



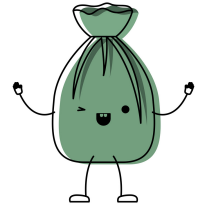
NEY CHURCH OF GOD
March 2025

NEY CHURCH OF GOD'S MONTHLY N e w s l e t t e r

Lenten Project: 40 Things in 40 Days



Lent, the 40 days before Easter, is the time in which we prepare our hearts and lives for the remembrance of Jesus' death and resurrection. It's customary for observants to give up sweets, social media, or some other excess for Lent.



So in keeping with the tradition, we have a challenge for you... In your mailbox you will find a trash bag*. We are asking that for each day of Lent (March 5th-April 19th) that you place one item that you are willing to part with in the bag. Then, at the end of Lent, bring the filled bag to church for the rummage sale scheduled for the end of April. This is a great way to not only declutter, but to teach your family about sacrifice and to help our church raise money for much needed building updates.

*Extra bags are available if you would like to ask friends or family to do the same or to provide one per person in your family.

Easter Celebration

An easter egg hunt is being planned for the children of the church on April 13th after the second service. Donations of candy and small toys are welcome.



Please see Michele Lockwood for more information

Back to School Bash: Date TBA

Please consider donating new, or gently used children's and teen style clothing/shoes to our giveaway. We will also be in need of 200 boxes of Kleenex!



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.





March Calendar

Tuesdays	9:00am-11 am	Women's Bible Study (See Kelly King for location as it changes)
Wednesdays	6:30pm	Co-ed Small group at the Jinkins
March 1st	4:30	Beast Feast
March 5th	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday /Worship Night
March 8th	8:00am	Men's Fellowship Season's Bistro on Bryan Square
March 9th		Daylight Savings/Set clocks <i>ahead</i>
March 15th		ACTS Team Application deadline
March 29th	3:00pm	Bargain Bash Clothing Pickup Fairview Elementary. ** Volunteers Needed

Rummage Sale

We will be having a rummage sale to help offset the costs of our church updates. Please consider saving sellable items (no clothing) to contribute. We will also need volunteers to work the sale and set up.

We anticipate the sale being the last weekend in April.



YOUR 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.

NEY CHURCH OF GOD ONLINE

It's been our desire to make prayer, study and connection as efficient and effective as possible. We strongly encourage you to download YouVersion Bible App. In which you can have access to many translations, devotions and our personal prayer list.

We also have a presence on YouTube (accessible through our website) that host's a number of videos. We publish each week's sermon, mission trips and an occasional mid-week devotional. We believe that joining together for worship is invaluable, but we also 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, and follow us on FB and Instagram as well.



Finally, our website is found at www.ney.cggc.org. Pastor Kevin is currently working at re-designing it. He would love your input on its content (or more importantly, what has been forgotten). Pictures during our events and services would also be a great resource. Please email him with any concerns, additions, ideas and pictures. kking@ney.cggc.org



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

Please share, like, and utilize our online presence to increase our voice in the community.

Finally, If you have trouble with any of these outlets, please talk to pastor Kevin and he will be glad to help you out.

Church Remodel

In order to open up our entry way to better serve visitors, as well as our members, we will be remodeling different areas of the church. We will also be purchasing a new outdoor sign and changing our information displays.

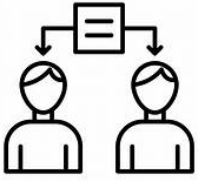
Please bear with us as we renovate.

We also need people with experience in design, electrical work and construction to allow for this project to go as quickly as possible and with limited cost.

Please see a church trustee if interested.

(John Chafin, Leonard Lockwood and Kelly King)





MEMBER'S VOICE

Submitted by Mary Brandon:

Joshua Bell's interest in music was noted by his parents when, at three, he used rubber band "strings" to play songs he heard on his parents' records. He was a child prodigy on the violin; he first played Carnegie Hall at seventeen. In January of 2007, a little before his fortieth birthday, he agreed to take part in a social experiment for a Washington D.C. newspaper. What would happen if one of the world's best violinists, dressed as an ordinary street musician in a busy metro station, and performed one of the most difficult pieces of music ever written? He played his priceless Stradivarius for a little less than an hour while 1000 people walked past. Only seven people stopped for more than a minute to listen. Concert hall tickets for his performances averaged \$100; that day there was \$32.17 in the case at his feet. Perhaps he learned a lesson in humility. As my finger points at him, I immediately feel the three pointing back at me. Busted! Most days I am a part of that busy crowd, oblivious to The Creator of the Universe and the tune He is playing. It is a love song that holds blessings for me.

Yet there is a further observation in this social experiment that deserves our attention. Most of the children who passed Mr. Bell were captivated by the man playing but were tugged away by their accompanying adult. The scripture comes to mind:

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Is the lesson: Don't tug on children? In part, but more, it is to find a child to observe, identify those positive characteristics that Jesus was referring to, and emulate them!

Interested in more? Children's picture book *The Man with the Violin* by Kathy Stinson

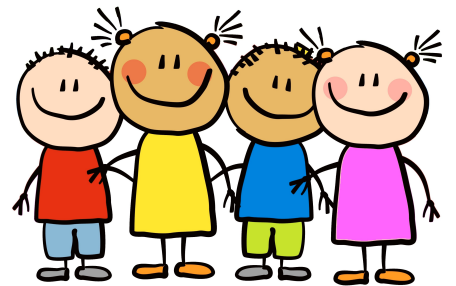
If you would like to submit an article to the newsletter, please see Pastor Kevin or Kelly King.

Our Children NEED You

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 and Possible Teen/Young Adult Sunday school teacher. These opportunities can be done weekly, or only once a month.

Please playfully consider helping in this area.



Mission News

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. Pastor Kevin and Kelly will be joining the trip to the DR.

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. The deadline for these trips are March 15th. 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 Bobbi Jo Barbee (President of the mission Committee) and let us see what we can do.

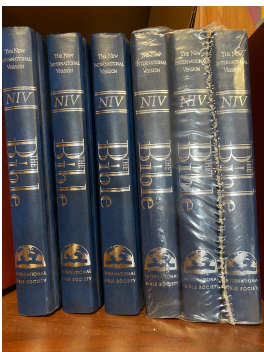
Finally, Don't ever let the cost keep you from serving. Ney Church of God has a mission fund that is able to help pay a portion of this cost. There are also several people willing to help you raise funds to ensure those who wish to go, can go take advantage of these opportunities.

Free Bibles

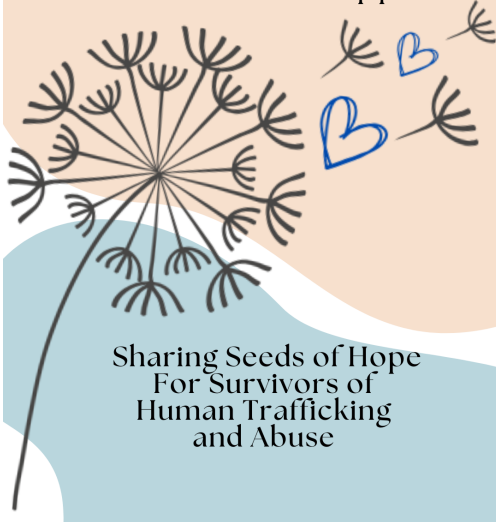
Did you know we have free Bibles available for those who need them?

We have study Bibles for kids and teens and basic NIV Bibles for Adults.

Talk to Pastor Kevin or Kelly if you ever need one.



Survivor Outreach Support



SOS Re-Branding and Current Needs

Our Survivor Outreach Support Ministry has rebranded.

SOS is currently in need of cleaning supplies (dish soap, pine-sol, toilet bowl cleaner, spray cleaners, windex and magic erasers)

Laundry detergent (smaller sizes) and Dryer sheets
Paper products (plates/bowls, napkins, foil, ziplocks, trash bags and paper towels)



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.

Give online at Tithle.ly

Give



2024/2025 Church Council Members

President: Cheryl Chafin Treasurer: Stacie Smith

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. (Ie; 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.