

NEW LIFE

APRIL 2024 UPDATE

Venture Family,

Last fall, our church family embarked on a two-year journey of generosity and discipleship called NEW LIFE. This experience has already been so encouraging for me as your pastor, and I'm eager to share our first quarterly update with you.

When we launched NEW LIFE, we had two goals. The primary goal was for each person at Venture to consider what God may do in us during this season. From the youngest in our children's ministry to the most seasoned among us, we were all encouraged to examine the grip we have on our earthly possessions and engage in the mission God has called us to at Venture.

Our secondary goal was to fuel seven million dollars of Kingdom efforts as we seek NEW LIFE in others, in next generations, and in Venture. We knew this secondary goal would be a stretch as it represented 75% more in giving than Venture would typically receive over two years.

Initially, we celebrated a total amount of pledges that was 2% shy of that \$7,000,000 goal. In the weeks following, however, additional pledges were added, pushing our current total to \$7,036,465!

In December, we were challenged to launch the NEW LIFE efforts well by giving a significant initial gift. Your generosity was astounding! This led to a record amount of giving last December. In fact, as of March 31, we've received \$1,512,675 in NEW LIFE donations. This is simply incredible!

While our initial goal of life change is well underway, much of our secondary goal is now beginning to take shape. I hope this update will spur you on in your engagement as we seek Jesus through our NEW LIFE efforts.

Sincerely,



Stan Killebrew
Lead Pastor



For Others



For Next Generations



For Venture

TOTAL NEW LIFE UPDATE



Note: All giving to Venture Christian Church over the next two years counts toward the NEW LIFE goal. If you have any questions about your giving, contact kay@venturechristian.church or call 317-846-9828.



NEW LIFE FOR NEXT GENERATIONS

Throughout the NEW LIFE season, we aim to invest \$1.1 million to assure our children and students are set up to thrive as they become the next generation of leaders in the church. We recently opened applications to host a Student Worship Resident. This apprenticeship will provide a training ground for a young adult seeking a career in serving the local church.



You can specifically help with this in two ways:

- 1) Do you know someone who may benefit from this residency opportunity? If so, direct them to venturechristian.church/jobs for more information.
- 2) Would you be willing to host a young adult in your home? We're looking for a host home that could provide housing for a minimum of three months at a time. If you'd like to learn more, please contact jake@venturechristian.church.



NEW LIFE FOR VENTURE

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



In the last three months, we have provided several unique opportunities for those at Venture to connect with Jesus. Our Children's Ministry took 36 students to a weekend of CIY SuperStart, and our Student Ministry is poised to take record numbers of middle schoolers to CIY Mix and high schoolers to CIY Move this summer. Venture Women recently hosted a weekend conference, IF:Venture, where 161 ladies connected with Jesus and each other.

Finally, we had planned to provide funding for future staff and ministry growth. Early efforts of generosity have enabled us to establish the Communications Director and Community Pastor positions, which are both now filled.



NEW LIFE FOR OTHERS

Throughout the next two years, we plan to invest \$1.65 million in local and global outreach efforts. In addition to our regular \$300,000 per year in missionary and mission organizations support, we are planning to more than double the amount of funds we give away to others over the next two years.

On the Venture campus, we are planning to construct a new space for our food pantry in an effort to better welcome those in our community who are facing food insecurity. Additionally, we have designed a more hospitable south side of our property to welcome our community to a park-like setting with recreation courts, an outdoor patio, and green space. Make plans now to invite your ONE to join you to "play in the backyard."

Currently, we are in the preliminary phases of our design process, and we hope to break ground later this summer.



1,047

The number of families served in the food pantry in 2023

\$75,544

Funds already invested in local and global mission and outreach efforts since the beginning of NEW LIFE.

28

The number of new households giving to Venture since the beginning of NEW LIFE