



NewLife NEWS

Week of October 4, 2026

EXPLORE NEW LIFE ~ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ~ REFCON 2026

Explore New Life - NEW DATE

Sunday, **October 11, 12:00pm-2:00pm; Room 204**

Want to learn more about New Life? Whether you're considering membership or simply want to get to know us better, **Explore New Life** is a great place to start! Come hear about who we are, what we believe, and how we practice our faith together. **Lunch is provided!** Register [HERE](#)

RefCon 2026

Friday - Saturday, October 30-31, 2026

Join us for **RefCon 2026** with Dr. Derek Rishmawy as he leads us to encounter God's fiery holiness and consider what reforming holiness looks like in our hearts, our doctrine, and our churches.



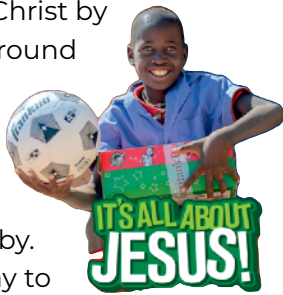
Dr. Rishmawy serves as an RUF campus minister at UC Irvine and is an ordained teaching elder in the PCA. Through his writing, speaking, and *Mere Fidelity* podcast, he helps Christians think deeply about Scripture and the Christian life.

Advance Registration: \$20 | Same-Day Admission: \$40
Children, students under 21 & Westminster Seminary students: Free.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Operation Christmas Child

Spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by packing a shoebox for children around the world. See Walker Scott in the lower lobby for boxes, gift suggestions, and instructions. Please begin dropping off shoeboxes at the table in the lobby. **November 23, 2026** is the last day to drop-off shoeboxes.



Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

After faithfully serving New Life for several years, our Facilities Maintenance Supervisor (FMS), Jim Dossett, will step down from this position on December 15, 2026. We are grateful for his faithful service and care for our church facilities.

The Trustees are now accepting applications for the FMS position. If you have experience with facility maintenance, contractor coordination, or custodial work—or know someone who may be a good fit—please review the job description [HERE](#). To apply or learn more, please contact the church office.

South Coast Presbytery

Pastoral Intern Nicki Okada was brought under care of the South Coast Presbytery at this week's meetings. Here he is introducing himself and giving his testimony.



Pastor Jim Megchelsen's transfer from the Chicago Presbytery of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to the South Coast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America was approved by the SCP at meetings this week. We will soon announce the date of his installation service as our Assistant Pastor!

Global Missions

Our Missionaries for the month of October are **Pastor Mark and Megumi Bocanegra** who serve with MTW at Kaihin Makuhari Grace Church in Kaihin Makuhari, Japan. Mark and Megumi have 5 children. They are praising the Lord for providing the church the opportunity to purchase a piece of land in Japan. Please be in prayer for the details of purchase and eventually the construction to go smoothly. Praise God for eight new people in the preparation class, one elder candidate, and one pastoral candidate. The church is growing and God is indeed working in Japan! (www.bocanegrasinjapan.com)



MTW-**R&B** send requests for prayer for their trip to the Middle East. They will spend the next 2 months training other MTW teams. Pray for safety and fruitful work. Please also pray for those being trained—may they be blessed with courage to boldly take the gospel into hostile lands.

New Life Newsletter submission deadline by end of day **TUESDAY** to comms@newlifelamesa.org Anything submitted after the deadline will be placed in the newsletter the following week.

H.O.M.E. Committee Update

Home Missions • Outreach • Mercy • Evangelism

“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.” Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. —Matt. 5:13–16

San Diego Rescue Mission — Mission Academy Graduation

Join H.O.M.E. in celebrating the **2026 Mission Academy graduating class** of the San Diego Rescue Mission. This special occasion recognizes the graduates as they complete the Mission’s year-long residential program and look toward new beginnings. **Planning to attend? Contact Debbie Seifert at (619) 787-9482** for carpool details and to reserve a seat. Come celebrate with the graduates. Encourage them as they take their next steps.

**Saturday, October 24**

**10:30 AM–12:00 PM**

**First Presbyterian Church**
320 Date St., San Diego, CA 92101

**CARPOOL FROM NEW LIFE**

[Mission Academy Graduation — Learn More](#)

Devotional, Donuts & Fellowship

On Thursday, September 17, Pastor Jim joined some 70 enthusiastic staff members at the **San Diego Rescue Mission** downtown campus for a time of devotional reflection and fellowship. The morning provided a wonderful opportunity for New Life to encourage and serve SDRM staff.

Through the **generous support of New Lifers**, H.O.M.E. was able to provide seven dozen donuts to make the gathering a little sweeter—a small gift, but a meaningful expression of our church family’s love and appreciation for those serving our city’s most vulnerable.

H.O.M.E. Meetings • Noon • Conference Room

October 11 • November 15 • December 13

See the [New Life Web Calendar](#) for the latest meeting details.

Church Family Requests

- Treatments and complete healing for Cheryl M., Peter H., Sarah F., Brian S., Valerie T., Scott T., K.C., and Sally N.
- Strength and grace for Joe C., Jeri M., Norma D., Nancy W., Joyce K., Steve P., and their caregivers.
- Comfort for Linda Cully and family as they mourn the loss of John and Sandra Cully.
- Our singles, that they would wholeheartedly serve the Lord.
- Couples desiring to become parents or grow their families, for patience and grace as they wait upon the Lord.
- Expecting mothers, Allison F., Ardyn C., and Ashley O.

This Week @ New Life

For more information: 619-667-5999

Sunday, October 4

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 10:00a Women's' Bible Study in Room 204
- 5:30p GEMs/Cadets
- 6:00p Newth Group
- 6:15p Women's' Bible Study in Room 202

Thursday

- 7:00a Men's Prayer
- 5:00p Pickleball
- 6:00p Craft Night
- 7:00p Choir

Saturday

- 10:00a Pickleball

Sunday, October 11

- 8:45a Pre-service Prayer meeting in Room 202
- 9:30a Morning Worship Service
- 10:50a Coffee and refreshments
- 11:15a HigherED/Sunday School
- 12:00p H.O.M.E Committee Meeting in the Conference Room
- 12:00p Explore New Life
- 3:00p Women's Mission Prayer Meeting on Zoom
- 5:00p Evening Worship

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October

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Don't miss

Explore New Life

10.11 12^{pm}

Marriage Retreat

10.22 4^{pm}

Marriage Retreat

10.23 7^{am}

Marriage Retreat

10.24 9^{am}

RefCon

10.30 7^{pm}

RefCon

10.31 9^{am}

Reformation Party

10.31 5:30^{pm}