

Dear New Life Community,

This week marks six months since I have joined this church with my family as your lead pastor. In some ways, it feels like so very much has happened in that short time, and yet everything is still very fresh! I've been impressed by the warmth of this church family and your sincere desire to see the community of Dinuba welcomed into the diverse body of Christ that we belong to. Studying the Biblical letter to the Ephesians together this summer—exploring themes of new life and community—is deepening my own conviction that the world needs Jesus-centered communities like ours to invite people into an encounter with the transformative power of the gospel. I'm genuinely excited to do this work alongside you.

As some of you know (far better than I do!), **the end of August marks the close of our current fiscal year.** While we've seen encouraging growth in Sunday attendance, **we have only been contributing around 80% of our needed budget** to this late stage of the budget cycle—a shortfall of approximately **\$60,000.** As we crunch numbers in the office, wade through excel sheets, prepare reports, and pray towards the year ahead, we are sometimes reminded of our limitations and boundaries. There's a gap between the good we'd like to do, and the resources we have in hand to see that good come into reality. It's easy to feel limited—too human, even—for the decisions before us and the dreamed-for impact that God is giving us.

And yet, in the midst of this Monday morning apprehension, I call to mind our closing Scripture from the Sunday morning before:

*"[T]his grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the **boundless riches of Christ**, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery."* – Ephesians 3:8b-9a

Paul speaks here of both **mission** and **administration**—and he ties them to the **boundless riches of Christ.** The Greek word he uses, *anexichniastos*, literally means "untraceable" or "unable to be tracked." In other words: you can take as many steps as you want, but you'll never find the edge of Jesus' abundance.

These are riches that no Bezos, Musk, of any other billionaire executive can hold a candle to, because the riches of Christ aren't purely financial, but speak to the very heart and soul of the person and community—with power to save and pay off every debt (yours and mine alike). *THIS* Jesus is the One Whose vision we at **New Life Community Dinuba** are committed to invest in – and our future is bound up with boundless love and provision of Christ. Yes, we may be bound disappoint one another, but **Christ's love abounds** and is made complete in our weakness. Our budgets and energies and patience are all bounded and less than we'd like them to be, and still, Christ graciously invites us to partner with Him and His boundless riches for the sake of others.

As we approach the end of this budget year, I want to **invite you to pray** about making a **special financial gift this month** or beginning a **new recurring commitment** as we enter the year ahead. Whether it's a one-time gift or a step toward regular giving, **your contribution matters.** It helps us continue to invite people into the good news of Jesus—the One who reveals the mystery of belonging, community, and new life.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your faith. May we glorify Jesus this year!
Grace and Peace, *peace!*




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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Memory Verse for this month: 1 Peter 1:15-16</i></p>	<p><i>"... Be holy, because I am holy."</i></p>	 <p>BACK TO SCHOOL</p> <p><i>Pray for students, teachers, staff, families</i></p>	<p>30 (2 PM Open Gate food distribution each Wed.) 6 PM Youth Gym Night 6:30 PM Prayer</p>	<p>31 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 10 AM-2 PM Celebrate Recovery event</p>
<p>3 10 AM Worship Service/ Communion 11:30 Fundraiser lunch 5 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 6 AM Men's Bible Study 7:30 AM DUSD Mtgs. 6:30 PM GriefShare</p>	<p>6 7:30 AM DUSD Meeting 6:30 PM Prayer</p>	<p>7 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 <i>Give a donation for MCC school kit supplies through August 17!</i></p>
<p>10 10 AM Worship Service & Kids' Water Day 5 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>11 <i>Dinuba schools begin</i></p>	<p>12 6 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM DUSD Mtg. 6:30 PM GriefShare</p>	<p>13 <i>Immanuel & KCUSD schools begin</i> 6:30 PM Prayer</p>	<p>14 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>15 <i>Women's Retreat final payments due by today</i></p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 10 AM Worship Service (Guest John Drotos) 5 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 6 AM Men's Study 10 AM Summer LIFT Bible Study 6:30 PM GriefShare</p>	<p>20 6:30 PM Prayer</p>	<p>21 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>22 <i>22-24 Hartland Fall Festival -----</i></p>	<p>23 <i>Hartland Fall Festival, continued</i></p>
<p>24 10 AM Worship Service 5 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 6 AM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM GriefShare</p>	<p>27 6:30 PM Prayer</p>	<p>28 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>29 End of fiscal year on 31st</p>	<p>30 </p>
<p>31 10 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Family Meal 5 PM Youth Leaders Mtg</p>	 <p>LABOR DAY Office closed</p>	<p>NOTES SEPTEMBER PREVIEW: 1--Labor Day holiday; 7--Communion Sunday; 9--LIFT Women's Bible Study begins fall schedule; 12-14--Hartland Women's Retreat; 21--100th Anniversary Celebration; Members' Meeting planned for Oct. 5 Calendar accurate as of 7/29/25--most events also on our website calendar at www.newlifedinuba.org</p>				