



Live the Mission

*"You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."
— 1 Corinthians 12:27*



When people hear the word church, they often think of a building. But the truth is, the church was never meant to be a place—it was meant to be a people. Scripture shows us that the real church is made up of hearts surrendered to God and hands willing to serve others. It is not defined by walls or schedules, but by love in action.

At NELA Youth, this is the heartbeat of everything we do. We believe being the church means living like Jesus lived—showing compassion to those in need, standing with the hurting, mentoring the next generation, and bringing hope into places where it feels like hope has been forgotten. Jesus didn't wait for people to come to Him; He went to them. He met them in their struggles, their pain, and their daily lives. That is the model we follow. Every outreach, every meal shared, every ride given, every mentoring moment, and every act of kindness is part of the church in motion. When a child feels seen, when a family feels supported, or when a young person realizes their life has purpose, that is ministry. That is the Gospel being lived out.
are changed.

NELA Youth is not just an organization—it is a community of believers choosing to be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in Northeast Louisiana. We don't just talk about faith; we walk it out. We don't just gather; we go. Because the church is not a building we enter—it is a mission we live.

And when love is lived out loud, lives

All for the glory of God!

Andrea Jones & the NELA Youth Team



HIGHLIGHTS

- In February, we had the wonderful privilege of welcoming Kipp and Alana from The Assembly, who shared their powerful testimonies. We were equally excited to have the NMBC Youth group join us for this special event!
- We celebrated our first quarter Rewards Program winners with a memorable gathering. The Russell family graciously treated the kids to an exhilarating ride in their stretch hummer limo, followed by a delectable crawfish feast! Congratulations to Ivy, Myiah, Seven, Malaysia, McKenzie, Laylay, Dmo, Jasmine, and Myracle for embodying the fruits of the Spirit!
- During the winter storm, we came together to create care kits for those in need, distributing them to individuals requiring assistance.
- Our weekly Bible study group is now actively going out to pray for people in the community.



PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Thank You for calling us to be Your church—not just in words, but in action. Fill our hearts with the compassion of Jesus and open our eyes to the needs around us. Strengthen NELA Youth to be Your hands and feet in our community. Let every child we serve feel Your love, every family we help experience Your hope, and every life we touch see Your light. Teach us to serve humbly, love boldly, and walk faithfully so that Your kingdom is revealed through us. 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