



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ December 30, 2025 ~

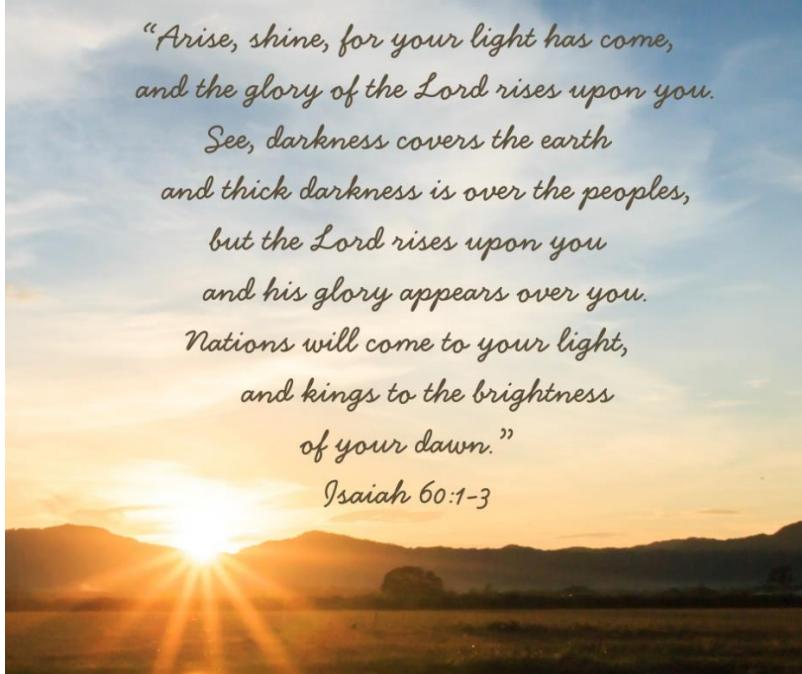
IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.*

*See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness
of your dawn."*

Isaiah 60:1-3



As we enter 2026, here are two questions to ask...

"Where have I seen God's light shine on my life and where do I need his light to shine?"

"What is God inviting you/us into?"

Ponder these and turn them into prayer. And then, join us this Sunday for our Covenant Service that invites us to bind ourselves to God, celebrate the Lord's Supper, and walk into this next year with Him. Or as we will recite Sunday...

I am not my own. I am Yours alone. Make me into what You will. Rank me with those You will. Put me to use for You. Put me to suffering for You. Let me be employed for You. Let me be laid aside for You. Let me be lifted high for You. Let me be brought low for You. Let me be full or let me be empty. Let me have all things or let me have nothing. With a willing heart, I freely give everything to Your pleasure and use.

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" will be taking a **break this week** and will resume on January 7th.

Please watch previous videos

<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 12/30	Wednesday 12/31	Thursday 1/1	Friday 1/2	Saturday 1/3	Sunday 1/4	Monday 1/5
	New Year's Eve Prayer and Communion 5:00-7:30 PM Sanctuary	Happy New Year! Office closed.	Monthly 24 Hours Prayer starts 6:00 AM	Monthly 24 Hours Prayer ends 6:00 AM Mom's Group 9:00 AM in Room 302 Young Men's Journey Group 9:00 AM in Room 303	GOOD SAMARITAN BENEVOLENT FUND SUNDAY New Year's Covenant Renewal Service 10:30 AM	Men's Legacy Dinner 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall

WEATHER-RELATED UPDATES



In case we have to cancel Sunday or Wednesday events due to weather. You can check our [website](#), our [Facebook page](#), [WBZ](#), or [WMUR](#). We will also send out cancellation announcements, so please sign up for our blast emails and/or text alerts via Simple Church.

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE FUNDRAISERS:

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! Another NYC fundraiser is happening throughout January; we will be holding a used sneaker drive. People can donate used but still wearable sneakers, we ship them to **GotSneakers**, and then they will pay us \$2-\$7 per pair of sneakers. See the **table in the foyer** for more information. Thank you all for your continued love and support for our teens!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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!



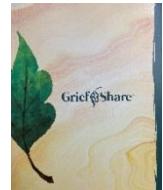
MONTHLY MEN'S MINISTRY MEAL

The next monthly Men of Legacy meal is dinner on **Monday, January 5th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** All are welcome who are (16) and above and desire to enjoy the fellowship with other men. The suggested cost is \$5 for the meal. Please contact Men's Ministry Lead Bob Whiffen at rwhiffen1@yahoo.com or text him at 978-729-8523 by Friday, January 2nd if you are able to attend.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

Our next Grief Share group will begin on **Wednesday, January 14th.** This will be an afternoon group held in the parlor from 1:00-2:30 PM.

You can register on their website at griefshare.org.



These groups are a relaxed time to come together and learn from the video teachings about the many different aspects of grief and what that looks like in our every day lives as we walk through the heavy days of grief. All are welcome, if you know someone who might benefit from this, invite them.

Also, feel free to see Pastor Mary or Eileen if you have any questions about the group.



Wings, Games, and Good Company: Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, January 25, 2026

12:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Join us after church for Wing-Stop chicken, Caesar salad, and a mix of board and card games.

Come fellowship and connect! Whether it's your first time attending or you've been here for years - all are welcome!

Childcare is provided, so everyone can enjoy time together. Suggested donation of \$6 per person to cover the cost of food.

If you're interested in attending, please RSVP at the survey below so we can plan for food accordingly.



Link: <https://bit.ly/CCNWings26>

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 12/28/25	Year To Date Giving	Year To Date Budget	YTD Performance To Budget	
\$11,500			\$412,200	-\$54,922	
FY25-Need: \$598,000					
Tithes & Offerings	\$15,619	\$357,278			
World Missions	\$2,100	\$35,804	\$34,050	\$1,754	
Building Fund	\$0	\$1,535	\$2,250	-\$715	
Total Giving	\$17,719	\$394,617	\$448,500	-\$53,883	

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.



GOOD SAMARITAN BENEVOLENT FUND

WHY GOOD SAMARITAN BENEVOLENT FUND? All offerings to the Good Samaritan Benevolent Fund are strategic in bringing God's hope to people in crisis by meeting very basic and emergency needs. Offerings can be received at any time, but we do dedicate the first Sunday of each month as our Good Samaritan Sunday. As you are able to donate, please mark your offering for Good Sam (Either on an envelope, check memo line, or in our Online Giving Portal). These funds will make a difference in someone's crisis as we bless others out of God's goodness to us. Our next offering is on **Sunday, December 7th**.

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.

Wednesday Rhythm

Note: No Kidz Klub gathering on Wednesday, December 31st. May your family have joyous New Year!

Kidz Klub gatherings resume Wednesday, January 7th. Join us 6:30-8:00 PM as we learn about the Fruits of the Spirit. 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**. May you and your family have a happy new year! Any questions, please contact Pastor Leo at pastorleo@community-chapel.org



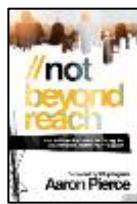
YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-30 years old)

Young Adult will resume on **January 11th**. Have a happy and joyous New Year!

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.



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. 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. *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.

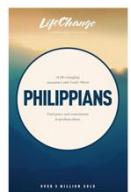
CONTINUED FALL SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUP



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.

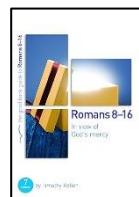
WOMEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

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](https://www.christianbooks.com) and [Amazon](https://www.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](https://www.christianbooks.com) or [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).

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

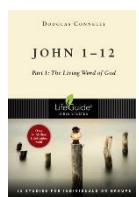
SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP



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 twists 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



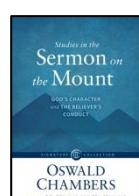
This group meets on **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 302**.

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

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

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

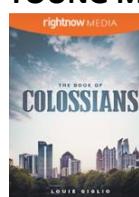
WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



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 purchase online at [Christianbooks.com](https://www.christianbooks.com) or [Amazon](https://www.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 Adults 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	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 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>