

NEW LIFE

DECEMBER 2025 UPDATE

Venture Family,

Two years ago this week, Dawn was driving to our family's Thanksgiving while I rode shotgun, signing letters to thank all the families who had committed to NEW LIFE. Fast-forward to this past Sunday—NEW LIFE Celebration Weekend—when we recognized everything that has been accomplished throughout this journey.

What a ride, Venture! Seeing your generosity fuel so many ministry projects over these past two years has been a joy. Yet as we've said from the beginning, NEW LIFE has always been more about what God wants to do in us rather than simply through us.

We've heard countless stories of how NEW LIFE has stretched your faith—stories of sacrifice, trust, and generosity. The 127 families who began giving at Venture for the first time during this season are a powerful reminder of the discipleship and spiritual growth happening within our church family.

As we work to fulfill our commitments through the end of the year, remember that the fruit of NEW LIFE doesn't end here. Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, we're eager to see our backyard continue to be used in new ways. We celebrate with SameAsU, His Eyes, and church planters across the country, knowing that the investments we've made in their ministries will keep bearing fruit. We also look forward to new ministry opportunities in 2026 propelled, in part, by your NEW LIFE generosity.

Thank you, Venture, for your partnership in NEW LIFE as we work to advance God's calling and mission for our congregation.

Sincerely,



Stan Killebrew
Lead Pastor



TOTAL NEW LIFE UPDATE



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

..... **GIVING TO DATE** \$6,297,515
(as of 11/24/2025)



NEW LIFE FOR NEXT GENERATIONS

Throughout the NEW LIFE season, we have aimed 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.

Since NEW LIFE began, we've seen encouraging growth in our Next Gen Ministries. This fall alone, we've welcomed an average of 50% more students and children compared to last fall. To support and continue this momentum, we're excited to add an additional pastoral staff member in 2026! This new full-time role will be dedicated specifically to serving with Jake Smith in our Student Ministry.



Your generous NEW LIFE giving made this possible—eliminating our debt and creating the capacity to invest in this important position.



NEW LIFE FOR OTHERS



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

From the beginning of NEW LIFE, we sensed a clear calling to address mental health needs in our community. Last month, we allocated \$30,000 of NEW LIFE donations to launch this effort. Beginning in January, these funds will be available to help offset the cost of professional counseling—offered both to those who attend Venture

and to individuals within our broader community.

Alongside our Mental Health Assistance Program, we are also excited to welcome two new mission partners into our 2026 budget: SameAsU and Pioneer Bible Translators. In total, 28 missions organizations will receive ongoing support next year, with \$284,800 pledged to ministries and partners beyond Venture.



NEW LIFE FOR VENTURE

NEW LIFE for Venture encompassed all the typical efforts that comprise our regular ministry activities. These efforts, however, were anything but “typical” as we aimed to provide avenues for individuals to seek Jesus at Venture. In all, we have invested close to \$4 million in our ongoing ministries during NEW LIFE.

Each fall, everyone at Venture is encouraged to participate in our Spiritual Growth Journey. This year's focus was on prayer, and together we took steps to strengthen our prayer lives through small group discussions, Sunday services, and personal prayer practices. In total, 534 adults engaged in 43 different groups across Venture, and we were especially encouraged by the 116 individuals who joined a group for the very first time.



As we wrap up the year, we're excited to welcome you—and those you invite—to one of our Christmas Eve services. Join us on December 23 at 6:00 p.m. or on December 24 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. as together we celebrate the hope of Christmas.

\$30K

The amount of NEW LIFE funds that have been set aside to help with our community mental health initiative beginning in January

127

The number of households that have started giving at Venture since the beginning of NEW LIFE

18,000

The number of pounds of groceries donated during Harvest Thanksgiving to help those in our community needing food assistance