



GROWING TOGETHER

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7



At NELA Youth, we are seeing real, encouraging change in the lives of the children we serve. What begins as simple connection is growing into meaningful transformation.

One of the biggest areas of growth is in academics. Through our Fruit Rewards Program, students are being encouraged and recognized for improving their grades and effort. We are seeing more kids take pride in their schoolwork and stay motivated to do better.

We are also seeing higher participation across our outreach. More youth are showing up consistently, engaging, and building positive relationships with mentors and peers. Many now see NELA Youth as a place where they are truly seen and valued.

Even more encouraging is the increase in church attendance and spiritual interest. Our youth are not just attending—they are developing a genuine desire to grow in their faith.

Because of this, we are working to expand our Bible study small groups to create deeper connections and more personal support. We are also increasing our open circle talk groups through our mental wellness program, providing safe spaces for youth to share, process, and be heard.

We believe when youth are supported both spiritually and emotionally, true transformation happens—and we are seeing that take place every day.

Thank you for being part of this journey. The impact is real, and it’s just the beginning.

All for His glory,
Andrea Jones & the NELA Youth team



HIGHLIGHTS

- At our April outreach we taught the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), focusing on the truth that even when we think no one sees us, God always sees us and calls us by name. Encouraged youth to understand their value and identity—reminding them that they are never overlooked by God.
- We welcomed a special guest counselor to our girls' Bible study, creating a safe space for open conversation, encouragement, and emotional support.
- Celebrated a powerful milestone as **13** of our youth were baptized at The Assembly West Monroe.



PRAYER: Lord, thank You for the growth we are seeing in our youth. Thank You for improved confidence, better choices, and a desire to draw closer to You. Continue to guide them in their education, strengthen their faith, and surround them with support and encouragement. Bless our small groups and conversations, and let every child know they are seen, valued, and loved! In Jesus' name, Amen.

NELA Youth is a mobile, Christ-centered nonprofit dedicated to mentoring and restoring some of the most vulnerable children in our region. We meet them right where they are, bringing hope into places marked by brokenness and guiding them toward healing and identity in Christ.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

- PRAYER FOR THE KIDS
- Volunteer at our monthly outreach meetings
- Pizza (10-12) donation for our Sat. outreach
- Gas cards
- Snack size chips & drinks
- Financial donations