



JULY 2025 UPDATE

Venture Family,

We are now well over halfway through our NEW LIFE journey. From the beginning, we've asked God to show us what He might do in us and through us during this season of expanded generosity. As your pastor, my prayer is that NEW LIFE has inspired you to pray bold prayers, take courageous steps of faith, and trust God with what comes next.

This past Sunday marked another incredible milestone in our NEW LIFE journey. In June, Venture's leadership took one of those bold steps—and we're thrilled to share the news with you. **Venture is now completely debt free!** Yes, you read that right. We have officially paid off the entirety of our debt.

While debt relief has always been part of the NEW LIFE vision, we didn't originally expect to have the resources to eliminate it completely.

For the past 25 years, our church family has been blessed to use this beautiful property on Hazel Dell. Transforming 22 acres of farmland into a thriving church campus—with worship space, classrooms, a preschool, and a food pantry—has taken years of sacrifice, prayer, and investment.

As we considered our next steps, we sensed God's leading to fully retire our debt. Doing so allows us to move forward to pursue new ministry opportunities without the weight of past financial commitments.

Even as we celebrate this milestone, we remember that our facility is just a tool for ministry. A tool that this year welcomed 1,333 people for Easter, 587 kids for VBS, hundreds more for pickleball and basketball games, and countless families through the doors of our new Food Pantry building.

Thank you, Venture, for walking by faith and trusting God's provision. Let's continue to believe that the best is still ahead in this NEW LIFE season.

Sincerely,

Stan Killebrew
Lead Pastor



TOTAL NEW LIFE UPDATE

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

GIVING TO DATE \$5,228,413

(as of 6/30/2025)



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.



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.

Last month, Venture welcomed 587 individual children to a five-night Vacation Bible School (VBS). Kids ages 3–12 came together each evening for high-energy worship, engaging games, and meaningful spiritual growth. This incredible experience was made possible by the generous financial support of NEW LIFE and the dedicated service of 232 unique volunteers who gave their time throughout the week.



During VBS, children were also encouraged to support His Eyes, a mission in Honduras. Their goal was to raise \$4,000 to help ship a Basic Utility Vehicle to aid the ministry’s operations. Their generosity exceeded all expectations—together, they donated over \$9,000, more than doubling the original goal and demonstrating the power of a giving heart.



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 key goal of NEW LIFE was to significantly reduce Venture’s debt—freeing future generations to fully pursue new ministry opportunities without being burdened by the costs of past capital projects. As a June 2025 refinancing deadline approached, Venture’s leadership sensed a clear prompting to eliminate the debt entirely. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of those who gave to NEW LIFE and years of faithful stewardship and savings, that vision became a reality. For the first time since 1997, Venture is completely debt-free!



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.

Venture has had a long-established relationship with His Eyes, a Christ-centered organization dedicated to bringing both spiritual and physical healing to the people of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Last month, it was our featured missions partner during VBS, where children learned about its impactful work. In addition, 27 students and adults from Venture traveled to Honduras on a 10-day mission trip to experience firsthand the heart and vision of this ministry.



One of His Eyes’ current goals is to expand its reach by establishing a surgical center to serve patients with more complex medical needs. The first step in this vision is to equip their staff with advanced medical training. On June 22, Dr. Darwin Pineda visited Venture, where we had the honor of presenting him with funding to cover a portion of the cost of his ophthalmology training. Over the next three years, Dr. Pineda will complete his training—empowering His Eyes to help even more Hondurans restore their vision through compassionate, Christ-centered care.

106

The number of families who have given to Venture for the first time since December 2023

6/16/25

The date Venture’s debt was fully paid off, concluding 27 years of investment

819

The number of individual children and volunteers involved in VBS