



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ December 23, 2025 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD
MERRY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"
(which means "God with us").*

Matthew 1:23

God is asking this one question?

"Can I go with?"

May you find God joining you in the journey of life!



Merry Christmas

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

"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. If you have a prayer request for "Pastors Only" please email Pastor Mary at pastormary@community-chapel.org.



THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Tuesday 12/23	Wednesday 12/24	Thursday 12/25	Friday 12/26	Saturday 12/27	Sunday 12/28	Monday 12/29
	Word & Prayer 9:00 AM FaceBook Christmas Eve Service 5:00 PM Sanctuary	Merry Christmas!			Sunday Worship Service 10:30 AM Sanctuary	

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

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.

Activity bags for children be available to use during the Christmas Eve Service.

Be sure to pick one up on the way into the sanctuary and take with you when you leave!

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

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 or fill out a Connection Card.

NEW YEAR'S 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 1st – April 15th**, 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

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 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	Year To Date	YTD
\$11,500	12/21/25	Date	Budget	Performance
FY25-Need: \$598,000	Giving	Giving		To Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$11,577	\$341,659	\$401,631	-\$59,972
World Missions	\$917	\$33,704	\$33,177	\$527
Building Fund	\$35	\$1,535	\$2,192	-\$657
Total Giving	\$12,529	\$376,898	\$437,000	-\$60,102
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. As always, thank you for your faithful giving.



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 28th – NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Wednesday Rhythm

Note: No Kidz Klub gatherings on Wednesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 31st.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY (students grades 7th-12th)

Youth Group will be taking a **break** and will meet again on **Wednesday, January 7th**. Any questions, please contact Pastor Leo at pastorleo@community-chapel.org



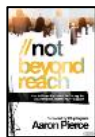
YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-30 years old)

Young Adult will resume on **January 11th**. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Please email Pastor Leo if you have any questions: 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 11th** 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 or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).



This group will meet on **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 306 beginning on January 11th** 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.com).

CONTINUED FALL SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUP



This group will resume on **Sunday, January 11th at 9:00 AM in Room 302**. **"That the World May Know"** is a video series, where Ray Vander Laan is the fun and engaging tour guide. He will take you on a trip to ancient times, places, and customs. No book is necessary for this group.

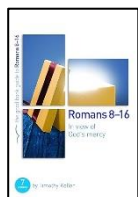
WOMEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP



"In this Bible study of *Philippians*, Paul's secret joy is revealed through his confidence in Christ. He aims to inspire his ancient readers and modern Christians to persevere in the work of Christ, and tells them how to find peace in this world. Through this study participants will be challenged to apply God's Word to their life." We will begin on **January 14, 2026**, Wednesday mornings from **10:00-11:30 AM in Room 302**. Please read pages 5-13 prior to our first meeting. Books available at Christianbooks.com and [Amazon](http://Amazon.com)

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 or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

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

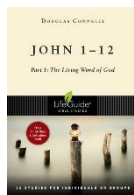
SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP



This group is open to all NCLC and Community Chapel moms and will start a new study on **January 3rd from 9:00-10:30 AM in Room 302**. If you are looking to connect with other moms and grow deeper in your faith, join us this winter for a video series called “Not What I Signed Up For.” Together we will wrestle with life’s twist and turns and learn how to see God’s promises in times of uncertainty. All are welcome. In addition, the group will be meeting on the **1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month**. Childcare will be provided by amazing church volunteers for children who have moms attending the group! Call or text Alyssa Gentry with questions at 603-264-6059.

MEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP



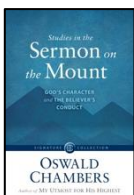
This group meets on **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 302**.

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

Contact Pastor Geoff at pastorgeoff@community-chapel.org for more information.

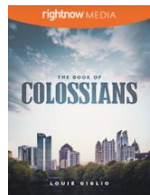
Note: this group will not be meeting on Tuesday, December 23rd or on Tuesday, December 30th.
Celebrate the holidays with family and friends.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



This group will start a new study on **Wednesday, January 7th at 6:30 PM in Room 303** and will be studying Sermon on the Mount. 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 purchased online at Christianbooks.com or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

YOUNG MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



This group is open to men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s and will begin a new study on the **Book of Colossians starting on January 3rd from 9:00-10:30 AM in Room 303**. Community is important! If you're looking to connect and fellowship with other young men and grow deeper in your faith, please join us! All are welcome and no commitment is required! Childcare will be provided by amazing church volunteers for children who have dads attending the group!

Call or text Ben Gentry with questions at 603-370-2530. The group will be meeting on the **1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month**.

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

Sunday, January 11th, 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

GENERAL INFORMATION/UPDATE

2025-26 CHURCH BOARD

Bob Fonden
Vickie Mello
Sally Raposa

Joan Kerr
Kerry Mertins
Bob Whiffen

Rebecca Kisakye
James Pittman
Bruce Wilson

2025-26 NCLC BOARD

Angela DeRusha
Jody Mear

Pastor Mary DiLoreto
Molly Shetler

Alyssa Gentry
Colleen Walker

Carol Lemay
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 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 to get connected.

DAILY READING PLAN

Tuesday, December 23, 2025: [Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14;](#)

Wednesday, December 24, 2025: [Nativity of the Lord - Proper I - Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14, \(15-20\)](#)

Thursday, December 25, 2025: [Nativity of the Lord - Proper II - Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:\(1-7\), 8-20](#)

Thursday, December 25, 2025: [Nativity of the Lord - Proper III - Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4, \(5-12\), John 1:1-14](#)

Friday, December 26, 2025: [Psalm 148; Wisdom 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8;](#)

Saturday, December 27, 2025: [Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31; 1 John 5:1-12;](#)

Sunday, December 28, 2025: [First Sunday after Christmas Day - Isaiah 63:7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18, Matthew 2:13-23](#)

Monday, December 29, 2025: [Psalm 20; Jeremiah 31:15-22; Luke 19:41-44;](#)

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>