



## COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ December 16, 2025 ~

### IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD

*The Hope of All the Earth!*

We find ourselves in the final week of Advent. And as we do, let's remember that all the Aspirations of the season are radically transformative! Just read and reflect on these!



**Hope** that is **Stubborn**. **Peace** that is **Subversive!** **Joy** that is **Defiant!** And, as we will discover this week, **Love** that is **Invading!**

Pause. Read that sentence again. Which of these do you need? Thanks be to God for Jesus. This is what is on offer to us from the ***Hope of All the Earth!***

And now, we enter the final week of preparing our hearts for rejoicing in our Savior's birth. Take note of the Christmas Eve service, as well as this Sunday's Christmas Connection fellowship time. But here are two other ways you can prepare.

From Lectio365, Wednesday begins a focus on the Seven Antiphons of Christ, rooted in the names of Jesus prophetically found in Scripture. You can get the App here.

<https://lectio365.com/spotlight-and-resources/advent-devotionals-lectio-365>

And then here is a guide for "Christmas Conversation Starters" (Thank you, Bro. Denis!). What a great way to be prepared for the conversations that may come your way the next week.

<https://www.navigators.org/resource/10-christmas-conversation-starters-simple-questions-for-deeper-connection/>

Come, let us Advent together and run into the hope, peace, joy and love God has for us!

Peace,

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary

Or join us online at <https://www.facebook.com/communitychapelNH>

### "A WORD AND PRAYER"

CONNECT TO "A WORD AND PRAYER" – with Pastor Geoff on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/communitychapelNH>

**Join our Monthly 24 Hours Prayer Friday and Saturday, January 2nd & 3rd.** Let's pray for our church, our community, and the world. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in this time.



## CORE VALUE #1 – WE ARE TO DEPEND ON GOD THROUGH PRAYER

SUNDAY PRESERVICE PRAYER! 10:00 AM IN THE PARLOR!

Contact Bob Lemay for more information! [boblemay@gmail.com](mailto:boblemay@gmail.com)

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer” (Romans 12:12)



**PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER** Contact the church office at 603-883-8345 between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM with prayer requests or you can send **prayer requests** to the office and sign up for the electronic “*Weekly Prayer List*” at [office@community-chapel.org](mailto:office@community-chapel.org). If you have a prayer request for “**Pastors Only**” please email Pastor Mary at [pastormary@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastormary@community-chapel.org).

## THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Tuesday 12/16	Wednesday 12/17	Thursday 12/18	Friday 12/19	Saturday 12/20	Sunday 12/21	Monday 12/22
<b>Men's Journey Group</b> 6:30 PM in Room 302	<b>Word &amp; Prayer</b> 9:00 AM FaceBook <b>Morning Women's Group</b> 10:00 AM in Room 304 <b>Kidz Klub</b> 6:30-8:00 PM <b>Youth Group</b> 6:00 PM Chick-fil-A <b>Evening Women's Group</b> 6:30 PM in Room 302 <b>Men's Journey Group</b> 6:30 PM in Room 303	 5:00 PM Fellowship Hall			<b>Christmas Cookies and Fellowship</b> 9:00-10:00 AM in the Parlor <b>Young Adult Group Christmas Party</b> 5:00-7:00 PM at Pastor Leo's house	



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Thanks to so many of you who took tags to purchase gifts as we seek to serve our community in this season. All the gifts were appreciated!

**Thank you!**  
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## NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER:

Hello church! As we continue preparing to bring **5 of our teens** to Nazarene Youth Conference next summer, we've launched a T-shirt Fundraiser! Our design is centered around the mission of our church: to **BE THE HOPE** wherever we find ourselves. We have adult T-shirts, adult crewnecks, and youth T-shirts in various colors. Shirts get shipped directly to you, and all profits go directly towards our trip. Help us get to NYC by clicking [HERE](#) to purchase a shirt, or share our fundraiser post on Facebook to help us spread the word! Thank you all for your continued love and support for our teens!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to donate in honor or memory of a loved one, please let the office know by emailing to [office@community-chapel.org](mailto:office@community-chapel.org) with names and quantity of poinsettias. Donation of any amount is appreciated.



## CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP

**THIS Sunday, December 21st - 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the parlor**

Bring a plate of Christmas treats to share and plan to join us for this time of fellowship before the holiday.



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service will be held at **5:00 PM!**

There will be a special children's (small saints) sermon.

We look forward to worshipping with you as we prepare for the coming of our Lord!



### CHRISTMAS 2025 PROJECT

This year's NCM Christmas Project will **helps children in Jordan and Lebanon access education and support** through the ministry of Nazarene schools.. We will receive an offering on Christmas Eve to support this ministry.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER AND COMMUNION SERVICE

New Year's Eve Prayer and Communion: From 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Pastor Geoff will be available in the sanctuary to offer communion and pray over individuals or families as we welcome the New Year. If you plan to attend, please email Connie at [office@community-chapel.org](mailto:office@community-chapel.org) or fill out a Connection Card.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE - Sunday, January 4th at 10:30 AM

As we step off the edge of the old year, into the adventurous unknown of the new, join us for this unique service that lands us on the solid ground of God's love! We will share in the Lord's Supper together, renewing covenant with God. John and Charles Wesley created this service for people to renew their relationship with Christ and intentionally move into the future with God.

Let's do this together!

## MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: KEEP OUR NEIGHBORS WARM THIS WINTER

United Way of Greater Nashua is seeking volunteers to support the City of Nashua's Overnight Winter Warming Station at the former Elm Street Middle School. Volunteers cover **2-hour shifts between 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM, December 1<sup>st</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>**, helping provide a safe, warm place for individuals experiencing homelessness during the cold winter nights. Sign up to volunteer or learn more at:

[https://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=1139180](https://www.volunteergreaternashua.org/need/detail/?need_id=1139180)

### UNITED WAY: POP-UP PANTRIES MOVE INDOORS FOR THE WINTER

United Way of Greater Nashua's Pop-Up Pantries will operate at indoor locations, bringing free groceries, including fresh produce and meats, directly into neighborhoods for residents in need. All Pop-Ups run **11:00 AM–12:00 PM** at the following locations:

- **Mondays:** Harbor Care – 45 High Street
- **Tuesdays:** Girls Inc. – 27 Burke Street
- **Wednesdays:** Arlington Street Community Center – 36 Arlington Street
- **Thursdays:** Nashua Community Music School – 2 Lock Street
- **Fridays:** Crossway Christian Church – 33 Pine Street



Food is sourced from the local nonprofit Regenerative Roots and United Way food drives at local supermarkets. For more information, contact United Way of Greater Nashua at [info@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org) or (603) 882-4011.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE					
Weekly Need	Week	Year To Date	Year To Date Budget	YTD Performance	To Budget
\$11,500	12/14/25	Giving			
Tithes & Offerings	\$8,648	\$330,082	\$391,062	-\$60,980	
World Missions	\$320	\$32,787	\$32,304	\$483	
Building Fund	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,135	-\$635	
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$8,968</b>	<b>\$364,369</b>	<b>\$425,500</b>	<b>-\$61,131</b>	

Fiscal Year April 1, 2025 - March 31,2026

## COMMUNITY CHAPEL GIVING PAGE!!

We encourage you to use our online giving option!

Just click on this [link](#) or scan the QR code on the right and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Shirley

at [pastorshirley@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastorshirley@community-chapel.org). As always, thank you for your faithful giving.



**MID-YEAR FINANCE REPORT AVAILABLE!** Our church's fiscal year runs from April 1st - March 31st! Thanks to our Finance Team, the mid-year report is now available [HERE](#). **Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.** As you read, prayerfully ask God to pour out his favor financially on Community Chapel as we seek to share God's hope wherever we find ourselves, and what your part will be in that!!!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, WORSHIP AND GROW!

### CHILDREN MINISTRY:



#### Sunday Rhythm

Infants up through age 3 will be lovingly cared for in the nursery.

Children, 4 years of age and older, are part of our corporate worship community.

Worship bags located in the entrance foyer are available for use during the service

★ Toddlers (1-2 years old) ★ preschool (3-5 years old) ★ elementary aged (K and up)

Children ages 4 through 5th grade will be dismissed after prayer for Children's Church.

Mark your calendar, **Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

#### Wednesday Rhythm

Join us for **KIDZ KLUB** Gathering on **Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM** for fun fellowship & games, fantastic snack and meaningful faith formation.

**Note:** No Kidz Klub gatherings on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

May your family have joyous Christmas and New Year celebrations! Questions? Contact Mary Hardwick at [maryh@community-chapel.org](mailto:maryh@community-chapel.org).

Your family is invited to an unforgettable family experience this Christmas as we learn about Jesus' miraculous birth and life!



You, your children, and/or grandchildren can step back in time to Bible-times Bethlehem and explore Jesus' miraculous love in an interactive setting—complete with experiences you'll remember and keepsake crafts you'll treasure. This experience is an adventure for the whole family and will help you discover more about Jesus in a way you'll never forget!

## YOUTH MINISTRY (students grades 7th-12th)

This Wednesday, December 17th from 6:00-8:45 PM is our youth group Christmas party. We will be meeting at Chick-fil-A in Somerset Plaza at 6:00 PM. The cost of dinner at CFA is covered. After eating together, we will head to Merrimack High School to watch their winter band & chorus concert, which some of our teens are in! Pick up will be at Merrimack High School at 8:45 PM. Any questions, please contact Pastor Leo at [pastorleo@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastorleo@community-chapel.org)



## YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-30 years old)

This Sunday, December 21st is our Young Adult group Christmas Party! We are meeting at Pastor Leo's house from 5:00-7:00 PM for a time of fellowship. Pizza will be provided! Please email Pastor Leo if you need her address: [pastorleo@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastorleo@community-chapel.org)

## WINTER SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUPS WILL BEGIN JANUARY 11TH



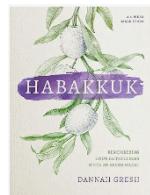
This group will meet on Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 305 beginning on January 11<sup>th</sup> and will be studying **Hebrews: A 12-Week Study**. The book of Hebrews stands apart from other biblical books in its theologically unique portrait of Jesus Christ as the supreme revelation of God - a portrait bolstered by the author's skilled use of imagery, metaphor, and Old Testament analogy. This accessible guide walks readers through the book of Hebrews, one of the most beautifully written and theologically rich books in the New Testament. Books can be purchased at [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com) or [Amazon](http://Amazon).



This group will meet on Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 306 beginning on January 11<sup>th</sup> and will be studying **Not Beyond Reach** by Aaron Pierce. He explains how discipleship relationships start even before a friend or loved one accepts Christ. There is rich meaning and purpose in your everyday interactions with nonbelievers, no matter where they are in their faith journey! As you build trust over time, you open doors to share the Gospel. Aaron begins by demystifying the underlying inconsistencies and idols at the heart of secular beliefs. Then he outlines a new playbook for reaching the next generation and others who would not walk into a church. The process involves intentionality and radical dependence on the Holy Spirit and God to move. It also involves authentic relationships and perceptive listening and communication skills. For those who struggle in this area, *Not Beyond Reach* provides examples and strategies to help readers progress from friendship conversations to spiritual conversations to Gospel conversations that transform lives. Books can be purchased at [Amazon](http://Amazon).

## WOMEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

### WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP

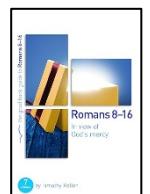


"Why does God seem silent when I need Him most?" That is the question we will consider as we study the book of Habakkuk. Join us this Wednesday at 10:00 AM in Room 304.

This book can be purchased online at [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com) or [Amazon](http://Amazon).

NEW STUDY COMING ON THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS. More info to come. **Note:** this group will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> or on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP



This group meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in Room 302 and is studying Romans 8-16: In view of God's mercy. Timothy Keller shows groups how to live life in response to God's mercy, by the power of his Spirit. He says that Romans 8 contains the secret to real life change. Keller's trademark gifts of making the complex clear and the difficult joyful will mean Christians will love studying the Bible alongside this resource, and be inspired to apply it to their hearts and lives. This book can be purchased online at [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com) or [Amazon](http://Amazon).

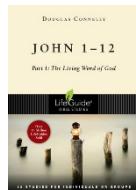
**Note:** this group will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> or on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Happy Holidays!

## SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP

This group will start a new study in the new year. Stay tuned for the details. In addition, the group will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month. The first meeting is on January 3rd.

## MEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

### MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP



This group meets on **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 302**.

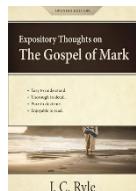
You can get a copy of the study guide here at [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com) or at [Amazon](http://Amazon).

Contact Pastor Geoff at [pastorgeoff@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastorgeoff@community-chapel.org) for more information.

**Note:** this group will not be meeting on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> or on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Celebrate the holidays with family and friends.

### WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



The group meets on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 303** and is studying the gospel of Mark.

Please come join us when you are able and bring your bible.

You will not need to purchase the book to attend. If you would like to purchase the book, you can purchase online at [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com) or [Amazon](http://Amazon).

**Note:** this group will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> or on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## YOUNG MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP

This group will begin a new study starting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Details will follow. The group will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month.

## SAGES (Senior Adults Growing, Encouraging & Serving) *All ages 50+ are welcomed!*

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 PM:** “**Crockpot Sunday**” – Following the worship service, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch, games, and card making.

To be added to SAGES Mail List: Contact Peggy Kierstead at [pak.rek@comcast.net](mailto:pak.rek@comcast.net)

## GENERAL INFORMATION/UPDATE

### 2025-26 CHURCH BOARD

Bob Fonden

Joan Kerr

Rebecca Kisakye

Vickie Mello

Kerry Mertins

James Pittman

Sally Raposa

Bob Whiffen

Bruce Wilson

### 2025-26 NCLC BOARD

Angela DeRusha

Pastor Mary DiLoreto

Alyssa Gentry

Carol Lemay

Jody Mear

Molly Shetler

Colleen Walker

Margaret Wandrey

## OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours which are 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Monday – Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays. Call 603-883-8345 or send an e-mail to [office@community-chapel.org](mailto:office@community-chapel.org) with any non-urgent requests. Our emergency phone line is operational 24/7 so if you have a pastoral care emergency, please call the church phone number & follow the prompts leaving a message and a pastor will call you back as soon as possible.

**Faithfully His and Yours,  
The CC Leadership Team**

**Stay connected by joining Simple Church Directory Group!**

**Please email the church at [office@community-chapel.org](mailto:office@community-chapel.org) to get connected.**

## DAILY READING PLAN

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025:** [Psalm 42; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Jude 1:17-25;](#)

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025:** [Psalm 42; Zechariah 8:1-17; Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34;](#)

**Thursday, December 18, 2025:** [Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Galatians 3:23-29;](#)

**Friday, December 19, 2025:** [Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:18-22; Galatians 4:1-7;](#)

**Saturday, December 20, 2025:** [Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 2 Samuel 7:23-29; John 3:31-36;](#)

**Sunday, December 21, 2025:** [Fourth Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7,](#)

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

**Christmas**

**Monday, December 22, 2025:** [Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20;](#)

If you are interested in adding the daily reading plan to your calendar, please click on this link

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/calendar.php>