



NEW LIFE

DECEMBER 2024 UPDATE

Venture Family,

It was just twelve months ago when the vision of our NEW LIFE initiative began to become a reality. A few weeks after we shared our initial amount of anticipated NEW LIFE giving, several more pledges pushed us beyond our \$7 million goal.

Earlier this week, I was able to share the results of our Midpoint Commitment Sunday. As of this printing, our updated NEW LIFE total is \$7,265,157! The fulfillment of this anticipated giving will allow us to accomplish all of our NEW LIFE efforts while paying down even more long-term debt than originally anticipated. In fact, by this point next year, we should be very close to paying off all of our debt.

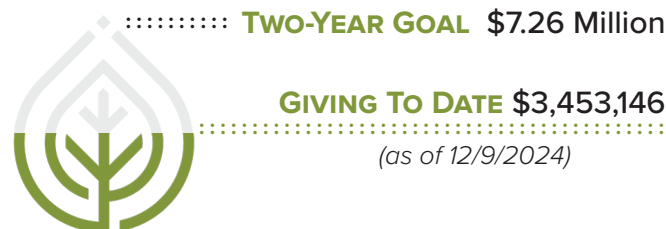
Of course, these figures represent the secondary goal of NEW LIFE. The primary goal continues to be the journey of discipleship we experience as we all determine what God would do in us during this season of expanded generosity. Throughout the month of November, I've been encouraged to hear stories of how NEW LIFE continues to shape those in our congregation. If you have yet to view these videos, be sure to watch them at venturechristian.church/new-life-stories.

At this halfway point in our initiative, we hope to give not only a financial update on each area of NEW LIFE, but also an update on the impact these concentrated efforts have had. While some of the most visual results have been the construction on the south lawn (for which we've paid cash throughout the construction process), there are other stories of spiritual transformation. These focused areas of **others**, the **next generation**, and **Venture** continue to propel the mission of our ministry as we aim to *seek Jesus and see you!*



Sincerely,

Stan Killebrew
Lead Pastor



Note: All giving to Venture Christian Church through 2025 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 VENTURE - 43% ALREADY INVESTED

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.

So far, we have invested \$1,836,805 in the NEW LIFE for Venture projects. Aside from the funding of our day-to-day ministries, which includes staffing and administration, funds have also been invested in providing a new storage location for our groundskeeping equipment. The back half of the new facility on the south lawn will soon house all of our groundskeeping equipment. Each summer, these tools allow over 40 volunteers to beautifully maintain our 25 acres.



In year two of NEW LIFE, we will continue to resource our regular ministry activities while also providing a small amount of funding for interior and mechanical updates to our original building.



NEW LIFE FOR NEXT GENERATIONS - 26% ALREADY INVESTED



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.

While this is the *smallest* area of financial impact in NEW LIFE, it has the potential to have the *longest* impact. \$287,633 has been invested to provide our younger generations with opportunities to connect with others through the use of our youth patio and sports courts. Additionally, we’ve launched a residency program which now has two Next Gen residents, Marina Andrews and Kimi Moody.

In year two of NEW LIFE, we aim to continue our residency program, finish our outdoor facilities, including a new playground, and pay down a significant portion of previously held debt.



NEW LIFE FOR OTHERS - 54% ALREADY INVESTED

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.

This section of NEW LIFE is at the heart of who we are as a church and who we want to be in our community. So far, \$895,019 has been invested in the NEW LIFE for Others category. This includes our regular missions support as well as amplified efforts including Venture Out and a special one-time gift to Same As U. A portion of these funds have also been utilized to pay for the construction of the front half of the new building which will soon house our food pantry.



1,200

The estimated number of visitors during this year’s Trunk or Treat.

285

The number of trees, shrubs, plants, and grasses that were planted as part of the patio landscaping.

20

The number of current Venture staff (part-time and full-time) including our two new residents.