



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

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## Fall Fest Chili/Soup Cook-off

Mark your calendars and bring your appetite—our annual Fall Festival is happening on Saturday, October 25th! This is always a wonderful time of fellowship, food, and fun for the whole church family and community.



**Kristen Engel 2024 Chili Champ**

This year's festival will once again feature our Chili & Soup Cook-Off Competition, open to everyone who would like to enter.

Whether you have a secret family recipe, a spicy creation, or a cozy comfort soup, we'd love for you to be part of the contest.

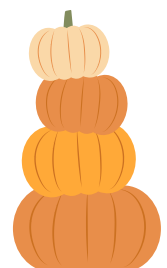


**Cindy Masters 2024 Soup Champ**

Not a cook? No problem!

Everyone who attends will get to taste and vote for their favorite entries, helping us crown this year's champions. Will our returning champions (pictured here) win a second year? Only you can decide! So come on out and enjoy good food and great fellowship.

And of course, alongside the cook-off, you can look forward to games, seasonal activities, a bon fire (if weather permits) and plenty of fun for all ages. So don't miss this chance to celebrate fall together—bring a friend, bring a pot of chili or soup, and get ready for a fantastic evening!





# Missions Report

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In the last article it was promised to delve into other projects financed by the mission team. However, a question came forth about the somewhat unique financing of the mission team's yearly budget. The yearly budget is determined by the yearly dividends from the bequeathal from the late Leita Agenbroad to the church. When she died in 1970 her will designated that the stocks she owned in the State Bank, were to go to the Ney Church of God. She stipulated these stocks were never to be sold and the dividends from the stocks were to be used for missionary work only. She was a woman with a very generous spirit as in her will she also blessed a Messianic-Jewish radio preacher and she asked the all the contents of her home be given away, forbidding them to be sold.

Over the past fifty plus years the amount paid out fluctuates with the stock market. There were a few years around 2012-2015 that we received no dividends at all. This is contrasted with this year, that as of last month, we have received a little over \$20,000! The mission commission budgets each year in such a way that even during "lean" years, when the dividends are small, we can continue to provide to the various missions. Also, in a year that more mission funds are required than the budgeted amount, the council can appropriate the necessary funds.

Next month we will return to the projects financed by the missions team.



Let's  
Pray



## 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.

# October Calendar



October 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm Worship Night

**October 11<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Men's Fellowship @ Seasons Bistro  
(Bryan Square)**

October 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30-5:30 Red Cross Blood Drive

**October 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm Fall Fest & Chili/soup Cook off**

October 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm Council Meeting

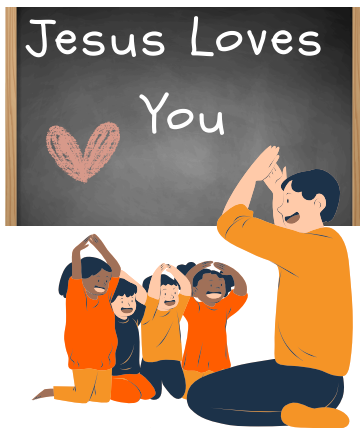
**November 2nd-7th Annual Hunting Trip**

Wednesdays 6:30pm Bible Study @ Jinkins

**Tuesdays 9:30am Women's Bible Study @ parsonage**



## 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



## 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



## Donations Needed For Our Back To School Event

All year long we accept donations of New Backpacks, Basic School Supplies (1 sub. notebooks, folders, crayons, pencils, black and red pens, pink erasers, dry erase markers, scissors and pencil pouches).  
Boxes of Kleenex and Shoes/Clothes sizes 4t and up and in good condition, clean and of current styles. (no stains, rips or holes or smells please)  
We are always low on boys clothing 4t-16/18



## Red Cross Blood Drive

It is time for another blood drive at the Ney Church of God. Volunteers are a necessity to help with check in, re-supplying the snack table and then to clean-up/set-up after the drive is over.

Please consider helping out.



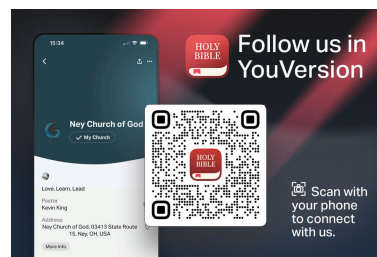
Also, consider donating blood.

There is currently a critical need for blood, and you can make a difference!

The Drive is on October 16th from 1:30pm until 5:30pm.

Sign up to donate at [redcross.org](https://redcross.org)

## 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!



## 2025 Church Council Members



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

**Elders:** Rob Zwayer, Steve Sims and Dan Jinkins

**Deacons:** Lisa Keck, Stacie Smith and Sherry Sims

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





# Mary's Musing



I like to tend my posies in the early cool of the morning. One of the captivating sights this season are the “Bee Beds.” The insects curl around the cosmos’s center; their fuzzy black and yellow bodies rest peacefully in the flower cup. I try to work quietly around them, so they lie undisturbed until the sun’s warmth awakens them. This scripture snippet enters my mind as I observe the resting bees:

“He [God] will shelter you with his wings (NIV)/ “under His wings you will find refuge” (Psalm 91:4 ESV).

Being literal, I wondered if God has wings? There is a conundrum here: If He has wings why don’t I? After all, humans are created in his image (Genesis 1:26-27). A favorite source for answers to my questions is the online resource, Got Questions. They guided me on my investigation.

His wings aren’t literal; it is a metaphor, a comparison to aid in understanding. Today an experienced person will take a novice “under their wing” to help them “learn the ropes.” Jesus envisioned a mother hen protecting her chicks by gathering them under her wings (Matthew 23:37 & Luke 13:34).

Not only do the words from Psalm 91 infer guidance but also protection and security. The above snippet is surrounded by these promises,

“He will save you from the fowler’s snare...His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.”

Here, for your comfort, are several more verses about His wings: Exodus 25:20, Deuteronomy 32:10-12, Ruth 2:10-12, Psalm 17;8, 36:7, 57:1, 61:4, 63:7.

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# Annual Hunting / Fishing Trip



Our annual Hunting/Fishing trip has been scheduled! Join us at Camp Otyokwah for a great time of hunting, fishing, fellowship, and a whole lot more. Camp Otyokwah is our conference church camp that ministers to our kids all summer long and then hosts rentals the rest of the year. It is located in Richland County on about 250 acres. Most of this acreage is woodland with a lot of deer, as well as a nice sized private lake that provides for some great fishing.

Remember, that even if you don't hunt or fish, but just enjoy being out in nature, and feel a need to just “get away” this trip will be a perfect.

We leave on Sunday, November 2nd after church and return Friday, November 7th in the afternoon.

Let pastor Kevin know if you have any questions or are interested.



## Survivor Outreach Support Ministry

### Current Needs to support our SOS ministry

Shampoo, Conditioner  
Laundry Detergent and Dryer sheets  
All types of cleaning supplies  
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**

