

NEW LIFE

SEPTEMBER 2025 UPDATE

Venture Family,

As the weather begins to cool, I'm reflecting on the incredible summer we just shared. During Venture Out, we were reminded that the Kingdom of God is far bigger than what happens inside our church walls. It was a joy to watch so many of you roll up your sleeves to serve our community in the name of Jesus—keep it up!

I was equally thrilled by Worship on the Lawn. What a privilege to worship outdoors under blue skies and listening to the hum of the cicadas—not to mention the incredible food afterward. While I was preaching, I was reminded of your NEW LIFE generosity that made this space possible.

While summer was amazing, I'm even more excited about what's ahead. This month, we launched our Spiritual Growth Journey, 40 Days of Prayer. Over 500 adults have already said "yes" to joining a group as we grow in both personal and corporate prayer. If you haven't joined a group yet, it's not too late! Contact Jake Harp (jake.harp@venturechristian.church) to get connected.

Throughout this Spiritual Growth Journey, I challenge you to pray bold prayers for your life and for our church. I'm confident God has incredible things planned for our future. Take advantage of the special prayer opportunities each Wednesday from 7-9 a.m. and 7-9 p.m., and don't miss the 24-hour prayer event that will wrap up the journey on October 25. As we seek the Spirit's movement together, I believe the Lord will continue to do amazing things in us and through us.

Sincerely,



Stan Killebrew
Lead Pastor



TOTAL NEW LIFE UPDATE



..... **TWO-YEAR GOAL** \$7.26 Million

.....
GIVING TO DATE \$5,737,373
(as of 9/15/2025)



NEW LIFE FOR VENTURE

NEW LIFE for Venture encompasses all the typical efforts that comprise our regular ministry activities. These efforts, however, are anything but “typical” as we aim to provide avenues for individuals to seek Jesus at Venture. In all, we plan to invest \$4.25 million in our ongoing ministries during NEW LIFE.

Our fall ministry kicked off last month and introduced exciting new opportunities within our regular programming. In Next Gen Ministries, we expanded both Children’s and Student Ministry offerings.

In Children’s Ministry, we introduced the new 4:5 Diner, created specifically for 4th and 5th graders and offered during both the 9:30 and 11:00 services. In Student Ministry, we launched Elevate, a middle school worship experience for 6th–8th graders, on August 3. These additions are already making a meaningful impact by giving kids and students age-specific spaces to grow in their faith. If you’d like more information about serving with Next Gen Ministries, please reach out to Joy Fehl (joy@venturechristian.church) or Jake Smith (jake@venturechristian.church).



NEW LIFE FOR NEXT GENERATIONS



Throughout the NEW LIFE season, we aim to invest \$1.1 million to ensure our children and students are set up to thrive as they become the next generation of leaders in the church.

A central goal of NEW LIFE was to significantly reduce Venture’s debt—freeing future generations to pursue new ministry opportunities without the weight of past capital costs. In June, we were able to pay off this debt *completely*. This was made possible through the generosity of NEW LIFE giving combined with existing cash reserves. Thank you for your continued generosity as we work to replenish our funds and move forward with future vision initiatives in the years ahead.



NEW LIFE FOR OTHERS

We plan to invest \$1.65 million in local and global outreach efforts. In addition to our regular missionary and mission organizations support, we are planning to more than double the amount of funds utilized for outreach efforts.

On August 24, Venture set aside our usual Sunday programming for Venture Out. For the second year, we challenged everyone to worship through serving by partnering with local outreach organizations.

Nearly 500 people participated, serving among 33 organizations throughout our community. In addition, each organization received a financial gift from Venture. If you or your group are interested in finding more ways to serve in our community, please contact our Community Pastor, Shaylee Redmon (shaylee@venturechristian.church).



483

The number of individuals that participated in Venture Out on August 24

86%

The amount of time completed in our NEW LIFE initiative which concludes December 31

107

The average number of 6th-12th grade students attending reformatted programming so far this fall