

March 2025 Update

Venture Family,

It's happening! The other day, I looked out my office window and saw a pair of neighborhood kids playing basketball on our new sports court. It was cold, and there weren't yet any court markings, but that didn't stop them. They felt welcome and saw an opportunity to enjoy a space we created for our community!

Later that same day, I watched as a line of neighbors gathered outside our new facility to receive food from our new food pantry. Moments like these remind me of our prayers throughout NEW LIFE—asking God to work in us so He can work through us.

Beyond the physical updates to our campus resulting from NEW LIFE, I was thrilled by the continuing impact of our ONE LIFE emphasis during the Christmas season. We had 1,486 people attend Christmas Eve services—a 10.5% increase from last year, which was already an 8% increase from the year before. This shows that Venture is stepping up to the challenge of personal evangelism in a powerful way. With Easter just over a month away, I encourage you to start thinking—who will you invite?

With the first phase of NEW LIFE nearly complete, most of our outdoor construction is finished, but there's still more to do. In the months ahead, we'll continue expanding our efforts to meet community needs, including mental health support and affordable daycare. We're also excited about upcoming global mission projects, partnering with His Eyes in Honduras, and supporting new church plants across the U.S. In addition, we're committed to paying down a significant portion of our debt-all made possible by your generosity.

Venture, thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity! Every step forward in these NEW LIFE initiatives is a result of your commitment.







Sincerely,

Stan Killebrew Lead Pastor



::::::::: Two-YEAR GOAL \$7.26 Million

GIVING TO DATE \$4,165,371 (as of 2/28/2025)



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.



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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.

This spring, we've seen record participation in focused discipleship events! In early March, 34 fourth- to sixth-graders from our Children's Ministry attended SuperStart, a weekend conference designed just for preteens. Our Student Ministry is also seeing incredible momentum, with a record-breaking 95 students registered for this summer's MIX and MOVE Summer Camps.



But these powerful moments of spiritual growth aren't just for our youth. This month, dozens of men will attend a men's conference, and our annual women's event, IF:Venture, promises to be another impactful weekend of faith, connection, and encouragement. Thanks to NEW LIFE for Venture funds, these life-changing experiences are possible. Your generosity helps cover essential costs beyond registration fees, ensuring that more people can grow in their faith. Thank you for making these opportunities a reality!



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.

Last month, we completed the installation of a brand-new playground. Our previous playground equipment, which had been moved to three locations over the years, had finally shown its wear and tear. That's why we partnered with our Weekday Preschool to invest in a safer, more durable play area.

This new playground isn't just for our preschool—it's a destination for the entire community! New sidewalks now connect the playground with our patios and sports court, inviting everyone to "play in our backyard!"



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 February 12, we had the joy of welcoming guests to our new food pantry facility. Venture volunteers and community members continue to praise the bright, welcoming space where we provide not only food but also the hope of Jesus.

From May 5-7, Venture will host a special training for church planters, welcoming leaders from over a dozen churches across the U.S. Join us in praying for the far-reaching impact this could have in strengthening and launching new churches nationwide.



128

The number of families to visit our Food Pantry for the first time in 2024.

165

The number of children aged 2 - Kindergarten currently enrolled in our Weekday Preschool.

129

The number of Venture youth 4th-12th grade who have registered for multi-day events in 2025.