized, but do they actually understand what it's about and why we do it? This class is a chance for parents and kids to learn more about why we get baptized and the goal of the class is to equip families to decide together whether their child is ready to take the next step in their faith and get baptized. If your child is thinking about it or has questions about baptism, bring them to the class with you! Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend with their child(ren). Contact Becca Eastvold for more information at beastvold@duluthvineyard.org or sign up online.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS – Sunday, January 29 at 9am and 11am weekend services – In the Bible there are lots of stories of folks who surrendered their lives to Jesus and then get baptized, often immediately following their surrender. Not only is getting baptized an important next step in our obedience to Christ, but it's also a public proclamation of your decision to follow Jesus and a celebration of your joining God's family. God often does amazing things in response to our obedience, and as people have baptized we've seen them experience freedom, healing, and a deeper understanding and assurance of what Jesus is doing in their lives. If you're a new follower of Jesus, we would love to celebrate and support you in your baptism! For more information go to www.duluthvineyard.org/baptism

MEN'S CONFERENCE – Friday, February 3 from 6-9pm and Saturday, February 4 from 8:30am-12:30pm – As men, we give time and energy towards building so many things. We build decks or put together furniture. We raise kids or build relationships. We grow a career or build a retirement portfolio. But, ultimately, the most important thing we build is our lives in Christ. How do we create a life that is "well-built" and develop an experiential relationship with Jesus that can withstand even the most difficult times? That's the focus for our 2023 Vineyard men's conference, Built To Last. We're excited to have Vineyard Pastor Joel Seymour as this year's guest speaker. Joel is a church planter, pastor, and now a member of the National Leadership Team of Vineyard USA as a Super Regional Leader. He has a powerful story of God's transformation in his own life and a long track record of helping men connect with Christ and his purposes for their lives. Registration is just \$30 and includes breakfast on Saturday morning. Learn more and register today at www.duluthvineyard.org/mensconference.

OPEN MIC NIGHT – Friday, February 10 at 6pm – Each of us is beautifully created with unique gifts, talents, and abilities! You're invited to the Vineyard to show them off. If you're a creative, maybe a poet, writer, or musician, join us on February 10 at 6pm for an open mic night to share your gifts with our community. You can participate by bringing a poem, song, or short story to perform. Sign up to perform on our website at duluthvineyard.org/registration. If you're not up to sharing, join us anyway! This is a space to listen, encourage, support, and be inspired by the arts. Our art gallery and open mic spaces are designed for those who want to participate and enjoy and learn and be challenged and encouraged by the presence and voice of God found in our creativity. Our artists, poets, and musicians (the list is quite long) show us a part of God's character we might miss otherwise. Join us for an evening of creative and playful joy as we open the mic and take turns exploring what it means to be made in the image of a creative God.

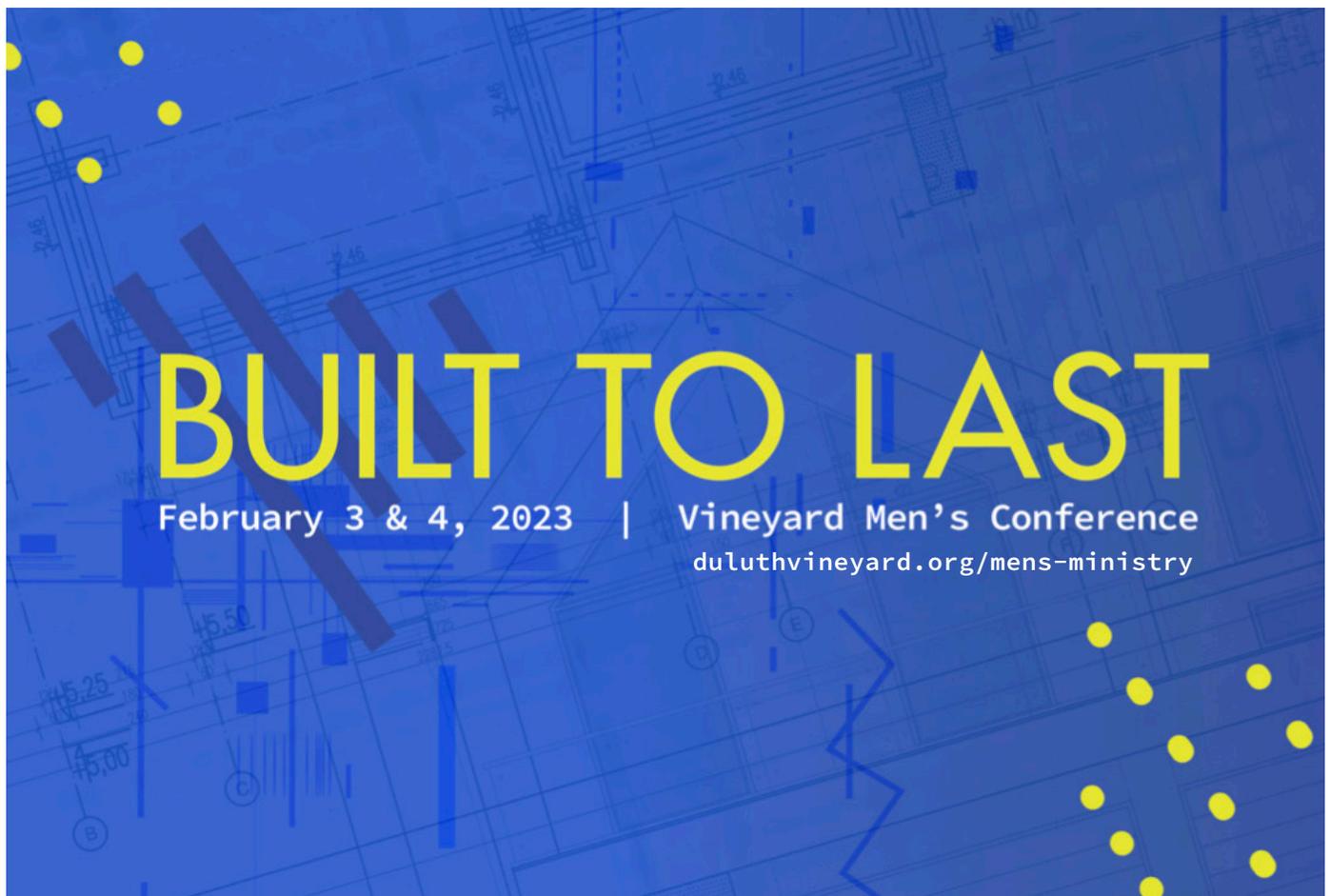
LIMITLESS YOUTH CONFERENCE – February 17-19 – \$100 per student – God has limitless power to transform our lives. Since the beginning, he has been empowering his people to chase after his kingdom and join him in the work of changing the world. He has wired us all differently and has planted unique dreams in all of us to be an expression of our Creator. There are limitless possibilities of how our stories will weave together to show the world who he is. You are called to discover the limitless presence of God in your life, to heal, set you free, and empower you to become everything he has for you to be. Join us for Limitless, our annual youth conference for students grades 6-12 on February 17-19. We will have a weekend packed with a variety of ways for students to worship and experience God and grow in the depth of their relationship with him. The weekend will include main sessions from our speaker, extended times of worship, and lots of fun. There will also be workshops for students to dive into topics like healthy relationships, creativity in God's kingdom, spiritual warfare, how to share your faith, and much more. We will also be spending time putting into practice all that we are experiencing by doing team outreaches in our community! Join us on this adventure of encountering our good, beautiful, and limitless God. Learn more at www.limitlessconf.com.

FIRST STEPS *RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS*

ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday, February 22 at 5:30pm and 7:30pm - Christians around the world mark the beginning of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. This special service is built around silence, contemplation, and repentance, providing a great opportunity to turn our hearts meditatively towards the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, his death, and resurrection. There is a profound and experiential encounter with Jesus that happens as we realize again we are ultimately in need of saving, and that God had to sacrifice his only Son because of this need. We look forward to sharing this time with you, as we reflect and encounter the living God. Vineyard Kids will be open for children 5th grade and younger.

EASTSIDE VINEYARD POTLUCK - Sundays, January 22, February 26, and March 19 at 5pm - One of the simple pleasures in life is sharing good food with great company. Part of the reason food was created by God was to bond humans together. Eating together brings joy, connections, and a sense of community. If you are a part of our Eastside Vineyard community, you're invited to join us once a month for an Eastside Vineyard community dinner. This is a chance for us to get to know each other and form friendships. Invite a friend and let Clint know that you will be attending at cconsidine@duluthvineyard.org or 218.525.3462. Feel free to bring a dish to share!

ENGAGING IN THE KINGDOM - April 21-22 | Registration opens January 1, 2023 - There is something powerful that happens when women of all ages engage in God's kingdom together. At our annual Engaging in the Kingdom conference we bring women together and empower them to become who God designed them to be. This conference is a mixture of powerful worship, deep biblical teaching, and spirit filled prayer ministry that is anchored in authentic relationships new and old. This year our guest speaker is Sonya Seng. Sonya and her husband Jordan together pastor Bluewater Mission Church in Honolulu, Hawaii. She is passionate about worship in many forms, has a deep love for God's word, and truly enjoys sharing these things with others while encountering God's presence. **Registration opens January 1. Cost of registration is \$55 January 1-April 10 and \$70 after April 10.** Cost includes materials, coffee and beverages, breakfast each morning, and lunch on Saturday. Learn more and register today at www.duluthvineyard.org/eitk.



NEXT STEPS *GOING DEEPER INTO THE LIFE JESUS OFFERS*

FINDING YOUR FIT - January 17, 24, 31 at 6pm - Our 3 week Finding Your Fit class is designed to help you look into scripture to see what God's heart is for community and to find out how he uniquely created and gifted you to play a role in it. This class will help you identify your spiritual gifts, passions, abilities, and temperament for serving in the body of Christ. It will also introduce you to the different areas of service within the Duluth Vineyard Church. Cost of the class is \$20 which includes the book 3 Colors of Ministries. Register online.

LEARNING TO PRAY LIKE JESUS - Thursday, March 9 at 6pm
Amazing things happened when Jesus prayed for others, and we can learn how to pray for people just as Jesus did. Join us in this class for an in-depth look at the healing ministry of Jesus and how we can partner with him in his ministry by simply asking the question, "Can I pray for you right now?". You'll receive practical steps that will enable you to pray for others in a very simple and natural way and in class "clinic time" to try on what you learn. This is also the first step to be trained to participate on our prayer ministry teams for our weekend services. Register online.



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SERVING OUR CITY STEPS

PARTNERING WITH GOD TO BRING HEALING TO OUR WORLD

ALPHA FACILITATOR TRAINING – Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30pm, Thursday, January 12 at 6:30pm, and Sunday, January 15 at 1:30pm We are excited about utilizing materials from Alpha in numerous groups and ministries as a church-wide focus in 2023. These training opportunities are a great way for you to get equipped to facilitate Alpha in your existing small group, a new small group, or in informal settings with a few friends or co-workers. Choose one of these three training options to get the tools you need to step into what God is inviting you into. The January 10 and 15 training sessions will meet in person at our Arrowhead location. On January 12 will be meeting online. Please register online to let us know which session you plan to attend. Reach out to Brian Brinkert at bbrinkert@duluthvineyard.org with any other questions.

FRUIT OF THE VINE TOURS – Following each weekend service all Sundays in January – Jesus showed compassion to those in need and he invites us to do the same. That's why compassion is one of our top priorities here at the Vineyard! Together, we want to take what Jesus said about caring for the poor seriously and our food shelf is one of the primary ways we express this to our community. If you want to hear stories about the guests we serve, see what food we offer, and how it all works, come take a food shelf tour after any service during the month of January. Find Compassion Ministry Director Barry Schull in the lobby, holding a Fruit of the Vine tour sign to join.

COMMUNION TEAM – Are you looking for a next step to become more involved in our community? Becoming a part of the communion team is a great way to partner with what God is doing in our church. Here at the Vineyard, the act of taking communion together as the body of Christ is something that we deeply value. It is an opportunity to not only acknowledge the sacrifice that God made in sending Jesus to die for our sins but provides a space for us to repent and receive the forgiveness that God has for us as well. Communion is a weekly part of our service that has a huge impact on our community and we want to invite more people into the behind the scenes process! This is a Sunday morning serving opportunity that is available for both 9am and 11am attenders and takes less than an hour of time! If the idea of joining our communion team sparks your interest, we would love to hear from you! Email xbalch@duluthvineyard.org for more information.

SOUND & TECH – Each week, we're able to reach people all over the world with the love of Jesus through our online and in-person services and our connection and discipleship events. This means we have tons of behind the scenes opportunities to serve through running the sound board, controlling slides, operating our recording camera, and leading production of our livestream services. If this sounds like something you'd be good at or if it's an area you'd like to learn more about, we'd love to train you and have you join our sound and tech team! Email [Rachel at rriiefenberg@duluthvineyard.org](mailto:rriiefenberg@duluthvineyard.org) or call 218.525.3462 to learn more.

VINEYARD BREW VOLUNTEER – We think that church should be the most welcoming place you go each week. So, we serve coffee and tea and baked goods to help make people feel more comfortable. So many details go into this ministry from brewing coffee and washing cups to taking orders and crafting espresso drinks. But, don't worry; we'll train you how to do all this stuff! Want to be part of making a difference one cup of coffee at a time? Contact us at 218.525.3462 or info@duluthvineyard.org

CLOTHING CLOSET – From clothes for a quickly growing newborn to a new pair of slacks for a job interview, our Clothing Closet provides free gently used clothing for guests of our Fruit of the Vine food shelf of all ages and sizes. We are now accepting winter clothing donations as well as suitcases to help guests of our food shelf who walk or ride the bus transport their food items home. We're especially in need of children's clothing at this time. Items can be dropped off during lobby hours or at weekend services. Have questions? Get in touch at fofv@duluthvineyard.org.

FRUIT OF THE VINE FOOD SHELF - In Matthew 25:40, Jesus said, what you have done for the least of these you have done for me. Our Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf meets the needs of those in our community who are facing food insecurity, providing them with a week's worth of food each time they visit. The food shelf is open on Tuesdays from 6–8pm and Saturdays from 9:30–11:30am. If you're interested in serving those who are facing this need in our community, we'd love to have you join the team! If you'd like to learn more about this area of ministry, please email Barry Schull at bschull@duluthvineyard.org or call 218.499.0123.

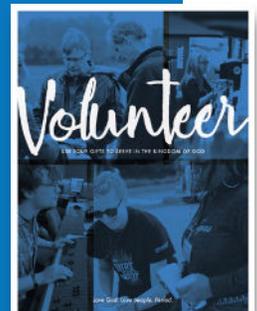
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FULL TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – The Duluth Vineyard is looking to hire a full time Administrative Assistant to join our team! This person will provide support for one of our pastors and be a part of our administrative support team. The position will involve responsibilities including email, calendar, and travel management, event planning and working with volunteers, answering phones and greeting visitors, and other administrative tasks and projects. This position will be 40 hours per week Monday–Friday 9am–5pm. Strong organizational, administrative, and people skills are required. Please email [Lindsey Gatlin at info@duluthvineyard.org](mailto:info@duluthvineyard.org) with your resume to receive an application.

There's nothing more satisfying than doing something that comes naturally to us, even if it might be a little bit of work. At times, it's like we're playing.

Find ways to volunteer in our Volunteer Guide or online.

duluthvineyard.org/serve





In February, March, and April at the Duluth Vineyard, we are embarking on a church-wide journey, and you're invited to come along!

Together, we are going to have the opportunity to lean into deeper connections with one another and with God. At our weekend services, we'll spend a number of weeks exploring what the Scriptures show us about the future God is inviting us into and how we can begin to access that future right now. In addition, most of our small groups will be using curriculum from Alpha to take our relational connections even deeper, as we learn to share our opinions and really listen to and pray for one another.

Alpha is a tool that helps us wrestle with a series of things we all question in life: Why do good and bad things happen to us? What is it like to really forgive someone? How can I find real purpose in my life? And we'll wrestle with questions about Jesus and the bible: Why did Jesus have to die? How does prayer work? Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Alpha curriculum will help to provide rich discussion for both Christians and people far from Jesus. Using this material across our small groups helps our community become

aware of what people who are skeptical actually think. It helps us identify where we may be living in a Christian bubble and how we can start seeing others more like Jesus, who had eyes of compassion for those who didn't yet believe in him. Alpha also teaches us tools of hospitality, listening, and dependence which can impact how we show up wherever we are: work, a family gathering at Christmas, in the cafeteria at lunch. Anywhere.

Hospitality – Jesus ate meals with people, made wine out of water for people, and he fed people often. In all these ways he showed hospitality. We often begin Alpha groups with food—whether a meal or a snack. It's easier to connect with others over food. By facilitating a little room in our home, our neighborhood, or our workspace we are creating a space for people to belong.

Listening – Jesus listened deeply to people. He rarely answered a question directly. He seemed to be listening to the question under the question. And when he did respond it was almost always with a question in return. Similarly, in Alpha groups, the primary goal is conversation, not consensus. To truly listen to what someone has to say is a great gift.

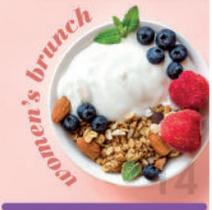
“Being listened to is so close to being loved that for the average person; they are almost indistinguishable.” –David Augsberger

Dependence – Jesus only did what he saw the Father doing. And that's what we do in Alpha as well. We are dependent on the Holy Spirit. We can't 'make' anything happen. We can't 'make' anyone accept our invitation. We can't 'make' anyone choose to follow Jesus or encounter the Holy Spirit. Instead, we choose to be dependent on the Father, working to be slow to speak and always listening to what God is doing.

Please plan to join us over the next few months as we learn and listen, as we grow in dependence upon God, and as we make room in our lives for deeper connection to one another.

I hope to see you in one of our groups!
Peace to you,

Michael Gatlin, Senior Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>10am - Online Only Services</p>	2	6pm - Fruit of the Vine	7pm - Emerge (Sr. High)			9:30am - Fruit of the Vine
<p>10:30am & 12:30pm - Fruit of the Vine Tours</p>	8	6pm - Fruit of the Vine 6:30pm - Alpha Facilitator Training	7pm - Emerge (Sr. High)	6:30pm - Alpha Facilitator Training Online		 <p>Women's brunch</p>
<p>10:30am & 12:30pm - Fruit of the Vine Tours</p> <p>10:30am & 12:30pm - Baptism Interest Meeting</p> <p>1:30pm - Alpha Facilitator Training</p>	15	6pm - Fruit of the Vine 6pm - Finding Your Fit	7pm - Emerge (Sr. High)	7pm - Art + Faith Book Club - Online		9:30am - Fruit of the Vine
<p>10:30am & 12:30pm - Fruit of the Vine Tours</p> <p>5pm - Eastside Vineyard Potluck</p> <p>5:30pm - Welcome to the Vineyard</p> 	22	6pm - Fruit of the Vine 6pm - Finding Your Fit	7pm - Emerge (Sr. High)	6:30pm - Baptism Class 6:30pm - Vineyard Kids Baptism Class	9:30am - FOTV Fresh Produce Giveaway	9:30am - Fruit of the Vine
<p>Baptism Celebrations at both services</p> <p>10:30am & 12:30pm - Fruit of the Vine Tours</p>  <p>baptism</p>	29	6pm - Fruit of the Vine 6pm - Finding Your Fit	7pm - Emerge (Sr. High)		 <p>BUILT TO LAST February 3 & 4, 2023 Vineyard Men's Conference</p>	9:30am - Fruit of the Vine
		6pm - Fruit of the Vine	7pm - Emerge (Sr. High)		 <p>OPEN MIC NIGHT</p>	9:30am - Fruit of the Vine
		6pm - Fruit of the Vine	7pm - Emerge (Sr. High)	7pm - Art + Faith Book Club - Online	 <p>LIMITLESS FEB. 17-19</p>	9:30am - Fruit of the Vine
<p>Eastside Dinner</p> 	<p>Vineyard Offices Closed</p>	6pm - Fruit of the Vine	5:30 & 7:30pm - Ash Wednesday Services		9:30am - FOTV Fresh Produce Giveaway	9:30am - Fruit of the Vine
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