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NEY CHURCH OF GOD'S MONTHLY NEW SLETTER

SAVE THE DATE:



Annual Congregational Meeting

May 5th 6:00pm

The Churches of God function as a congregational system. Therefore all decisions are made by the collective congregation or their representatives. Once a year we meet to provide ministry updates, information of the life of the church, vote on any major issues, as well as vote in new council members to represent you throughout the year.

All who worship at Ney Church are welcome to attend and hear updates, voice their concerns, opinions and ideas. However, only official members are able to vote. We hope to see you there. We are better together.

Childcare will be provided

Registration for summer camp has begun!!!

There are still different options per grade to choose from, so be mindful of that when registering. To register, go online to www.otyokwah.org and pay the \$50 registration fee and add our church's code (see Michele Lockwood for the code) The Church will be paying the rest of the tuition. If the registration fee is a burden, please see Kelly King or Gary Barbee.



Transportation is up to the parents, we will help connect those in the same week so carpooling can occur.

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CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE AND FOOD STAND

April 25th&26th 9:00am-6:00pm & April 27th 9:00am-3:00pm

> Food and Drink Stand

We need your "STUFF".

(No clothing accepted except baby clothing/shoes.)

Set up and donation drop-off* will be April 21st after church

And the 22nd-24th.

*Because we don't have room to store donations, we prefer that they be brought in the week of the

Sale.



Kids who will be attending camp are being asked to help during this event to earn their camp money.

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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.

April Calendar

Tuesdays	9:00am-11am	Women's Bible Study (See Kelly King for location as it changes
Wednesdays	6:30 pm	Co-ed Small group at the Jinkins
April 13th	8:00am	Men's Fellowship
April 20th	12:30pm	Admin Day (For Council Members)
April 25, 26	9:00am-6	Rummage Sale
27th	9:00am-3	Rummage Sale

May 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
May 5th	6:00pm	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
May 11th	8:00am	Men's Fellowship

Online Giving with Tithle.ly

Online giving with <u>tithle.ly</u> has been up and running at Ney Church of God since Covid impacted our services. There are many currently using this system and 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 <u>ney.cggc.org</u>

and by clicking the icon shown here.





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!

Mexico Mission Trip

Pastor Kevin and his wife Kelly were invited to attend a sight-seeing trip to our new southern Mexico mission field. It was exiting to see so much progress taking place in these remote areas and the views were stunning.



The Mexico region is finally gaining traction thanks to our new Latino ministry director, Victor Montalvo. Currently there is paperwork submitted to the Mexican Government to receive recognition as a CGGC affiliate. Once this paperwork clears the Mexican government (around 4th quarter 2024), we will have several churches joining and the potential for several more.

This addition will provide us locally, with easier access to developing relationships, sharing resources, and opportunities for mission trips. Please pray for this exciting ministry.



2024 Church Board Members

President: Cindy Masters Treasurer: John Chafin

<u>Elders</u>: John Chafin, 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, Bobbijo Barbee and Sherry Sims: All items related to communion, meals, events and fundraisers

<u>Trustees</u>: Kelly King, Steve Sims and Leonard Lockwood

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

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<u>Get involved...</u>

Ephesians 4:16 ESV

From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Our recent season of **Holy Week/Easter** uncovered a desperate need for volunteers. Several essential duties were needed and willing volunteers were difficult to find.

<u>THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!</u>

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...

See pastor Kevin if you are ready to get involved.

<u>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS</u>

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

1st Service Nursery Worker Junior Church Leaders Substitutes for all positions Kids Programing



Women's Retreat Report

9 of our church's women attended the annual CGGC Women's Retreat in March.This was held at Winebrenner Seminary on the University of Findlay Campus. It was a great way for the ladies to get to know each other better, and have an opportunity away from the daily worries to reflect and learn more about the Lord they love.

PASTOR'S NOTE

April has finally arrived! And with it, the end of a busy season (personally) and the beginning of a busy season (organizationally). So much has taken place in the first 3 months of 2024 for me personally.



January started off with a challenging trip to Kenya. This trip stretched me as I taught several pastors from area churches principles of Christian Leadership. I struggled with what to teach, how to best use the time, understanding cultural context for leadership principles to transfer, as well as a new location and jet lag. This all made for a stressful trip.

February was a joyful change. Kelly and I escaped for a one week cruise to celebrate out 30th wedding anniversary. Our actual anniversary is not until this month (April 16th) but the cruise was cheaper in February. It was a wonderful time away to relax and refuel after the Kenya trip. A HUGE "Thank You" goes out to our Elder team... Dan and Gary for taking over the preaching duties, and John for ensuring Kelly and I had a great vacation. You all are the best!

March presented a quick trip to Mexico and Holy Week. Mexico brought several travel challenges as we rushed to visit several ministries, discuss future ventures with the Director of Global Reach and missions with the Director of Latino Ministries... all within 48 hours. It was a packed trip.

Holy Week also came with new challenges and excitement. We took the opportunity to prepare four unique services that allowed us to walk through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Sunrise and Easter morning. Each service contributing to our understanding of the experiences of Jesus and His disciples.

So now we enter into Spring. A time when our church calendar begins to explode with an Admin Day, Rummage sale, Camp Otyokwah, the Congregational meeting, church Softball league starting up, organizing for the Back-to-School give away and so much more.

I hope that you will get involved. Help provide for these ministries. YOU are our greatest asset and without you, we would not be able to reach out to many. May God bless us as we continue to worship in word and deeds.

