

Dear New Life Community,

September 2025

This month we celebrate our 100th anniversary as a church. It's an incredible milestone that testifies both to God's faithfulness to His people and to the faithfulness of those who came before us in carrying the good news entrusted to them. When you think about all that has changed in a century, 100 years can seem almost impossible to measure! As our brother Otto has remarked, at our 75th anniversary there were still living witnesses who had been there from day one—charter members, so to speak. But at this milestone moment, those saints are no longer with us.

Perhaps that is why the Bible's description of a centenarian agent of deliverance—Moses—has recently caught my attention. Scripture records:

"Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated."

-Deuteronomy 34:7 (ESV)

The radical shifts and events that Moses personally encountered throughout his lifetime, from his infant voyage on the Nile to the parting of the Red Sea; his royal upbringing in Pharaoh's house to his fugitive status as a wanted man, from many years of exile till the whole burning bush deal to eventually many years in the desert again; from a staff that become a snake to a staff that cured snake bites, 10 plagues to 10 commandments, golden calf then 10 commandments again, let's just observe that the man had seen a movie or two's worth of things through his past hundred years! Which is why it's so incredible, that to the very end, when the LORD called him home, Moses still had the perspective to see and the strength to participate in the work God had called him to. However grey-headed he became, you couldn't put one past him and you couldn't outwork him, because God granted him longevity.

Now, to be clear, Moses had learned some practical wisdom along the way: not taking matters into his own hands (Exodus 2:11–22), learning the importance of delegation (Exodus 18:13–26), and even preparing a succession plan (Deuteronomy 31–34). But what strikes me as most impressive about Moses' later years, is that even when he learned that he would not be able to enter the Promised Land himself, he did not lose the glister from his eye or the pep in his step, rather, he remained devoted to God's people and God's plan for their best.

Today, by contrast, there are so many leaders who burnout at young ages to become bitter. Collectively, there are more churches that close their doors for the last time than open them for the first time. Personally and collectively, the distractions that pull our eyes 'off the ball' and off-mission in this 'attention economy' are innumerable, and the challenges that sap our strength and energies are endless. Which makes it such a weighty blessing to have this 100 year legacy to give thanks for, reflect upon, and leverage for the blessing of the future generations.

May our eyes be kept undimmed – clearly focused on loving God and our neighbors.
May the God Who is our strength, keep us steadfast in faith and love.
And may we celebrate 100 years well, with a bright hope for the decades to come.




-Pastor Brad Isaak

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 10 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Family Meal 5 PM Youth Leaders Mtg	1  LABOR DAY Office closed	2 6 AM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM GriefShare	3 (Open Gate food distribution 2 PM each Wed.) 6:30 PM Prayer	4 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery	5	6
7 10 AM Worship Service & Communion 5 PM Youth Group	8	9 6 AM Men's Bible Study 9 AM LIFT Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM GriefShare	10 8 AM DUSD Mtg. 6:30 PM Prayer	11 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery	12	13  HARTLAND WOMEN'S RETREAT
14 8:30 AM Growth Class 10 AM Worship Service 5 PM Youth Group	15	16 6 AM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM GriefShare	17 6:30 PM Prayer	18 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery	19	20
21 9:00 AM Connecting Point (extended) 10 AM Worship Service & 100th Anniversary Celebration & Meal	22  Our Church's 100 th Anniversary	23 6 AM Men's Bible Study 9 AM LIFT Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM GriefShare	24 6:30 PM Prayer	25 8:30 AM DUSD Mtg. 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery	26 Information Booth at Dinuba's Raisin Day -- Rose Ann Vuich Park	27 Information Booth at Dinuba's Raisin Day -- Rose Ann Vuich Park
28 8:30 AM Growth Class 10 AM Worship Service 5 PM Youth Group	29	30 6 AM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM GriefShare	1 6:30 PM Prayer	2 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery	3	4
Memory Verse for this month: Galatians 6:2	<i>"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."</i>	NOTES OCTOBER PREVIEW: 5--Communion Sunday; 11--Immanuel Schools' 17th Annual Auction; 19--Semi-Annual Member Meeting; 26--Family Fun Night Calendar accurate as of 8/22/25 -- most events also on website calendar at www.newlifedinuba.org				