



# Step Up to the Plate

Softball season is here—it's time to get in the game! As the weather warms up and summer approaches, our church coed softball league is gearing up for another great season of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition.

This league is about much more than just softball. It's a chance to connect with others, build meaningful relationships, and spend time together outside of Sunday mornings. Whether you've played for years or have never picked up a glove, you are more than welcome to join. No experience is needed—just come ready to laugh, encourage one another, and enjoy being part of the team.

Games provide a great opportunity to relax, have fun, and support each other in a laid-back environment. It's also provides an opportunity to invite friends or family members to be part of a church activity in a casual setting.

Even if playing isn't your thing, your presence still matters. Come out, bring a chair, and cheer on the team—your encouragement makes a difference! Schedules are available in the foyer, so be sure to grab one and stay up to date on game times.

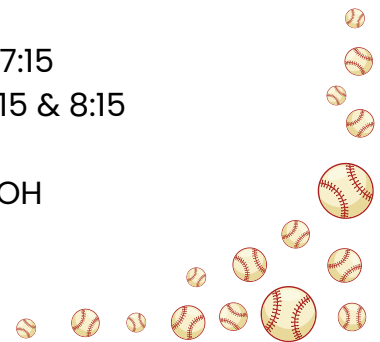


Whether you plan to step onto the field or simply enjoy the atmosphere from the sidelines, there's a place for you. Dust off your glove, bring your team spirit, and join us for a season full of fun, laughter, and community. We look forward to seeing you there!

**May dates and times are as follows**

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 & 7:15	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:15
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:15	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:15 & 8:15

Games are at Recreation Park in Bryan, OH





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

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## We Recycle!



Did you know that we recycle metal, aluminum, and even old appliances? Instead of throwing these items away, consider bringing them to us. You can place them in the white shed located on the northeast corner of the parking lot.

The shed door may appear locked, but it is not—simply open it and place your items inside.

Thanks to your support, we have already raised thousands of dollars through recycling efforts. All proceeds go directly to support the church.

Your small act of recycling can make a big difference!



## **NEY WEBSITE**

If you haven't been to our website lately, now is the time to check it out. There is a lot of great information located online. Our website hosts our church calendar as well as an upcoming events page, so you always know what is around the corner.

You can also find links to our YouTube page with sermons, as well as links to this newsletter and "next steps" that you can take in your spiritual journey. Check it out at [ney.cggc.org](http://ney.cggc.org) or scan the QR code above.



## **SPOTIFY**

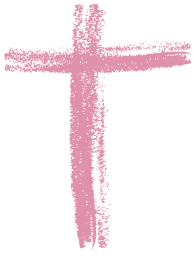
Have you ever wondered if you could worship at home with the songs we sing at Ney Church?

Well now you can!

We have made a "Sunday Worship" playlist on Spotify. It is updated with new songs as we add them.

Just open the Spotify app, tap on "Search" then tap the camera icon and scan the code below.





# KIDS MINISTRY

## NOW IS THE TIME

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We are seeing something special happen right now in our church. We've reached a record number of children, and that momentum continues. This is a true blessing—and an opportunity to invest in young, curious hearts.

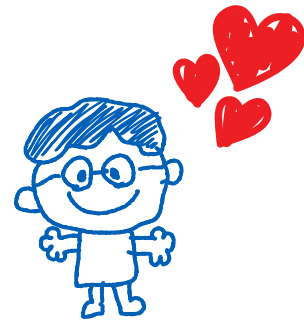
But with this growth comes an urgent need. We are currently looking for more children's ministry workers, both men and women, as we work toward launching a Wednesday night kids program by the next school year.

If you're interested in helping, please join us for a short meeting on **Sunday, May 31st at 12:30 PM**. This will be a time to learn more and find where you can serve.

Whether you can help occasionally or more regularly, there is a place for you. Please be praying for this ministry and consider how you can be involved as we support the next generation together.

### Other volunteer opportunities:

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



Let's  
Pray



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.

Also, if you "friend" Ney Church of God on YouVersion, you will receive the "Praises & Prayer Concerns" from both Sunday morning services so you can pray throughout the week.



# May Calendar

<b>May 2nd</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Church Spring Cleaning</b>
May 3rd	6:00pm	Congregational Meeting
<b>May 5th</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>First Softball Game of the Season</b>
May 6th	6:30pm	Worship Night
<b>May 9th</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Men's Fellowship</b>
May 31st	12:30pm	Kids Ministry Kick-off Meeting
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Bible Study @ Jinkins</b>
Tuesdays	9:30am	Women's Bible Study @ The Church

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## GLC Conference

Plans are underway for our annual conference, which will take place June 5th and 6th in Celina, Ohio. This event is open to everyone, and all are warmly invited to attend. This year's conference will center on leadership development, offering a variety of breakout sessions designed to equip and encourage participants in growing their leadership skills. Whether you are currently serving in a leadership role or simply interested in developing in this area, these sessions will provide valuable insight and practical tools. The cost to attend is \$35 per person. However, the church council has generously offered to cover the registration fee for the first four individuals who sign up. If you are interested in attending, please be sure to let us know by May 17th so arrangements can be finalized.

We hope you will consider joining us for this meaningful and enriching time together.



→ **2026 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



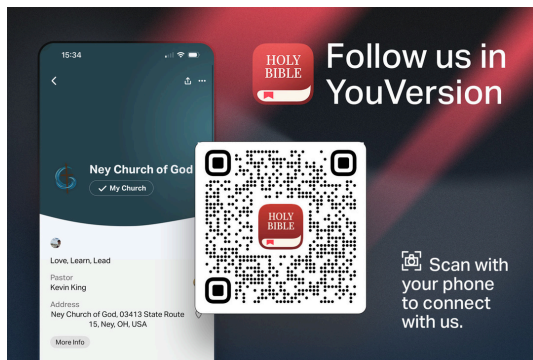
# Missions Report

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*Kayla Pearson provides this first article in a new series that provides accounts from mission trips taken by folks in our congregation.*

My mission trip to Mexico is something I'll carry with me forever. We painted a church, passed out warm meals, spent time doing fun community activities, had the privilege to experience a wedding, and so much more. During the community activities, I got to face paint so many sweet kids, watch a clown pull some funny skits, and watch the community light up with joy and happiness.

But going to “the hole” is something that truly changed me. Seeing how people live there was such an eye opener. It's hard to put into words how emotional it felt watching what families go through just to make it by. It makes you realize how much we take for granted every single day. The men on the mission trip helped rebuild a roof that had been leaking. As for me, I braided countless little girls' hair, and those simple moments meant everything to me.



## YouVersion

Have you downloaded YouVersion?

Ney Church of God uses it weekly 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, or finding us on it... ask! We would love to help you!

There was one little girl, America, who I still think about from time to time. Getting to know her and spending time with her—even with the language barrier—was so special. Those are the moments that stick with you the most.

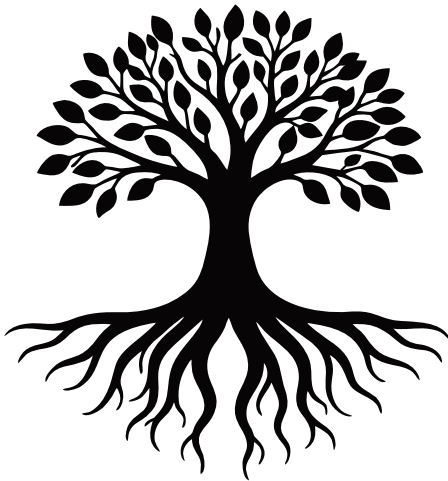
This trip filled my heart in ways I didn't expect. It challenged me, humbled me, and gave me a whole new perspective on life. I'm so grateful for every moment, every connection, and every lesson. The connections you make are truly heartfelt and something you carry with you long after you leave. I would love to experience a trip like this again.

## Interested in Missions?

As part of The CGGC, we have opportunities to travel to multiple mission fields including Mexico, Dominican Republic, Kenya and many more. Just let pastor Kevin know.



## **STAYING ROOTED**



Spring! There are so many things that come to mind when I think about spring. There are the joys of warmer weather, gardens planted, longer days - All reminding us that the cold of winter is finally passed. It also means that there are a lot of things going on.

As the pace of life begins to pick up with warmer weather, school events, and full calendars, it's easy to find ourselves pulled in a dozen different directions. Good things—family time, work, community events—can quickly crowd out the most important thing: our spiritual life that is rooted in Christ.

Jesus reminds us in John 15 that He is the vine, and we are the branches. "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." That's not just a spiritual idea—it's a daily reality. When we disconnect from Him, even for a short time, we begin to feel it. Our patience shortens. Our peace fades. Our sense of purpose becomes unclear.

But the good news is this: staying connected doesn't require perfection—it requires intention. Intentionality in our lives plays a valuable role in our spiritual journey. It takes on the form in practical ways of carving out a few quiet moments each day to pray, even if it's just in the car or before your feet hit the floor in the morning. It looks like opening Scripture, not out of obligation, but out of a desire to hear God's voice. It looks like gathering together on Sundays, not just as a routine, but as a reminder that we are not meant to walk this journey alone.

At Ney Church of God, we want to help you stay rooted. Whether it's through worship, teaching, small groups, or simply encouraging one another, we are better together. So as your schedule fills up, don't let your soul run empty. Stay connected. Stay rooted. And trust that God will produce fruit in your life in every season.

