



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

**2026**  
**Jan**

## [ADVENT CONSPIRACY]

**Worship Fully. Spend Less. Give More. Love All.**

This Advent season, Ney Church of God continued our tradition of pushing back against the holiday rush and reclaiming what Christmas is truly about—Jesus, generosity, and love in action.



### **Our 2025 Advent Conspiracy Project**

We are helping build a church in the Dominican Republic!



This year, our giving is going directly toward funding the construction of a new church in the **Dominican Republic**—a place where families will gather, worship, learn, and experience the hope of Christ for years to come.



**This year, our church family has given \$4,550 to this project! Awesome job church! Thanks to all who donated.**



We're not just giving financially to the Dominican... We are hoping to go in March 2026, we are forming a team from Ney Church of God to travel to the DR to help build this church with our own hands, serve the community, and partner with local believers. Your giving makes this all possible.

. If you are interested in going to the DR on this trip, please see Pastor Kevin for more info. **Trip dates are March 16-22<sup>nd</sup>.** \*Team members will need a passport, so please start the process ASAP if you currently don't have one.



## **New Sunday School Class**

**Have you ever felt like you wanted to learn more of the Bible Basics, Bible Timelines or maybe the essentials of Christianity? You're not alone! Per a request, Pastor Kevin and Kelly are going to offer a Bible Overview class for teens and adults starting January 11th.**

**during Sunday School (10:00am).**

\*There is also Sunday School for the kids and an additional Class lead by Rob Zwayer that is video based and explores a lot of the history of the Holy Land. Join in! It will be worth your time.



# Mary's Musing



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During Advent, we have been exploring the lives of the people in the nativity account. Pastor's sermon on the wisemen reminded me of one of my favorite Christmas poems, The Journey of the Magi by T. S. Eliot. (Your familiarity with Eliot may be the long running musical Cats, which draws its characters from his book, Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats.) The three stanzas of the Magi poem are too lengthy to print here, but I encourage you to look it up and read.

The poem's content contains one of the magi's remembrances from their Bethlehem journey. He recalls the "hard time we had of it": the camels, the crass camel drivers, all the hostile people along their way who took advantage of the foreigners and the dirt. It was the worst time of year for a quest. His first sentence explains, "A cold coming we had of it...the very dead of winter." All these deterrents brought regrets of leaving their comfortable lifestyle, which brought on nagging "voices in their ears" of their folly.

It was a "hard" journey, yet his conclusion is that he would have done it again. It was worthwhile. He explains how the Christ child changed his life. He is back to his old lifestyle now, to all those comforts that he so missed as he traveled, but they no longer satisfy him. He is yearning and longing for what he found on his journey. Jesus was truly the Messiah. This is the crux of Christmas for all humanity.

Have you allowed Jesus to transform your life as this wiseman did?





# THE CHILDREN OF NEY CHURCH OF GOD

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In 2025 we reached a record number of children! This is a great thing for our church and the future of His Kingdom work. They have curious little minds and we have an amazing opportunity to feed those minds. We have however, a serious problem.

We NEED more children's ministry workers (both men and women). The goal of the council is to have a Wednesday night kids ministry program in place by the beginning of next school year. This means we need to start planning NOW!!!

So, please pray for this ministry AND please give any time you can to it. Maybe you can help once a month, maybe as a substitute, maybe as a weekly leader or bi-weekly or maybe as the lead children's ministry director.... whatever it is, YOU ARE NEEDED.

We know life can be exhausting and it's easier to keep to ourselves, but we value the children and young families at Ney Church and want to see them thrive.

So let's do this together!

## **Other volunteer opportunities:**

Sunday School Time Nursery  
Kids Sunday School teachers  
Jr. Church help (second service)  
Substitutes for all of the above.



# January Calendar

January 7th 6:30pm Worship Night

**January 10th** **8:00am Men's Fellowship @ Seasons Bistro (Bryan Square)**  
4:00pm Ladies Holiday Party

January 11th. Leadership Training 6:00pm

**Wednesdays** **6:30pm Bible Study @ Jinkins**

Tuesdays 9:30am Women's Bible Study @ The Church

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Coming Soon!!!



Plan ahead by hunting, trapping and fishing wild game for this popular event.

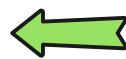
Also included will be our annual gun raffle.

This years raffle is for a "Ruger American Gen 2 Predator 450 Bushmaster"  
**Tickets are \$10 and we need your help selling them to family and friends.**

Please see Pastor Kevin to purchase tickets , or for ticket packs to sell.



## 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

# Missions Report

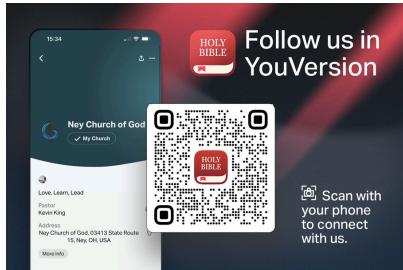
The mission team's December has been satisfactorily busy. Each member was issued four fifty-dollar Walmart gift cards and asked to pray for Holy Spirit's guidance in who to give them to. Check with a member to hear their stories of how God answered those prayers.

They also with others from the congregation, visited Parkview Nursing Home in Edgerton on December 17th. Together we led twelve residents in singing carols, listening to a couple of Christmas poems, making a tree ornament, and listening to the nativity scripture from Luke.

After the program, we visited one of the wings and decorated a resident's room for the holidays. Twenty-three goody bags, for residents who do not have visitors, were left for the staff to distribute. Both the team and residents were blessed.

COVID put somewhat of a crimp on those able to attend, however what was lacking in numbers was made up in the gratitude and joy of those attending.

Next month, in this article, the 2026 budget will be addressed.



## YouVersion

Have you downloaded YouVersion?

We here at Ney Church use 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!



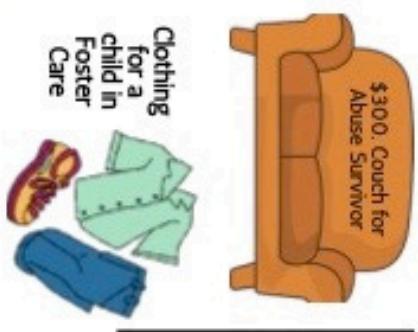
Prayer is not only an important aspect of our daily lives, it is absolutely vital as a congregation, as we seek God's guidance. Therefore, we invite everyone to join us at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Prayer room for a time of prayer for each other, our church, community, country and the world.

# Survivor Outreach Support

## 2025 Year End Review



Assisted 19  
Survivors  
This Year



\$300. Couch for  
Abuse Survivor



3 Bikes for  
3 Siblings in  
Residential  
Treatment



\$700 in Non-Food Supplies



3  
Winter Coats for a  
Human Trafficking  
Survivor



Clothing for a  
Human  
Trafficking  
Survivor



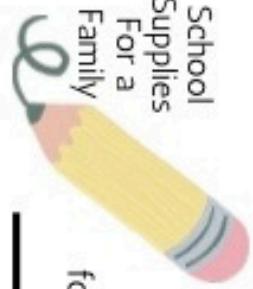
\$92  
in Cell  
Service  
for 2  
Survivors  
of Abuse



\$105 in  
Christmas  
Gifts for  
local Foster  
Kids.



\$400 in Trade  
School  
Uniforms for  
a teenage  
survivor of  
molestation



Many Conversations  
for referrals and advice



A Suitcase  
for a Human  
Trafficking  
Survivor

\$100 in  
gas to  
rescue a  
young lady  
from her  
abuser



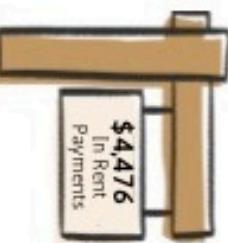
\$470  
in Gift  
Cards



One pair of  
rubber  
clogs for a  
Human  
Trafficking  
Survivor



Art Supplies  
for a  
struggling  
teen survivor  
of molestation



\$4,476  
in Rent  
Payments



\$555.00 In Storage  
Fees  
for a Displaced Victim  
of Violence