

GET TO KNOW US



New Life

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



OUR MISSION

EVERYONE MATURE IN CHRIST

The mission of New Life Presbyterian Church is to present everyone mature in Christ. We seek to accomplish this by:



Worshipping the God of the Gospel



Growing in grace together as a church



Communicating the changeless Christ to the changing culture



OUR VALUES

WE VALUE

Bible-centeredness

The Bible is the infallible authority and defines everything we say and do.

Unity

We pursue unity over efficiency and leading through consensus.

Respect

We esteem and embrace everyone as image bearers of God.

Humility

We count others more important than ourselves.

Integrity

Truth and grace define and drive all that we do.

Service

Everyone uses his/her God-given gifts and skills to serve others.

Excellence

We seek excellence in everything we do.

OUR HISTORY



1970s

1978 Point Loma OPC plants **Covenant of Grace OPC** in Mira Mesa, hoping to create a Presbyterian presence in North County. Soon after, the church moves to Escondido.

1979 **Dick Kaufmann** is received as Senior Pastor of Covenant of Grace.



1980s

1983 The church now known as New Life Presbyterian Church (NLPC) purchases a **4.3-acre lot** on Citracado Pkwy.

1984 NLPC plants churches in **Oceanside** and **San Marcos**.

1989 NLPC is received into the **Presbyterian Church in America**.



1990s

1997 **Dan Deaton** is called as Senior Pastor.

1999 **Dennis Johnson** serves as Interim Senior Pastor.



2000s

2001 **Ted Hamilton** is called as Senior Pastor.

2002 NLPC plants **Misión Vida Nueva** in Escondido.

2006 NLPC is **remodeled**, adding the patio, east offices, and more.

2008 NLPC plants **Ramona Valley Presbyterian Church** in Ramona.



2010s

2016 NLPC plants **Resurrection Presbyterian Church** in downtown San Diego.

2017 Debt from the **remodel** is paid off.

2019 NLPC welcomes **James Kwak** as its Worship Pastor.



2020s

2021 NLPC purchases and remodels a house on Alexander Drive, soon after establishing a **Counseling Center**.

2025 NLPC welcomes **Brian White** as its Pastor of Congregational Life.

2025 Debt from the purchase of the **New Life House** is paid off.

NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT A
GLANCE

620

MEMBERS

3

FULL-TIME
PASTORS

5

SUPPORT STAFF
MEMBERS

\$1.9M

ANNUAL
BUDGET

470

AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE

12

RULING
ELDERS

6

PART-TIME
COUNSELORS

\$0

DEBT

57

AVERAGE WEEKLY
VOLUNTEERS

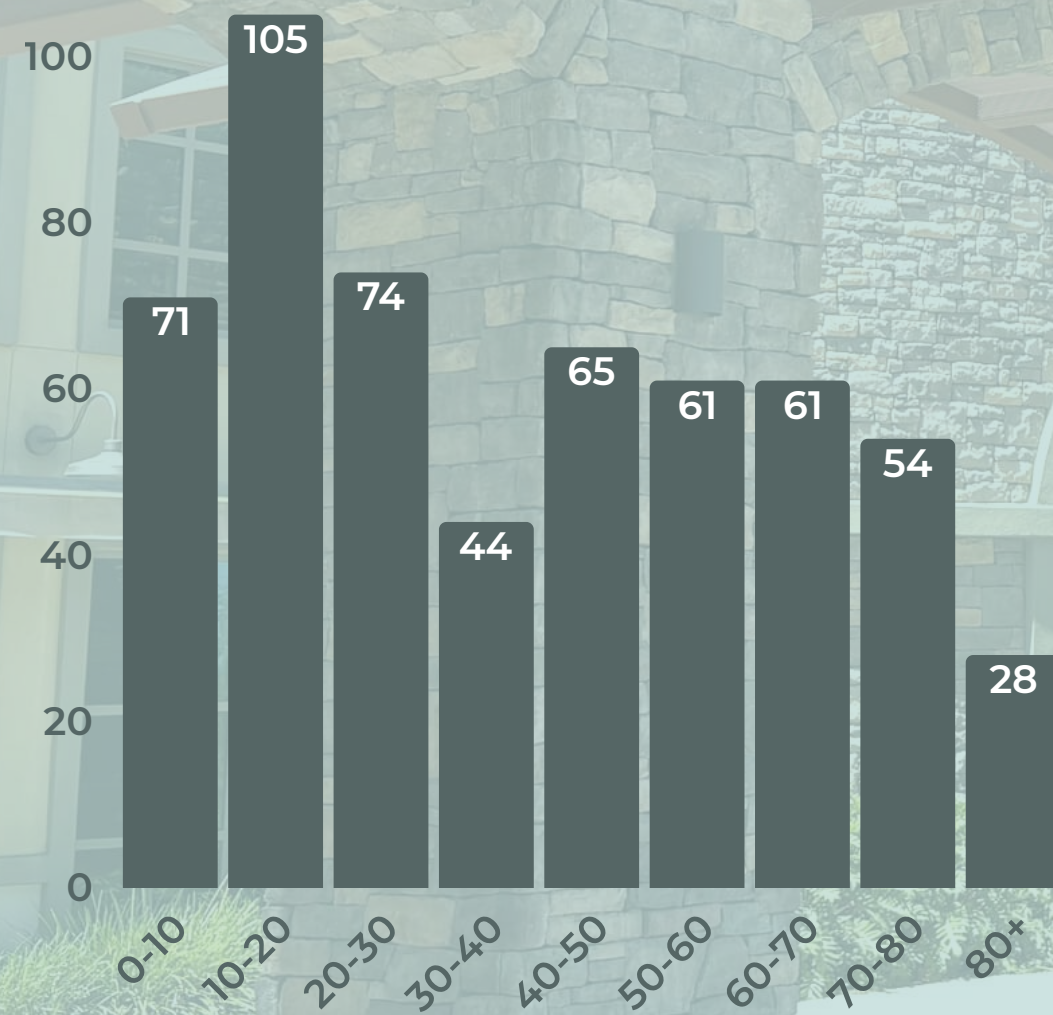
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DEACONS

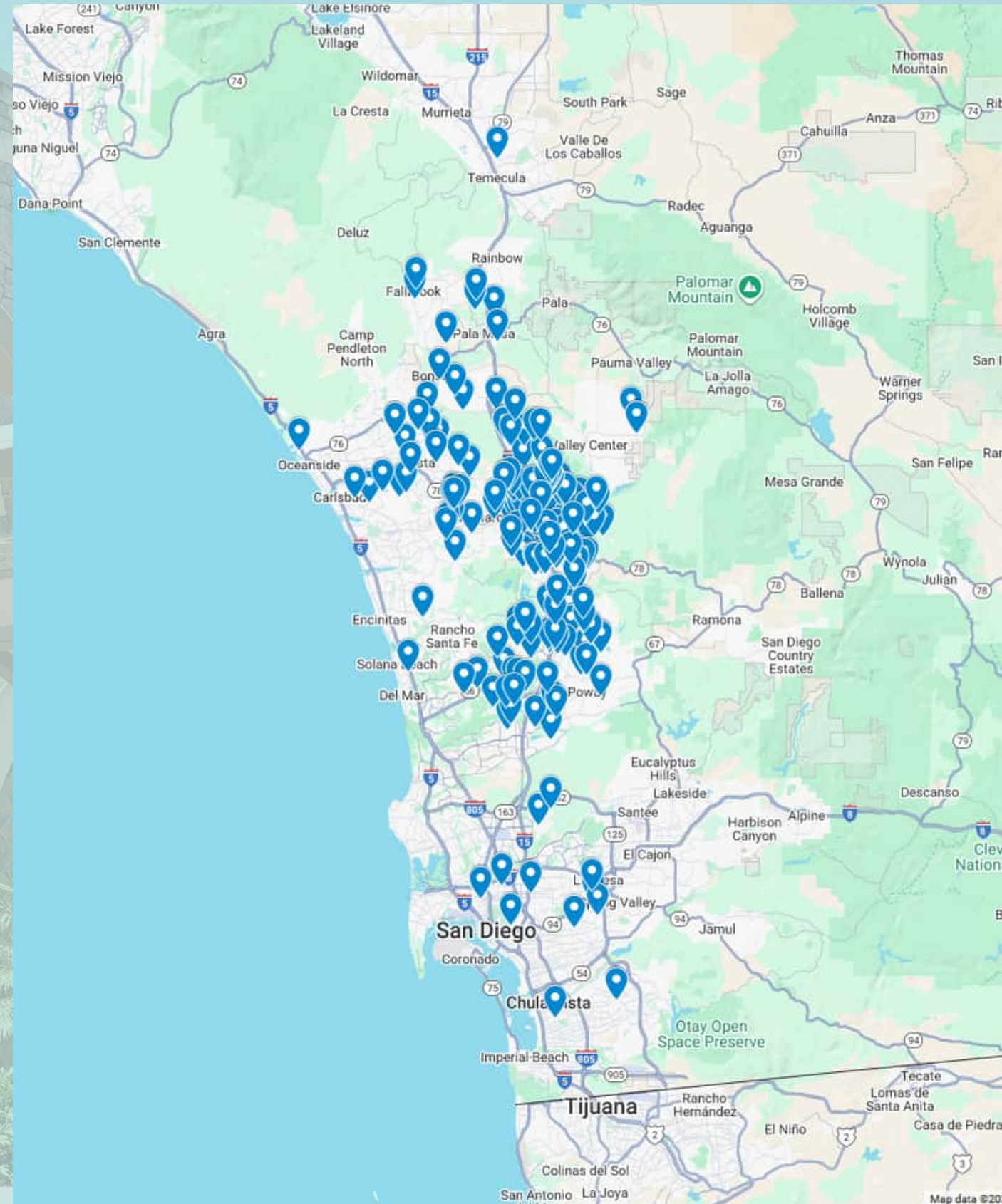
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BUILDINGS
ON CAMPUS

THE PEOPLE OF NEW LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



AGE DISTRIBUTION
OF MEMBERS



GEOGRAPHICAL
DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERS





Women's Ministry

Weekly Bible studies, biweekly "Side-by-Side" book study, and regular events.



Men's Ministry

Weekly Bible studies, Theology On Tap nights, and Desert Range Fellowship campout.



Children's Ministry

Nursery, toddler's & children's church, children's bulletin, Sunday School, Wednesday night programs, quarterly events, and annual Vacation Bible School.



Youth Ministry

Weekly Youth Group, Sunday School, monthly service events, and summer activities.



Young Adults Ministry

Monthly dinner/discussion nights and regular social gatherings.



Evergreens Ministry

Monthly lunch, discussion, and fellowship events for those 55+.



Disability Ministry

Adapted Bible study for those with special needs and their families.



Life Group Ministry

Biweekly gatherings for sermon discussion and fellowship.



Counseling Ministry

Free biblical counseling for members and regular attendees.



Other Ministries

Mercy ministry
Garden ministry
Safety team
Medical team
Prayer team



Outreach & Missions

Support for over 40 missionaries and missions organizations, as well as regular short-term mission trip opportunities.



Church Events

1st Sunday Brunch,
Reformation Night, Cinco
de Mayo missions
fundraiser, visitor
welcome events, and
more!



OUR WORSHIP

WORD & SACRAMENT

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the heartbeat of worship at New Life.

Our Sunday mornings involve:

- **Gospel-centered preaching** that faithfully proclaims Christ from all of Scripture
- **A blended worship style** with contemporary songs, psalms, and classic hymns
- **Regular baptisms** and reception of new members, celebrating God's work among us
- **The Lord's Supper** once a month, reminding us of Christ's finished work and our unity in Him
- **A reverent yet warm atmosphere** that welcomes believers and seekers alike

Following worship, our congregation gathers for fellowship over refreshments on the patio, with a shared lunch on the first Sunday of each month.



OUR LOCATION

LIFE IN ESCONDIDO

Located in beautiful North San Diego County, Escondido offers the charm of a smaller community with easy access to everything San Diego has to offer.

Highlights of life in Escondido:

- **Mild, sunny climate** year-round – perfect for enjoying the outdoors
- **Family-friendly community** with numerous options for schooling, great parks, and safe neighborhoods
- **Affordable** (by San Diego standards) while still being close to the coast
- **Outdoor recreation:** miles of scenic trails at Lake Hodges and throughout the San Dieguito River Park, plus driving distance to Anza-Borrego Desert and the Peninsular Mountains
- **Cultural attractions:** California Center for the Arts, weekly farmers markets, and vibrant local events
- **Proximity to San Diego:** just 30 minutes to downtown, the airport, and a myriad of beaches, plus multiple large universities and professional sports teams



WHO WE ARE

OUR DISTINCTIVES



Gospel-centered preaching and ministries



Strong ties to **Westminster Seminary California** (and other theological organizations)



Commitment to **missions** (~10% of our annual budget funding 18 domestic missionaries and 24 international missionaries)



On-site **Counseling Center** (with 6 highly trained biblical counselors)



Strong financials (debt free, generous congregation)



Multigenerational congregation

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

Threefold Office

We desire a senior pastor who reflects the threefold office of Christ. Ideally, he will excel in prophetic duties (preaching and teaching the Word), priestly duties (counseling and interpersonal ministry), and kingly duties (administration and staff leadership).

Life Stage

We hope for a pastor who can enjoy a long and fruitful tenure at NLPC. With that in mind, we are seeking someone who is experienced beyond seminary training, yet ready to invest deeply in the life of our congregation and grow with us through numerous years of ministry.

Shepherd's Heart

Above all, we long for a pastor who deeply loves Christ and genuinely loves His people. We desire a shepherd who will walk with us in our joys and struggles, encourage us in our faith, invest in relationships across generations, and lead us with humility, wisdom, and grace as together we seek to glorify God and make Him known. We hope for a pastor who will build on our existing distinctives while helping us continue to grow in outreach to our local community, in the vitality of our youth and small group ministries, and in our collective love for and knowledge of God's Word.



Interested?

Please email your resume and a brief (one page or less) statement of your philosophy and priorities of pastoral ministry to

seniorpastorsearch@newlifepca.com.