



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

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Annual Ney Church of God

Fall Fest



Fall is here, and that means it's time to gather together for some good food, good fellowship, and a little friendly competition! Ney Church of God's Fall Fest is coming up, and we'd love for you, your family, and your friends to join us.

One of the highlights of the evening will be our Chili & Soup Cook-Off! We'll have a variety of homemade chili and soups to sample, but there's a twist—you get to be the judge! Everyone in attendance will have the opportunity to taste the entries and cast their vote for their favorites. Last year's winner of Nellie and Brittney will be tough to beat, but everyone has the opportunity.

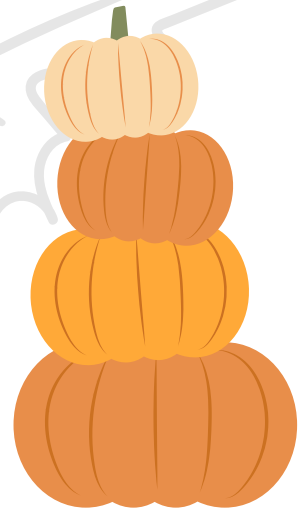
Who will take home the bragging rights this year?

And if the weather cooperates, we'll finish the evening around a warm outdoor fire. Bring a lawn chair or camp chair and plan to hang out, relax, and enjoy some time together around the fire. Roasting sticks and smores welcome too!!

Whether you come for the food, the competition, the fellowship, or simply a chance to enjoy a beautiful fall evening, there's a place for you at Fall Fest.

Bring your family. Bring a friend. Bring your appetite—and don't forget your chair!

We'll see you at Ney Church of God for a fun night of fall fellowship! **October 24th @ 4:00pm**



October Calendar

October 4th.

Bible 101 Sunday School Class Begins

October 10th

Men's Breakfast 8:00 am Paulding Pancake House

October 16-17th

Women's Flourish Conference. (Ft Wayne)

October 24th

Fall Fest 4:00pm

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

iKids @ the Church 6:00pm

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Adult Bible Study @ the Church 6:00pm

Do you have questions about the Bible?

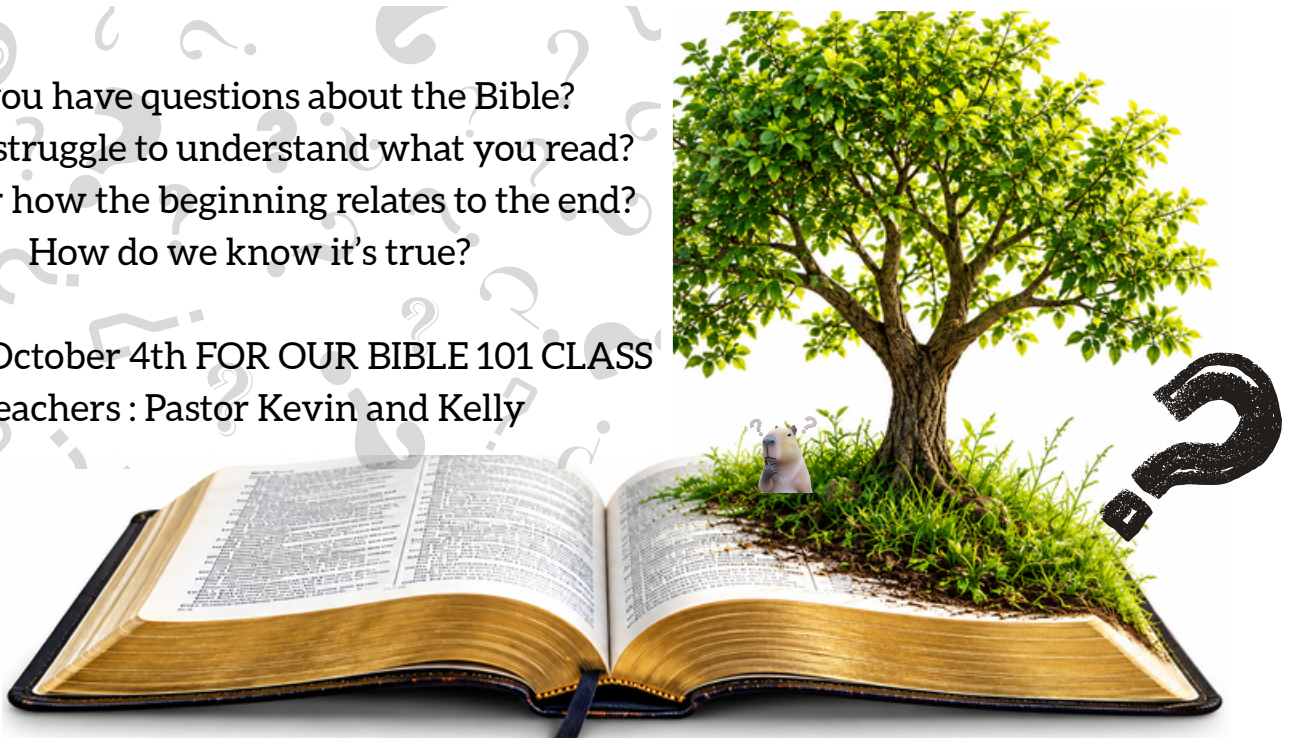
Do you struggle to understand what you read?

Wonder how the beginning relates to the end?

How do we know it's true?

JOIN us October 4th FOR OUR BIBLE 101 CLASS

Teachers : Pastor Kevin and Kelly



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.



Missions Report

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In our article last month, Cathy Leu introduced her upcoming mission trip to Eldoret, Kenya. She will be leaving October 31 and returning on November 15. Here are some further details:

"A small group of 13 of us from the United States will venture to Kenya for a Vision Trip designed to deepen relationships and give participants a firsthand look at the work of STAND BY ME. Rather than a traditional service trip, the focus will be on experiencing the ministry, meeting the people we serve alongside, and helping participants see how they can become more deeply connected to the mission and its future.

The Open Arms Village is a 52 -acre residential community located just outside of Eldoret, Kenya. It was founded in 2006 to meet the immediate needs of orphaned and abandoned children in Western Kenya who were suffering from a wide variety of life-threatening diseases. As a result of the political violence in 2008, the project grew to support more children.

Today, the Open Arms village is home to over 130 children with 10 purpose-built family homes, and the Open Arms Academy is educating children and giving them a hopeful future. Open Arms Village is one of few communities where children are raised as family."

Cathy requests that we remember to pray that: "God would go before us, be there with us, and change us as a result of this experience." Thank you.



Have You Ever Considered a Mission Trip?

We're are 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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Volunteers Needed for Wednesday Night iKids

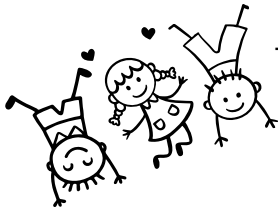
Our iKids program meets every Wednesday night, offering children a mix of lessons, snacks, and crafts. We’re currently seeking volunteers –



especially men – to portray a different character each week. No special skills are required, just a friendly spirit and a willingness to participate.

If you’d like to help bring our lessons to life and make Wednesday nights memorable for our kids, please consider joining our volunteer team. Sign up for 1 night or more. Opportunities all through out the school year.

Request on Facebook to join the group of volunteers
@ Ney Church Kids Ministry



Thank you for Volunteering to minister to the kids



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.



NEY 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 or scan the QR code above.



MARY'S MUSING

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Peter sends this encouragement to God's elect:

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9).

In this verse we are called to several roles. In this short musing let's talk about the calling to be a priest. The consecration ceremony in the Old Testament for the high priest gives us a concise idea of what a priest does. In the ceremony the priest's ear lobes, thumb and big toe are anointed (Leviticus 8:24). This is a reminder that as priests our ears need to be tuned into God's Word, our hands need to be doing God's work, and our feet need to be walking on God's path. It's as easy as one, two, three.

Although in slightly different order, these are three ideas that should sound familiar. As we leave those "lazy, crazy days of Summer" and enter the settling Fall season, let us refocus ourselves to: **Love** with a tender touch of our hands, **Learn** with the keen listening of our ears, and **Lead** with feet devoted to His path.



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!



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, place your items inside and make sure it's closed when your done.

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!



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Meet the Care Team



Every church has people who quietly make a difference. They're the ones who notice when someone needs a little encouragement, remembers to check in, pray when someone is going through a difficult season, and make people feel like they belong. At Ney Church of God, many of those people serve as Care Coordinators—and we'd like you to get to know them. This month, we want to introduce Cathy Leu



Cathy has spent much of her life serving others through education, community work, and ministry. She began her career as an elementary school teacher, primarily teaching fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in Oregon and Alaska. She eventually returned to Ohio and found her way to Ney Church of God.

One of the things closest to Cathy's heart is missions—both locally and around the world. She especially enjoys opportunities to serve alongside people from other cultures and experience the ways God is working through His people around the world.

As she has grown older, God has been teaching her an important lesson: He still has work for her to do. She is grateful to see Ney Church of God growing and becoming an increasingly vital part of the community.

Her desire is simple: to follow wherever God leads. Even when the path isn't always clear or she gets sidetracked. She shares that spending time with Him brings a renewed peace and the confidence that He continues to direct her life.

Outside of church, you'll find her enjoying pickleball, growing beautiful flowers, or grabbing a meal at Texas Roadhouse or Culver's. And for a fun surprise—she was once a snake handler!



2026 Church Council Members



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