



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

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## 2026 **BACK TO SCHOOL** Giveaway



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What an incredible day! Our Back to School Bash was a tremendous success, and we are so thankful for everyone who made it possible.

Because of all the hard work and servant heart of so many volunteers, we were able to give away more than 350 backpacks filled with over 400 packets of school supplies to students preparing for a new school year.

Families also had the opportunity to shop through a large selection of free clothing to help many head into the fall with confidence and dignity.

But this day was about much more than backpacks and clothes. It was about showing our community the love of Jesus in practical ways. Every backpack represented a child who knows someone cares. Every bag of school supplies eased a financial burden for a family. Every article of clothing reminded someone that they are seen, valued, and loved.

From collecting donations and sorting supplies, to setting up, serving families, and cleaning up afterward, countless people gave their time and energy to make this outreach a blessing. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ.

Thank you for helping us make an eternal impact—one backpack, one conversation, and one act of kindness at a time.

# August Calendar

August 8th Men's Fellowship 8:00am

**August 15th Project Respect Golf Outing**

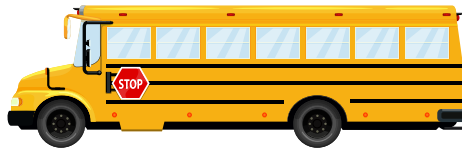
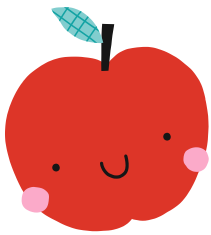
August 16th Ney Church Picnic in the Park 12:30pm

**August 17th Council Meeting 6:00pm**

August 23rd **iKids Ministry meeting 12:30pm**

**August 30th Baptism Sunday 12:30pm**

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



## 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.



## NEW WEBSITE

If you haven't been to our website lately, you should really check it out. 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.



# Missions Report

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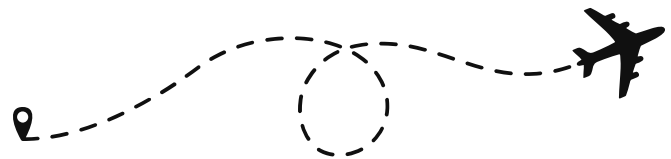
This month Gary Barbee shares from his mission trip.

My first mission trip was to Kenya, and it was filled with obstacles. The day before we were to leave for Kenya, I had to replace the well pump at home which still had a small leak after replacement.

The second obstacle was the fear of flying. Anyone who knows their geography realizes the only way to Kenya from the States is flying. With two eight-hour flights ahead of me I really had to lean on the Lord. I think the majority of my time in flight was spent praying.

Finally, we landed and as I left the plane my focus wasn't on the things that almost kept me from this trip, my focus was on what God had called me to do. God had a plan and a purpose for what He wanted me to do.

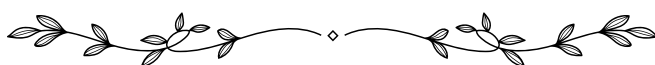
Through prayer, faith and my trust in God I was able to do all these things.



## Have You Ever Considered a Mission Trip?

Have you ever felt God nudging you to serve beyond your local community? If so, there are several opportunities to get involved! Our Conference sponsors ACTS Team mission trips each spring, providing a great way to experience missions firsthand.

We're also excited to announce that next year we'll be traveling to the Dominican Republic to help build the church that our congregation has faithfully supported through fundraising over the past two years. What an incredible opportunity to see firsthand the impact of your generosity! If you're interested in joining the team, now is the time to begin praying and saving for the trip. If you'd like to learn more, please let Pastor Kevin know. We'd love to have you be part of what God is doing!





# Kids Ministry: “iKids”

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We are so excited to announce the beginnings of our Wed. Night Programming. We have decided on a name, theme and begun planning the details.



The first round of lessons will be themed around Super Heroes with a starting date of September 2nd at 6:00pm. This kick-off will be in combination with our worship night.

You will be able to register your child at that time. But if you are unable to make it on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will also be an Online Registration available beginning the last week of July.

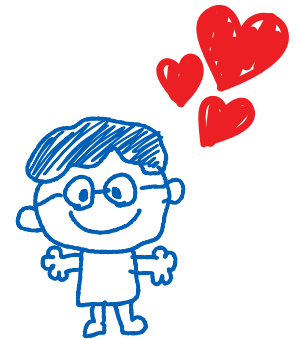
iKids will include music, snack, games, craft and lesson. Adult Bible Study will be at the church so parents can participate while their kids attend. A nursery will also be available for volunteers and Bible study attendees.

**Our next meeting for further discussion and planning is August 23<sup>rd</sup> after the second service. (12:15)**



## Other volunteer opportunities:

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



## ➡ 2026 Church Council Members ←

**President:** Cheryl Chafin **Treasurer:** Stacie Smith  
**Elders:** Rob Zwayer, Steve Sims and Gary Barbee  
**Deacons:** Lisa Keck, Stacie Smith and Cathy Leu  
**Trustees:** Matt Keck, John Chafin and Jeff Smith



# MARY'S MUSING

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My mom kept a list of unique first names. This week I thought about her “collection” as I was reading Paul’s letter to Philippi as I came across the name:

Epaphroditus! As a retired kindergarten teacher, I sympathized with the struggle he must have had learning to write his name. What nicknames must he have braved? The letter is short, so I’ll let you read it to find out his contribution to Paul’s writing.

The city of Philippi was a trading center on an important trade route in Macedonia: it had a diverse population. It was named in honor of Alexander the Great’s father, Philip. On his second missionary journey, Paul established a church there in response to a vision. Scripture tells us of three significant events there:

1. Lydia, a seller of purple dye, and the beginning of the church.
2. The exorcism of demons from a slave girl landing Paul and Silas in jail.
3. The conversion of a Philippian jailor and his family.

See Acts 16 for those exciting accounts.

The letter itself is upbeat; consider it when you need an edifying read. Pay particular attention to the closing. Endings should reiterate the writer’s purpose in writing. You will find this ambitious verse:

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things (Philippians 4:8)

To accomplish such thinking I first suggest cutting back on your media input. In today’s culture, it will be arduous. So, pray for Holy Spirit’s help. Maybe get a human partner; four eyes working to find and share the true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. I tried to be clever and make an acronym out of the first letter of the eight characteristics to help us remember what we are looking for. After struggling with PLEP RANT and PLAN PRET, I decided to challenge you to give it a try. What can you come up with?



# 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. PLEASE place them INSIDE 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!



## Bible App

## 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!



## 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.

