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# NewLife NEWS

Week of April 26, 2026

CONGREGATION MEETING ~ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ~ VBS

## Giving Update January - March 2026

General Fund update

Year to date as of March 31, 2026:

Giving \$ 149,485

Budget \$ 198,672

Shortfall \$ (49,187)

## Congregation Meeting

*Sunday, May 17*

The Session is pleased to announce a called Congregation meeting on 17 May 2026 for all communing members in good and regular standing. In accordance with the PCA's constitution, after over a year of training, and Session examination on 8 April 2026, the Session unanimously and joyfully approve members Vince Ortiz and Dave Fredrickson to stand before you for consideration for election to the office of Ruling Elder; and members Brian Barnes and Brad Beyenhof to stand before you for your consideration for election to the office of Deacon. Those elected by you on 17 May will be ordained and installed during a future worship service. Congratulations to these men! Get to know them; ask questions prior to the meeting; pray for them!

## Missions Conference - Dr. Richard Pratt

We trust you were encouraged by the messages from Dr. Richard Pratt during our recent missions conference. You can watch or re-watch either of them on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeLaMesa/streams>. If you would also like to stay connected with work of Thirdmill, you can scan the QR code below or visit their website, <https://thirdmill.org> and use the CONNECT option to join their mailing list. As we prayerfully consider ongoing support for Thirdmill, we are also making a designated giving option available through our online giving portal for the next few weeks.



## Marriage Retreat - Save the Date!

*Thursday - Saturday, October 22-24 2026*

A special weekend designed to strengthen your marriage and deepen your connection!

Rough Acres Ranch in Boulevard, CA

More information to come.

## Past New Life Sermons: Did you know...?

There are several ways to listen to New Life sermons.

- 1) Visit our website and go to **On Demand**,
- 2) Visit our **YouTube** channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeLaMesa> to watch livestreams, rewatch past sermons and full morning services, or share the "shorts" with others. Please subscribe to the channel as that will boost our visibility.
- 3) If you use a **podcast app** that supports "Subscribe by URL" — Apple Podcasts, Overcast, Pocket Casts as examples—you can subscribe using the feed <https://www.newlifelamesa.org/podcasts/media.rss>. Both AM and PM sermons each week will show up automatically for you!

We hope to make sermons available in the future on other popular platforms like Spotify, Amazon Music, and iHeartRadio.

## All Saints Presbyterian Church Support

For those who would like to continue supporting the All Saints church plant, we encourage you to give directly to their website, <https://www.aspchurch.com/give/>. The New Life giving portal will be removed soon.

## Sunday Volunteers Needed

What a blessing it is to have a congregation that joyfully serves one another. These important ministries of New Life are in need of additional people as other volunteers have been lead to serve in other ministries. Please prayerfully consider how you may serve in the following areas.

### Mark Your Calendars

**May 7**

Craft Night

**May 16**

San Diego Rescue Mission Outreach  
Opportunity

**July 20-24**

Vacation Bible School

**October 22-24**

Marriage Retreat

**a gospel community joyfully loving God & others**

**Nursery:** 1-2 additional adults to volunteer for one Sunday a month, every other month. A sign-up sheet can be found at the table in the foyer for anyone interested in helping in the nursery.

**Morning Coffee:** 1-2 people are needed for every 4th Sunday, and 1-2 people are needed for every 5th Sunday. Please contact Alan Lewis.

## Calling All VBS Warriors!

Pray for VBS! Pray that God would inspire the VBS team with ideas that would be fun, yet simple and memorable for the kids!

VBS DATES/Times: July 20-24; 9a-12p

## Global Missions

Our three Missionaries of the Month for April are **Jon and Katie Bonker** who serve with RUF-I (Reformed University Fellowship – International) at the University of Florida <https://ruf.org/ministry/university-of-florida-ruf-international/>



**David and Meredith Billingslea** who work with RUF-I at University of California, San Diego

<https://ruf.org/ministry/university-of-california-san-diego-ruf-international/>, and

the **Pakistan Lahore Mission** division of **Westminster Biblical Missions**. <https://wbminc.org/index.php/our-fields/pakistan-lahore>. If you would enjoy further information about their various ministries, grab a flyer from the Mission Wall today or read about their ministry at their websites listed above. Pray for them as they bring the good news to the nations, at home and abroad.

MERF (Middle East Reformed Fellowship)-- Pray for the believers in Pakistan who are in need of more trained spiritual leaders. Pray for the unbelievers in Ethiopia who are being reached by MERF's radio ministry, now in 3 languages. Pray for hearts to be transformed and for the gospel to be spread in these challenging regions. Praise God for ongoing opportunities for creative ministry and access to unreached people via many platforms. Pray that the Lord would increase the harvest through this good work in the Middle East and beyond).

## H.O.M.E. (Home Missions, Outreach, Ministry & Evangelism)

Check out: [the Ministry of the H.O.M.E. Committee](#).

### San Diego Rescue Mission Outreach Opportunity

Save the date: **Saturday May 16** in the MAC as we assemble toiletry kits for the San Diego Rescue Mission. We have a goal of filling 200 bags. The donation table will be set up April 26 and May 3. Families and Lift Groups encouraged to come on May 16th to fill the bags.

We have made fantastic progress on our collections. The numbers below are the number of items still needed:

- Water bottles: 176
- Pairs of Socks: 132
- Mini flashlights: 188
- Toothbrushes: 98

- Travel sized toothpaste: 96
- Travel sized shampoo: 194
- Travel sized conditioner: 199
- Travel sized body soap: 187
- Travel sized deodorant: 187
- Travel sized body lotion: 199
- Small pack Body wipes: 196
- Protein packs: 177

## Embrace Grace

K will be moving up north soon. She has a new job at her new location. We rejoice that she is now married and receiving support from her new husband. Please pray that her friendship with Erika continues to grow and that she has the strength to continue working.

## Church Family Requests

- Continue to pray for treatments and complete healing for Cheryl M., Peter H., Sarah F., Brian S., Valerie T., Scott T., K.C., and Sally N.
- Pray for strength and grace to endure for Joe C., Jeri M., Norma D., Nancy W., Anita P., Joyce K., Steve P., Berta M. and their caregivers.
- Pray for our singles, that they would wholeheartedly serve God.
- Pray for those couples desiring to be parents or enlarge their family, for patience and grace as they wait upon the Lord.
- Pray for our expecting mothers, Sarah R., and Sascha H.

## This Week @ New Life

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### Sunday, April 26

- 8:45a Pre-service Prayer meeting in Room 202
- 9:30a Morning Worship Service
- 10:50a Coffee and refreshments
- 11:15a Higher ED/Sunday School
- 12:15p New Life Orchestra Spring Rehearsals
- 5:00p Evening Worship

### Monday

- 5:00p Guys' Night hosted by Jim Dossett

### Tuesday

- 6:30a Men's Bible Study at Simple Coffee

### Wednesday

- 10:00a Women's Bible Study
- 6:00p NEWTH Group
- 6:15p Women's Bible Study

### Thursday

- 7:00a Men's Prayer
- 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

### Friday

- 10:00a Coffee with Coco at Panera in Grossmont Center

### Sunday, May 3

- 8:45a Pre-service Prayer meeting in Room 202
- 9:30a Morning Worship Service
- 10:50a Coffee and refreshments
- 11:15a Higher ED/Sunday School
- 5:00p Evening Worship

New Life Newsletter submission deadline by end of day Wednesday to [comms@newlifemesa.org](mailto:comms@newlifemesa.org)