

**NEW LIFE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
of **LA MESA**

**New Life News - Week of October 16, 2022**

# **SESSION UPDATE**

***Intermission Update ~ Visiting Missionary ~ Operation Christmas Child***

## ***Session Meeting Update***

The pastors and elders met Thursday October 14, from 6:30p to 10p. Pastor Joel gave a short devotional from Mark 14, calling the officers to remember our need to spend and sacrifice for Christ's sake. All elders, both pastors, and two trustees were in attendance. The Session has been interviewing new members, and 17 will be joining the church soon. We heard from the Mission Committee that 3Q giving has been strong. We heard an update on the Solar Project from the Trustees. We're thankful that this project is moving forward, as it will allow us to allocate more money for ministry in future years. The Session voted unanimously to join the Alliance Defending Freedom, which provides legal help to churches. This is a needed service in days when there can be litigation against churches seeking to uphold the biblical sexual ethic, amongst other things, at which the world takes offense. Greg Leiser was appointed the new Treasurer, and his "Recommendations for Improvements in Financial Reporting and Controls" was adopted. A number of items were announced and agreed to: Pastor Connor is now serving the Stated Clerk of the South Coast Presbytery; to do so, Pastor Connor has stepped down from the Ordination Team of the SCP. Also, as our membership grows, the Elders' Shepherding Lists will be updated and published church-wide once the nearly 20 new members have been added to them. Finally, an estimate for new flooring in the children's classrooms has been received but will be discussed later.

The Session then walked through the 2023 Budget, which had been developed by the Trustees, making needed adjustments to meet the appropriate financial targets. We are very thankful for the Trustees and the work they put into developing next year's budget.

In January, we will be hosting the meeting of South Coast Presbytery at New Life. As that time approaches, we will make volunteer needs known.

With a sense of heaviness, we accepted a Letter of Resignation from Elder Guy Kemp. Guy has served faithfully in the offices of Deacon, Trustee, and Ruling Elder for 37 years, over half his life. We are so very thankful for his godliness, maturity, levity, and gravity that he brings to each decision and season of our ministry. Pastor Connor quickly moved that the Session put him forward to be voted Elder Emeritus at our January Congregational Meeting. That motion passed unanimously.

## ***Intermission Update***

October 12 saw the start of our our Midweek Ministry Night: Intermission. We have clubs and studies for all ages. We had over 60 in attendance with 15 youth from 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, with a number of visitors and new families!

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### Visiting Missionaries


The Johnson Family will be with us on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ben will preach in morning worship and present in Adult Sunday School. Stop by their display on the Mission Wall to familiarize yourself with them and their ministry. And don't forget to visit <https://www.newlifelamesa.org/programs/missions> to stay up to date on New Life's Cross-Cultural Missionaries.



### Operation Christmas Child

See Walker Scott at the Operation Christmas Child table in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday to collect boxes to be filled with items to give as gifts to Children around the world this Christmas. The boxes will be due between November 14-21.





## Mark Your Calendar

Wednesdays @ 5:30p - 8p Intermission  
October 28-30 - Reformation Conference 2022 @ NLPC  
November 20 @ 4p - New Life Thanksgiving Feast with Worship in the Fellowship Hall following.

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