

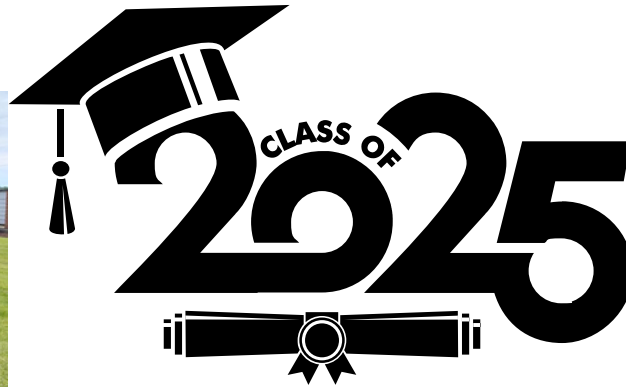


# Ney Church of God's Monthly **NEWSLETTER**

**JUNE**  
2025



**Jocelynn Smith**  
Fairview/Four  
County Grad  
Daughter of Jeff  
and Stacie Smith



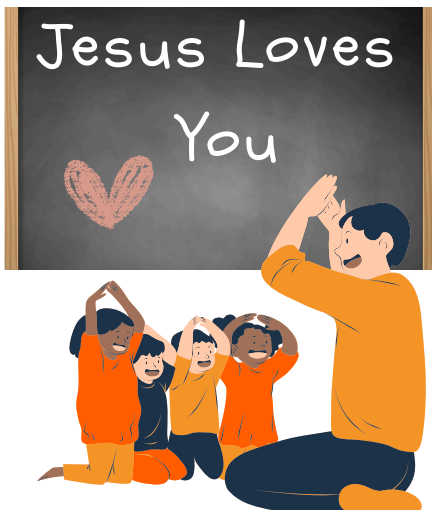
**A big congratulations to  
our church body  
graduates.  
May God bless their steps  
as they walk into their  
future.**



**Breyonna Gilbert**  
Defiance Grad  
Daughter of  
Amanda Utter



## **Our Kids Need Volunteers!!!!**



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

Needs:

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

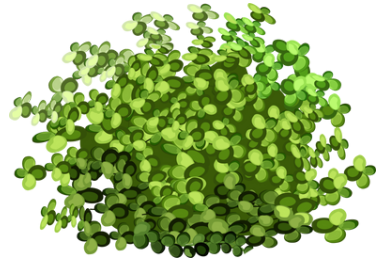


# Adopt a Spot

For those who have dedicated themselves to keep one area of the church trimmed weeded and maintained, we say thank you.

Please keep your spots looking great!

- **We still have one area of the church that needs adopted. Please consider helping !**



## Back To School Giveaway: July 26<sup>th</sup>

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 especially need boys clothes 4t and up.*

We will also need around 200 boxes of Kleenex... so watch for those sales and pick some up if you're willing.

### Volunteering for this event:

The week before the event:

- We will need help setting up the clothing and supplies. It's a big job! So please save time in your schedule to help out with this amazing event.

The day of the event:

- We will need around 10 volunteers to help the event flow well. This will be about a 4 hour commitment

Tear down/set up:

- Around noon we will need help boxing up the leftovers and taking the boxes and tables to the barn.



Let us come together and make this load light by lending many hands.



## Red Cross Blood Drive

August 7<sup>th</sup> is another opportunity to give life saving blood to others. We are also in desperate need of volunteers to check donors in and

man the snack table. Please sign up for a 2 hour time slot. It takes about 10 volunteers to make this event successful



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

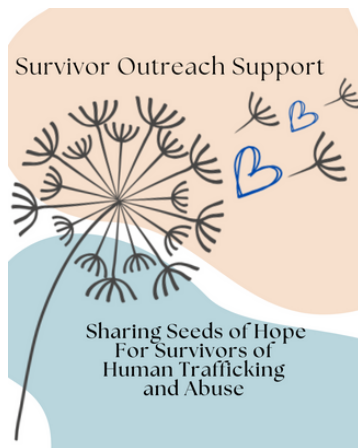
**Wednesdays 6:30pm Co-ed Small group at the Jinkins**

June 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 Picnic in the park

**June 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Leadership training**

June 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Men's Fellowship @ Seasons Bistro

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting**



## Current Needs to support our SOS ministry

Shampoo, Conditioner

Laundry Detergent and Dryer sheets

All types of cleaning supplies and dish soap

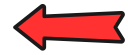
Paper Towels

Paper Plates, bowls, foil and plastic wrap

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



## 2025 Church Council Members



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

**Elders:** Rob Zwayer, Steve Sims 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:** Lisa Keck, Stacie Smith and Sherry Sims:

All items related to communion, meals, events and fundraisers

**Trustees:** Matt Keck, John Chafin and Leonard Lockwood

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



# Looking Ahead Together

## *Insights from Our Congregational Meeting*

On Sunday, May 4, Ney Church of God held its annual congregational meeting. During this important gathering, reports were shared from various ministry boards, along with a comprehensive overview of the church's finances. Pastor Kevin

also delivered a pastoral report, highlighting both the exciting opportunities ahead and some emerging challenges within the congregation.

In response to these challenges, the church is launching Leadership Training, beginning on the second Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. This initiative is designed to strengthen and equip leaders across our church family, and all are encouraged to participate.

Additionally, a new Care Committee is being formed to help provide intentional care and support within the congregation. Committee members have been prayerfully selected based on their spiritual gifts, and we look forward to seeing how God will use them to build up the body of Christ.

If you've never taken a spiritual gifts inventory and would like to better understand how God has uniquely gifted you, please contact Pastor Kevin. He would be glad to help you discover your gifts and find meaningful ways to serve. We also welcomed new members to our Church Council. Please join us in praying for:

- Steve Sims – Elder
- Matt Keck – Trustee
- Lisa Keck – Deacon

We are thankful for their willingness to serve and lead, and we trust God to guide them as they step into these important roles.

## YouVersion

Have you downloaded YouVersion?

If not, do it today. YouVersion is a great free app that provides users with a Bible on their phone.

Ney Church also uses it to provide you with sermon notes, announcements, and an opportunity to pray for others through the week.

If you are having trouble getting the app to work, Ask and we will help you!





# Mary's Musings

Last month I wrote about the names of Our Father or Abba in the song Names by Ben Laine. As promised, here is the investigation of the names of Jesus which we sing about in Chorus 2.

Were you ever so enticed by a delicious morsel you bit off more than you could chew? I'm discovering my delicious morsel is the names of the Father and Jesus. They are rich subjects. In this short space of the musing, my writing is just your "appe-teaser," so I have provided verses in the parenthesis after the names with which you can begin your own multi course dinner.

The chorus begins with His most familiar name, "Jesus Christ." In Hebrew, the name Jesus, aka Joshua, is Yeshua which means Yahweh, or God, saves. Christ is the English form of Christos, which is Greek for messiah, a chosen or anointed one (Isaiah 42:1). "Son of God" indicates the enormity of God's sacrifice. It was a hot topic with Sadducees and Pharisees and today is a basic tenet of statements of faith. He was more than a good rabbi; He was God's only son. Used in tandem, these two phrases mean the God who created humankind loved us so much that He chose Jesus, His only son, to rescue us from sin. The meaning of his name should keep us praising for a long time!

"Holy Messiah" speaks about purity and faultlessness. Holy describes a quality of God which is unparalleled, and we could devote our lifetime to this topic. (Isaiah 6:1-5 is a good place to start.) The next names in the lyrics, we often associate with Christmas, however we should keep them close to our hearts year-round. "Emmanuel" followed by its meaning "God with us" come next. (Isaiah 7:14 is a familiar Emmanuel verse.) Because He has literally been with us on earth, we are assured He can identify with all our experiences (Hebrews 2:17- 18). The next name is "Prince of Peace." The title Prince connotes nobility and the outstanding nature of the son of a king. Alleluia!

We are the recipients of security and peace due to Jesus' saving work (Isaiah 9:6). The chorus ends with names which remind us of some of His purposes. "Lamb of God" is a reference to Passover and how a spotless lamb's blood on doorposts saved the Hebrews from the Death Angel in Egypt; it foreshadows His work on the cross (Exodus 12).

"Deliverer" reflects His role as a rescuer from the wages of sin: eternal death. Also, He is our liberator from the entangling effects of sin during our life on earth. "Risen Savior" refers to His conquering death by resurrecting, leaving an empty tomb (1 Corinthians 15:14). "Lion of Judah" tells us of his membership in the 12 tribes of the Hebrew nation, and descendant from King David, as a fulfillment of prophecy, an affirmation that God's Word can be trusted. He is coming again as a victorious warrior; once a lamb now a lion.

Singing this song, can stir our memory and understanding of who God is and what He has accomplished and is accomplishing on our behalf.