Ney Church of God's Monthly

NEWSLETTER

DEC 2026

[ADVENT CONSPIRACY]

As part of our Advent Conspiracy focus this Christmas, we are seeking to Worship Fully as we are challenged to Spend Less, Give More, and Love All. As we celebrate Christmas, what if some of the money we choose not to spend on gifts, decorations, cards or other extras could be used to make a lasting difference in the lives of others?

Imagine taking something we might have spent on ourselves and using it to help build a church in the Dominican Republic—a place where people can encounter Jesus, worship together, and grow in their faith. That's what Advent Conspiracy is all about: showing our love for all by giving in ways that make a lasting difference.

That's exactly what Ney Church of God is planning to do!



In September 2027, we're planning a mission trip to the Dominican Republic with an opportunity to help build a church. We'll be working alongside a ministry within our own denomination, partnering with a local pastor and congregation to help establish a place where people can gather, worship, grow in their faith, and hear the good news of Jesus.

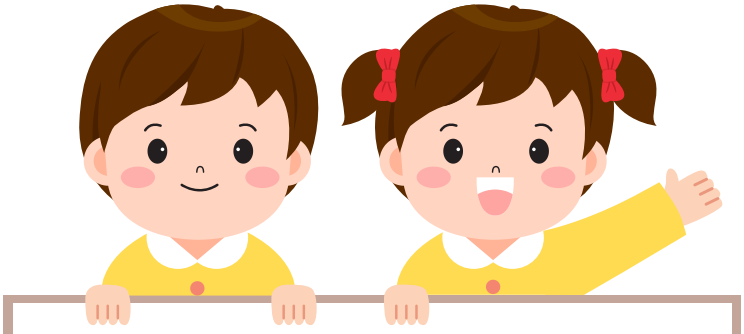
Pastor Kevin and Kelly had the opportunity to visit this ministry last year and have personally met the pastor. This isn't simply a project we're hearing about from a distance; it's an opportunity to come alongside people and a ministry that are already doing God's work. {Continued on page 3]

Current 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

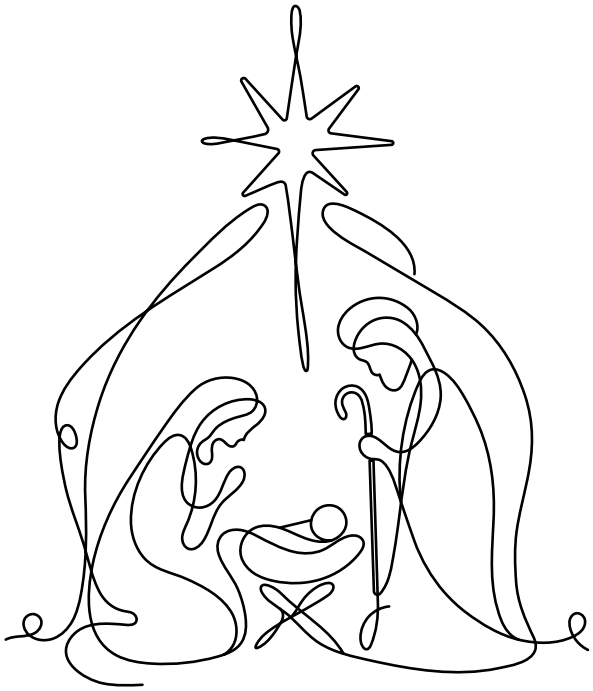
December Calendar

December 12th	**Men's Breakfast 8:00am Paulding Pancake House**
December 14th	Council Meeting 6:00pm
December 24th	**Christmas Eve Service/Kids Performance 7:00pm**
December 27th	Take down Christmas Decorations 12:15pm
Tuesdays	**Women's Bible Study @ The Church 9:30am**
Wednesdays	iKids @ the Church 6:00pm-7:00pm
Wednesdays	**Adult Bible Study @ the Church 6:00pm-7:00pm**



Volunteer Urgently Needed

We currently do not have a teacher for Jr Church on the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you would like to teach the children during the 2nd service (after fellowship time) once a month, please see an Elder or Pastor Kevin.



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.

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Missions Report

Christmas is a giving season and a good time to revisit what we believe about missions and our resulting actions. With Advent Conspiracy there is an option to give financially to foreign missions, and our Church has a Mission Team that oversees "Church Missions". But don't overlook or neglect your personal responsibility. It isn't just the calling of that six-member team. Each believer is a member of the universal mission team. Check out the Great Commission: Matthew 28:16-20.

One purpose of these monthly reports is to highlight how ordinary people are being missional. If they can do it, so can you! Daily, monthly and yearly, your mission fields consist of your home, your work, your church and even the store you're shopping in. This month put a welcoming smile on your face, and each morning pray for Abba's leading through your day. Then, as we do after each Sunday service, take the light into your mission field. If it is a Merry Christmas for you, share it.



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.

Kids Ministry: "iKids"

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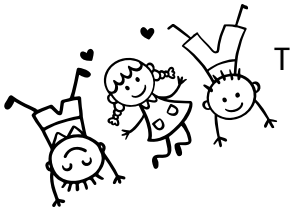
Volunteers Needed for Wednesday Night iKids

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







GIVE THE GIFT OF AN INVITATION

Christmas is a wonderful time to invite someone to church. While we often spend time thinking about the perfect gifts for family and friends, there's another gift we can offer that costs us nothing: an invitation.

There are people all around us who may not have a church family, are looking for a place to belong, or simply haven't been to church in a long time. An invitation could be the first step toward something that changes their life.

Here's the challenge: Who could you invite to our Christmas Eve service this year? Invite a neighbor, coworker, friend, or family member to celebrate Christmas with us. Don't underestimate what God can do through a simple invitation.
You never know where it might lead!

[ADVENT CONSPIRACY CONT]

The trip will be approximately one week long, and we're hoping to take a small team of no more than ten people. Anyone from Ney Church of God is welcome to participate, provided they have a valid passport. We don't have all the details worked out yet, including the final cost, but we'll be looking at fundraising opportunities to help make the trip possible.

You don't have to be a construction expert or have previous mission trip experience to be part of something like this. A willingness to serve, work together, and share God's love is a great place to start. And even if you aren't able to travel, you can still be part of this mission through giving, fundraising, and prayer.

Over the coming months, we'll share more information as plans come together. In the meantime, begin praying about this opportunity and consider how God might use you.

This Christmas, let's spend less so we can give more. And together, let's help build more than a church building. Let's help build a place where lives can be changed by the love of Jesus.

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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Mary's Musing

Christ's Birth



The smell of Christmas
Manger hay
The sound of Christmas
Angel wings
The sight of Christmas
Brillant Light in the darkness
The feel of Christmas
Shepherd's joy
The taste of Christmas
The coming wedding supper of the Lamb



(Luke 2:7, Luke 2:8-14, Matthew 14:6, Luke 2:16-18, Psalm 34:8, Revelation 19:9)

THE PRACTICE: A New Year, A New Opportunity

As we get ready to begin a new year, many of us will make resolutions and set goals. But what about our spiritual lives? What if 2027 became a year when we were more intentional about growing in our relationship with Jesus?

Beginning Sunday, December 27, we'll kick off a six-week series, The Practice: My Spiritual Growth Plan. Together, we'll explore six important practices that help us grow as followers of Christ: following Jesus, Scripture, prayer, generosity, community, and serving others. We will also be encouraging everyone to join us in reading through the Bible in 2027.

Whether you've read through it many times or have never attempted it before, this is a great opportunity for us to grow together.

Remember, faith isn't just something we believe. It's something we practice. Let's make 2027 a year of intentional spiritual growth!