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NEY CHURCH OF GOD'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Our conference has released our upcoming ACTS team mission trips from 2025. "ACTS" stands for Advancing Christ Through Service. These short-term intergenerational mission trips give opportunities for members to grow closer to God, experience the Gospel at work in different cultures and see missions as part of everyday life.



ACTS Teams are unique, in that the strengths & giftings of the individual team members are utilized to develop the trip itinerary. There are three trips planned for 2025. The first trip is to Vera Cruz, Mexico from June 24th - July 2nd. The Second trip is to the Dominican Republic from June 25th - July 2nd. Both of these trips cost \$1750.

But don't let the cost keep you from applying. Ney Church of God has a mission fund that is able to help pay a portion of this cost. There are also several people willing to help you raise funds to ensure those who wish to go, can go take advantage of this opportunity.



The third mission trip is to the Southwest/ Navajo region in the USA. The cost for this trip is \$1300 and is an excellent opportunity for anyone new to mission trips. Finally, there are possibilities to design a mission trip to other areas as well. If there is a mission field that interests you, please come talk to pastor Kevin or someone on the mission committee and let us see what we can do.



[ADVENT CONSPIRACY]

Our 2024 Advent Conspiracy project was to seek to raise funds to send Fairviews Likewise 5th graders to the Ark Encounter. The Ark Encounter is a full size Ark, similar to the one we believe Noah built in the book of Genesis. The children going will learn how Noah was able to logistically provide for all the animals as well as his family. Because of this project we set a goal of \$4,800. With our matching funds of \$2000, we will ensure every 5th grade LifeWise student can attend at no cost.



We completed Advent Season just short of our goal by raising close to \$5,000. And although that is short of our goal by about \$2000, it still provides a huge boost for LifeWise to fulfill this field trip. Thank you for your support throughout this Advent Season.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS

We continue to *need* help in the following areas of our Children's Department.

At this time we have only 1 nursery worker, 1 Sunday school teacher and 2 junior church teachers.

We still need 1st Service and Sunday School Hour Nursery Workers, Junior Church Leaders, Substitutes for all positions
Mid-Week Kid's Programing

Possible Teen/Young Adult Sunday school teacher

These opportunities can be done weekly, or only once a month.



Prayer Time

Prayer is not only an important aspect of our daily lives, it is absolutely vital as a congregation, as we seek God's guidance. Therefore, we invite everyone to join us at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Prayer room for a time of prayer for each other, our church, community, country and the world.

January Calendar

Tuesdays	9:00am-11am	Women's Bible Study (See Kelly King for location as it changes)
Wednesdays	6:30pm	Co-ed Small group at the Jinkins
Jan 8th	6:30pm	Worship Night
Jan 11th	8:00am	Men's Fellowship Season's Bistro on Bryan Square
Jan 19th	12:30pm	Christmas Cleanup
Feb 13th	1:00 - 7:00pm	Red Cross Blood Drive



THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

For every service that we hold, AT LEAST a half dozen volunteers are needed. But ideally we could use 10-12. And that number will continue to grow! In other words, we need help as we look to expand our ministries. Volunteers are needed for worship, greeters, audio visual, event workers, marketing, mailings, decorations, maintenance, hospitality, etc...

If you haven't filled out a **Church Interest Inventory** form, please do so!

You can find the forms near the mailboxes. We'd love to get you plugged in.

2024/2025 Church Council Members

President: Cheryl Chafin **Treasurer: John Chafin**

Elders: Rob Zwayer, Gary Barbee and Dan Jinkins : All items related to the spiritual growth of the church including ministries that take place during Sunday morning. (I.e; small groups, Sunday school, nursery)

Deacons: Michele Lockwood, Stacie Smith and Sherry Sims:

All items related to communion, meals, events and fundraisers

Trustees: Kelly King, John Chafin and Leonard Lockwood

All issues related to maintenance and care of the church facility and parsonage.

NEY CHURCH OF GOD ONLINE

I am sure many of you know about our YouVersion presence. It is through YouVersion that we distribute our weekly prayer list, and in some cases, immediate prayer needs. YouVersion also hosts a huge repository of devotionals as well as a number of Bible translations.



Click the QR Code to Select Ney Church of God as "My Church"

But that's not all. We also have a presence on YouTube (accessible through our website) that host's a number of videos. We publish all of our sermons, each week to YouTube, as well as mission trips and an occasional mid-week devotional. So although we believe that joining together for worship is invaluable, we do provide a way to keep up with sermon series if you have other engagements. Click the QR code on the left to connect (and subscribe) to our Youtube channel.



Finally, we have our website. It is loaded with a ton of information. Check it out @www.ney.cggc.org If you have trouble with any of these outlets, please talk to pastor Kevin and he will be glad to help you out.



Join us on January 8th for a night of worship. All throughout the month we take suggestions via the request box located in the foyer. The band then arranges those songs to provide a night of worship for you. So come out and worship with us starting at 6:30pm.



New Members Class February 9th

A new round of membership classes will begin on February 9th at 9:45 and run for 4-5 weeks.

Why is membership so important? The Churches of God operate on what's called a "Congregational System". All important decisions are made by ALL members through voting opportunities. Yes, you can attend and participate without membership, but membership is a vital part of our denomination's system. We encourage everyone who is investing in the life of this church to consider joining through official membership.

This class can also be taken if you are just interested in what we believe and the mission of Ney Church of God.

SOS INFO

Survivor Outreach Support is a ministry of our church that provides assistance to victims of abuse, exploitation and human trafficking.

Year one of this ministry has provided around \$7,000 in aid to local survivors. This included items like specific shoe wear for horse therapy, furnishings for a new apartment, rent payments, utilities, beds and so much more.

Due to gaps in public funding, there are many needs that we have been able to meet. What a blessing!

We receive most of our funding for this ministry through a local formal wear ministry that provides dresses and suits to students for a free will donation. We at SOS get all those proceeds. In saying that, we can always use more support. Giving can be made in our offering (put SOS in the memo) or online at our tithle.ly link.

Something else we need are non-food pantry supplies. If you are part of a club, group or work somewhere where collections can be sought, please consider this as a volunteer option. We need: Shampoo, conditioner, razors, deodorant, and panty liners. Paper plates/bowls foil, ziplocks. Cleaning supplies like spray cleaners, toilet bowl cleaner, paper towels, pinesol, laundry detergent and dryer sheets.

*Please no toothbrushes, toothpaste or toilet paper at this time. We have a bunch!

Please see Kelly King for more information



Metal Recycling

We collect metal cans, aluminum cans and large objects/appliances.

Put all clean, rinsed, labels removed and sorted metal into the white shed in the parking lot. A big thanks to Greg Masters who collects them, cashes them in and donates the money to the church!



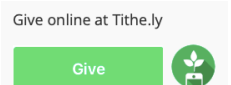
Online Giving with Tithle.ly

Online giving with tithle.ly has been up and running at Ney Church of God since Covid impacted our services. There are many currently using this system. It is a great way to set up weekly reoccurring tithes, or make other donations online.

You can find this option on the home page of our website at

ney.cggc.org

and by clicking the icon shown here.



LOOKING AHEAD



Red Cross Blood Drive

It is time for another blood drive at the Ney Church of God. Volunteers are a necessity to help with check in, re-supplying the snack table and then clean-up/set-up after the drive is over.

Please consider helping out.

Also, consider donating blood. There is currently a critical need for blood, and you can make a difference!

The Drive is on Feb 13th from 1:00pm until 7:00pm. Sign up to donate at redcross.org

CHRISTMAS CLEAN-UP

Christmas has passed, and we hope you had a beautiful season of celebration of our Savior's birth with friends and family.

As we move from the Advent Season, to the Christmas Season (which lasts until January 12th) we must begin to plan the removal of our Christmas decorations. So on January 19th after the second service, we will be taking down the decorations. If you are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated



Annual "Beast Feast" and Gun Raffle

March 1st

Doors open at 4:30. Dinner at 5:00

Followed by raffles and drawings

Please assist us in selling raffle tickets for a

RUGER AMERICAN GEN 2 PREDATOR CHAMBERED IN 450 BUSHMASTER

Tickets are \$10 each

Bring a dish to pass from your hunting and fishing excursions.

We also love desserts/salads/etc.. to add.

Please see Pastor Kevin for tickets to sell

