



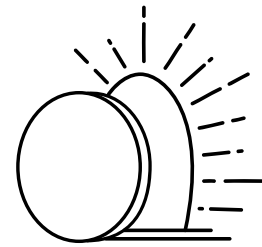
Ney Church of God's Monthly **NEWSLETTER**

2025
APRIL

Easter Services and Celebrations



There will be an Easter egg hunt for the kids of the church on April 13th after the second service. If you would like to contribute candy or toy fillers, please see Michele Lockwood ASAP.



Holy Week/ Easter Schedule

40 Things in 40 Days Lenten Project

It's not too late to sacrifice one (or more) item each day of Lent (the 40 days leading up to Easter) to give to our rummage sale.



April 17th. Maundy Thursday

A day of optional fasting followed by a potluck meal at 6:00pm. Then we will have our Maundy Thursday Service starting at 7:00pm. The Service will include a short message, communion, foot washing (optional) followed by our monthly worship night.

April 18th 7:00pm. Good Friday

Good Friday service. An evening of remembering the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior.

April 20th Easter Day Service

8:30 Traditional Service
9:30 Potluck Breakfast
11:00 Main Contemporary Service



Enclosed is an invite for our Easter Service. Let's all invite a friend/co-worker or neighbor!

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HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

APRIL 24-26

Th and Fr 9-6 Saturday 9-3



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→ Items can be brought in the week leading up to the Sale (April 20th-April 23rd)

→ We need lots of helpers pricing and setting items out during the week.

→ We also need a lot of volunteers to run the sale.

→ All proceeds will help offset costs of church and sign updates.

→ Please hang up posters, spread the word and share the social media posts!

Our Kids Need Volunteers!!!!



We really need more volunteers in our Children's department.

Needs:

- Jr. Church Teacher (Once a month)
- Sunday School Teachers. We have a WIDE array of ages and could use more options during the Sunday school hour.
- Nursery workers for both services and substitutes
- Youth Group Leader and possible Wed. Night Kids ministry leader.



Back To School Giveaway

Each year we host a day to provide free backpacks, school supplies and school clothes to around 300 local children. Please consider donating new or gently used shoes and clothing to this effort. We will also need around 200 boxes of Kleenex... so watch for those sales and pick some up if you're willing.





Tuesdays 9:00am-11am Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:30pm Co-ed Small group at the Jinkins

April 8th 6:30 Council Meeting

April 12th 8:00am Men's Fellowship: Season's Bistro on Bryan Square

April 17th Maundy Thursday Service

April 18th Good Friday Service

April 20th Easter Services 8:30 and 11:00. 9:30 Potluck Breakfast

April 20th-23rd Rummage Sale Set Up

April 24-26th Rummage Sale



Current Needs to support our SOS ministry

Shampoo, Conditioner

Laundry Detergent and Dryer sheets

All types of cleaning supplies and dish soap

Paper Towels

Paper Plates, bowls, foil and plastic wrap

You can also donate your unwanted gift cards and formal wear (Formal menswear, dresses, shoes and jewelry).

2024/2025 Church Council Members

President: Cheryl Chafin **Treasurer:** Stacie Smith

Elders: Rob Zwyer, 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.

Mary's Musings

As I get older, I am often frustrated because I can't find the right word... it's right on the tip of my tongue! I love the Mark Twain quote about word selection, "The difference between the almost right word and right word is really a large matter - 'tis the difference between the lightning bug and lightning." Successful communication is dependent on selecting the right words and to select a word we must understand its meaning.

Somewhere ricocheting around in all my above thoughts is the idea that our worship in song is more enriching to us if we understand the song's lyrics. Recently, we have added Names, by Ben Laine, to our worship repertoire and it includes some names for God that may be unfamiliar. If we don't know the meaning of a word it behooves us to look it up. (Don't grumble, remember, it has never been easier to look things up.)

In the song, there are straightforward names for God, like: God Almighty, King of Kings, and Great I Am. Then, there are some other, mostly Hebrew, terms:

Adonai means Master, Lord, Sovereign, or leader.

- **El Shaddai** is two words: "El" is a generic term for God and "Shaddai", which means all powerful or almighty. A literal interpretation is, God of the Mountain; mountain being symbolic of strength and stability.
 - **Elohim** is the plural of El. It is often used in Hebrew scripture as the one true God emphasizing his majesty and power.
 - **Jehovah Rapha** is the Lord who heals. (See Exodus 15:26)
 - **Jehovah Jireh** is our Provider. (See Genesis 22:14)
 - **Abba** is for Father in Aramaic, a common Biblical tongue. It is an endearing, intimate term more akin to Pappa or Daddy.
 - Finally, the Greek term, **Alpha and Omega**, meaning A to Z or the totality, entirety or whole. (Shakespeare coined the synonym "be-all and end-all.")
- I haven't done all your "looking up" work for you. Check in your Bible to see where these names are used. Start with God's "I AM" conversation contained in the recounting of Moses and the burning bush (Exodus 3).

The basic idea in the song Names is that God is so great that we need many names to refer to Him. Compare that to many of the Ancients who entertained an incorrect concept of God in which they had one god for each thing they needed taken care of. One word cannot encompass Him, so we use as many names as we need. These names all describe His character. In our Sunday School study of Cain and Abel we had this provocative question, "How might misunderstanding God's character lead you to sin?" Not understanding who He is could get us into some predicaments: embarrassing, awkward and trying. We understand who He is through His names. The song explains, "One God with a thousand names forever worthy and deserving of them all."

Next time, we will look at verse 2.