



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

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August  
2025



## Baptism Sunday and Picnic

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm

Location: The home of Brittany and Mike Muellers  
Address and Map will be provided as we get closer



The day will include a baptism service followed by a potluck picnic  
(Burgers and Hotdogs provided) fellowship,  
outdoor games and swimming

**If you are interesting in being baptized, please see Pastor Kevin.**

## Back To School Giveaway

On July 26<sup>th</sup> we hosted our annual back to school giveaway. We saw hundreds of families come through the door, gave out 340 backpacks, 400 bags of supplies and provided over a thousand bags of clothing and shoes.

What a blessing!

Keep this event on your mind all year long by helping to collect:

- Funds
- Backpacks
- Kleenex
- Kids clothing. Sizes 4t-14/16. (and shoes)

We can also take *like new/new* current **teen style** clothing and shoes of all sizes.

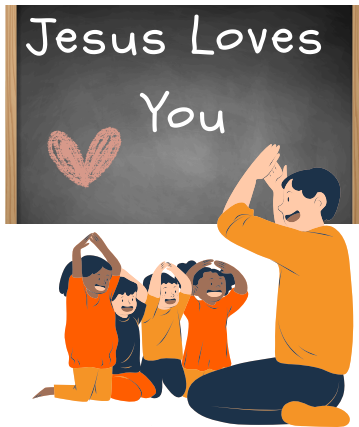




## Red Cross Blood Drive

August 21st 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.

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



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

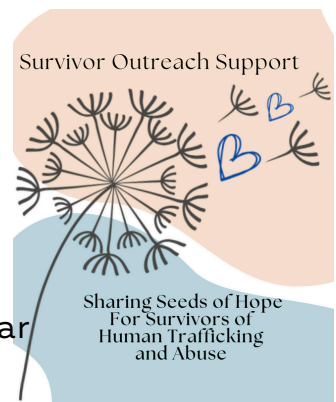
Needs:

- 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 and Sunday school substitutes

## Survivor Outreach Support Ministry

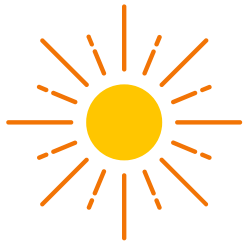
### Current Needs to support our SOS ministry

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).



**Questions? See Kelly King**

# August Calendar



August 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00am

Men's Fellowship @ Seasons Bistro  
(Bryan Square)

**August 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**

**Leadership training @ The Church**

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm

Baptism Day @ Muellers House

August 21<sup>st</sup> 1:30–5:30pm Blood Drive

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## A Season of Change

A lot has changed at Ney Church of God over the past month—especially in the area of our Audio/Visual capabilities. One of the most significant updates has been the removal of our large, outdated analog soundboard. While that board served us faithfully for many years, its age had begun to show. It has now been replaced with a modern digital soundboard that offers far greater capabilities while taking up only one-third of the space.

We've also upgraded our computer systems. Previously, we had two computers in the sound booth—one to run slides and another to record sermons for our shut-ins. This month, we've consolidated those functions into a single, more powerful computer. While the sound booth may now look more complex at first glance—as if you might need a sound engineering degree to operate it—the upgrades have actually streamlined many of our processes.

We ask for your patience as we continue to work out the bugs in this transition. Keep in mind, we're shifting away from systems we've used for the past 15 years. These previous systems were well established, so the changeover does come with some challenges.

We are excited about the opportunities these changes bring to enhance our worship experience and expand our ability to reach others—both inside and outside the church walls. These upgrades are part of our ongoing effort to serve with excellence and steward our resources wisely.

Thank you for your support, understanding, and grace as we continue to learn and grow through this season of transition. We believe God is preparing us for even greater things ahead!

# Mission Committee Update

Last month this article spoke about one activity that the mission team oversees, the funding of local individuals' needs. This month we will pick up that topic to expand upon it.

BobbiJo Barbee facilitates the mission team and Cathy Leu writes the checks (treasurer). Since most individual needs are pressing and require a timely response, team protocol tries to be as flexible as possible. BobbiJo contacts members when she receives a request for funds and members consider the need. Members desire to lovingly honor each person in need as a child of God while understanding the importance of being good stewards of Abba's money and discerning His will. Team members take time to discuss and ask questions about the request. A decision is proposed then voted on. A simple majority is required for passage.



There are seven people on the team. (Their names were published in last month's newsletter). Sometimes a person is invited to join but it is not necessary to wait for an invitation. If you are interested in missions and would like to serve on the mission team, contact someone on the team. Candidates are submitted and vetted by the church council. Next month: other responsibilities of the mission team.

## Mission Trips and Missional Prayer

### Please keep the following in prayer:

- The churches in the Dominican and our potential partnership
- Wisdom and discernment for our missions committee

## 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!





# 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 and people to mow.**

**Please consider helping !**



## *Using your Spiritual Gifts*

At Ney Church of God we work to encourage everyone to use their spiritual gifts. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12 that “a spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.” And so we encourage each of you to use your gifts!

In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to provide opportunities and encourage you to use the gifts that God has given you to help and serve one another. If you do not know your gift, or are curious about where or how you can it, go talk to an Elder or pastor Kevin. We are excited to see God using each of us as we continue to grow in our faith.



### **2025 Church Council Members**



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

**Elders:** Rob Zwayer, Steve Sims and Dan Jenkins : All items related to the spiritual growth of the church including ministries that take place during Sunday morning. (le; 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.



## Mary's Musings



Even if you weren't at Sunday School every Sunday as a child, chances are you know this ditty:

Thank you for the world so sweet  
Thank you for the food we eat  
Thank you for the birds that sing  
Thank you God for everything

I was thinking about prayer and time devoted to petition compared to thanksgiving. That's when the above ditty popped into my brain. The "thank you for..." phrase resonated. Using the homophone "four," I twisted a little word play into it and the thankful four\* challenge was born. Each day, in prayer time, I am trying to thank Abba for four recent blessings He has brought me. Sometimes a little creativity spices up relationships.

I am trying not to be generic, like the child's prayer, but examine my day for specific recent times that I saw God's hand. Generic thanks, like those in a child's prayer, will lead to generic sightings and treadmill prayers for gratitude. God is infinitely creative in the blessings He sends our way, so I'm also trying not to repeat or look for the same examples each time. The challenge has been a fruitful one for me, so I extend it to you...

Try each day to find your "thankful four"!

\*Apparently there truly is nothing new under the sun. I googled "thankful four" and discovered there is a Thanksgiving Day race/marathon in Elkhart County, Indiana. It is a scholarship fundraiser benefiting a local high school!



## Be Thankful Together