



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ February 17, 2026 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD

“Lent: Limping to Easter”



Lent. It is here. It starts this Wednesday. Ash Wednesday. This strange season of the year where we talk about doing without in a world of celebrated indulgence, ponder what feels like archaic words like sin and repentance, and come face to face with our mortality, in the form of Ashes, in a culture obsessed with finding a fountain of youth.

“For you are dust,
and you will return to dust.”

Genesis 3:19

But this is about being honest with ourselves about...

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| Our human limitation. | Our sinful condition. |
| Our repentant position. | Our Lord's redemption. |

We discover our “limp”. We intentionally embrace what I am calling “the limp” toward the empty tomb. But we limp with hope because we do know the end of the story. And so, as we move through Lent, we will recall what God has to say to us about this journey and God’s sustaining grace. We will grab hold of some truths that serve as a “walking stick” to support us as we limp. And the goal? To recognize that in our limp there is still joy to be found, holiness to embrace, and grace to live for Jesus each day.

If you want to join me in the journey, here are a few of the resources I will be using

- **A Consuming Fire** devotional (a few are still left at the church or you can order [here](#).)
- **The Pour Over's News Cleanse!** A Lenten Devotional Challenge. Get it [here](#).
- **Lectio 365's Prayer App** is focusing on the **Desert Fathers and Mothers** from the 3rd-5th centuries AD. Get the App [here](#) and join the journey.

Now, it's time to limp our way to Easter and discover along the way that Jesus is with us all along!

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, March 6th & 7th. 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!

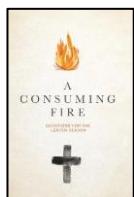
Contact Bob Lemay for more information! boblemay@gmail.com

"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 2/17 | Wednesday 2/18 | Thursday 2/19 | Friday 2/20 | Saturday 2/21 | Sunday 2/22 | Monday 2/23 |
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| Men's Journey Group 6:30 PM in Room 302 | Word & Prayer 9:00 AM FaceBook Morning Women's Group 10:00 AM in Room 303 GriefShare 1:00-2:30 PM Parlor Kidz Klub 6:30-8:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 PM Sanctuary | | | Mom's Group 9:00 AM in Room 302 Young Men's Journey Group 9:00 AM in Room 303 | Baptism Class 9:00 AM Parlor Adult Journey Groups "That the World may Know" 9:00 AM in Room 302 "Hebrews: a 12-week study" 9:00 AM in Room 305 "Not Beyond Reach" 9:00 AM in Room 306 Young Adult Group 5:30 PM Room 304 | |



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lenten devotionals "A Consuming Fire" are now available.

Feel free to pick one up on the table in the foyer.
(\$8 suggested donation).

UPCOMING EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE February 18th at 6:30 PM

Mark it down and be marked by the Scriptures, the songs, ashes, and the Table!

Come and be still and open your heart to **The Questions of Lent!**

Children ages 3 to 6th grade are invited to attend Kidz Klub which is held in the Fellowship Hall.



BAPTISM CLASS – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

Have you declared who you are to the world? Have you pointed to the grace God has given? Have you given public witness to your faith? Have you claimed your identity as a member of God's family? This is baptism and this is for you! If you would like to be baptized, please call the office at 603-883-8345 or email us at office@community-chapel.org and one of our pastors will reach out to you! **The baptism class will be on February 22nd at 9:00 AM in the Parlor!**



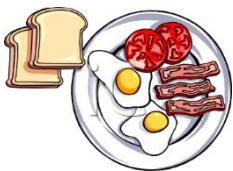
FAITH PROMISE WEEKEND – FEBRUARY 28TH - MARCH 1ST

Guest Speakers: Roger and Damaris Kellogg **Theme:** Together!!! A Vision for Partnership
Roger and Damaris Kellogg serve in the Meso-America Region. Roger leads and supports the short-term missions program, Work and Witness, for the region. The focus is on equipping and supporting local churches and pastors toward self-sustained missional presence. Damaris, a native of Guatemala, is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene who supports administratively, pastorally, and also has a heart for ministry to children.



Faith Promise Dinner: February 28th 5:00 PM **Faith Promise Service:** March 1st 10:30 AM

MONTHLY MEN'S MINISTRY MEAL



The next monthly Men of Legacy meal is breakfast on **Saturday, March 7th at 8:00 AM 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 Tuesday, March 3rd if you are able to attend.

NMI PRAYER LUNCHEON



MISSION MATTERS PRAYER LUNCHEON

Saturday
7 March 2026
11am - 1:30pm

Community Chapel Church of the Nazarene
5 St. Laurent St, Nashua, NH

REGISTER HERE:



Register by March 1st. Suggested donation \$5 per person at the door.

Connect Globally -Learn about how God is moving in missions around the world.

Pray Purposefully – Join in heartfelt prayer for missionaries, ministries, and the nations.

Fellowship Deeply – Share a delicious meal and meaningful conversations with like-minded believers.

HOSPICE CARE PRESENTATION – FRIDAY, MARCH 13th at 11:30 AM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Hospice Care is a Gift to Yourself, Your Loved One and Your Family

While hospice care is a benefit that is covered by most health insurance plans, only half of eligible beneficiaries access this valuable resource at all. 25% of beneficiaries do not access the hospice benefit until the very last week of life. Why might this be? Many people do not know what hospice includes, how it works, or whether they or a loved one might be eligible. They may wait for a provider referral, or they may struggle with accepting a diagnosis. This presentation will address these issues as well as ways to talk with one another as health declines, what is most helpful as one gets closer to the end of life, and how to continue to communicate and be close as death nears. There will be time for questions and conversation around this sometimes-uncomfortable subject. Come with your questions. Leave better informed.

Presenter: Lynne Randall, MS, MSW, BCD has worked with hospice for over 20 years, initially as a Palliative Care Social Worker, later as a Manager of Social Work and Spiritual Care, and lastly, as a Hospice Chaplain.

Please note: the above presentation is a part of the **March SAGES luncheon**. All are welcome! You can sign up on Sunday, March 8th in the foyer.

ENGAGING & DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION WORKSHOP RESCHEDULED

Saturday, March 21st, 2026, 10:00-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

As our church's heart for young people continues to grow, this is one opportunity to gather and learn about the next generation, discerning how we can individually and collectively reach and disciple this next generation! Pastor Leo and our Young Adult Leader, Becca Kisakye, will lead us through this workshop. We will have reflective conversations around the questions, "Who is the next generation?" and "How can we engage and disciple them?" We will also spend time praying together for God's vision. If you plan to attend this rescheduled session, please let us know by signing up through this new link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3b24HGAG4ttgE6ZBe81rvJ9IX4IG6Qah7uNY45_EB8WNrVQ/viewform?usp=header

GREATER NASHUA MEN'S EVANGELICAL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Guys, let your friends know it's time to break out the bats and gloves because Community Chapel is looking to field a team in the Greater Nashua Men's Evangelical Softball League! The season runs from the end of May through early August. We will typically play one game a week on Friday or Saturday night.

If you are interested, please contact Andrew Fitzpatrick at (530) 340-0066 or toandrewf@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Weekly Need | Week | Year To Date Giving | Year To Date Budget | YTD Performance To Budget |
| \$11,500 | 2/15/26 | | | |
| FY25-Need: \$598,000 | Giving | | | |
| Tithes & Offerings | \$5,776 | \$469,139 | \$486,185 | -\$17,046 |
| World Missions | \$390 | \$40,966 | \$40,162 | \$804 |
| Building Fund | \$0 | \$1,851 | \$2,654 | -\$803 |
| Total Giving | \$6,166 | \$511,956 | \$529,000 | -\$17,044 |
| 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.

Wednesday Rhythm

Kidz Klub gatherings meet on **Wednesdays at 6:30-8:00 PM** as we learn about the Fruit of the Spirit.

Questions? Contact Mary Hardwick at maryh@community-chapel.org.

Mark Your Calendar...Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 28th

Watch upcoming newsletters for more information!

YOUTH MINISTRY (students grades 7th-12th)

Youth Group will join our church **in the sanctuary this Wednesday, February 18th for our Ash Wednesday service.** Youth group will **be on break next Wednesday, February 25th** as it is New Hampshire School Vacation week and **will resume on Wednesday March 4th** from 6:30-8:00 PM! This gathering is for 7th-12th grade students to build community together and grow in their relationship with God. Contact Pastor Leo with any questions: pastorleo@community-chapel.org



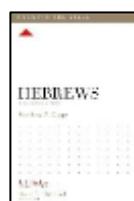
YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-30 years old)

We meet on **Sunday nights from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in Room 304**. All are welcome! Come join a community looking to love God and love others. This winter and spring, we are studying the Gospel of John! Contact Becca Kisakye or Pastor Leo with any questions or for additional information: beccalkisakye@gmail.com or pastorleo@community-chapel.org

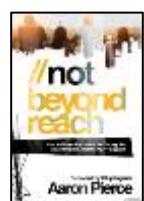
WINTER SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUPS

THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW. with Ray Vander Laan

This group meets on **Sundays 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.



This group meets on **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 305** 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. Books can be purchased at Christianbooks.com or Amazon.



This group meets on **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 306** 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.

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." **Join us Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 AM in Room 303.** Books available at Christianbooks.com and Amazon

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP

Note: This group will **not** meet **this Wednesday, February 18th** (please join us in the sanctuary for Ash Wednesday service) and will **resume on February 25th**.



This group is studying **Revelation** and meets **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in Room 302**. The book of Revelation has been a source of both great encouragement and great confusion to Christians throughout the centuries. In this 12-week study, Stephen Witmer helps readers understand and appreciate Revelation's core message: Jesus Christ has already defeated Satan, sin, and death on our behalf - a truth that gives us great hope for the future. This book can be purchased online at Christianbooks.com or Amazon.

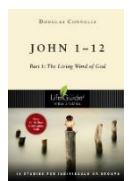
SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP



This group is open to all NCLC and Community Chapel moms and meets on the **1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month 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 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. 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

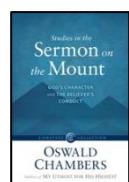


This group meets on **Wednesday at 6:30 PM in Room 302**.

You can get a copy of the study guide here at Christianbooks.com or at Amazon.

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

WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



Note: This group will **not** meet **this Wednesday, February 18th** (please join us in the sanctuary for Ash Wednesday service) and will **resume on February 25th**. This group meets on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 303** and is studying the 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 or Amazon.

YOUNG MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



This group is open to men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s and has begun a new study on the **Book of Colossians** meeting **1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month 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.

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

Friday, March 13th, 11:30 AM: "Plenty of Pi" Luncheon – Plan to compete in our "pie" contest in celebration of "Pi" Day. Sign up to bring your favorite homemade pie to be sampled, judged and then used as dessert! Lynne Randall will be speaking about hospice care. Please see details in the earlier section under **Upcoming Events: Hospice Care Presentation**.

To be added to SAGES Mail List: Contact Peggy Kierstead at pak.rek@comcast.net

GENERAL INFORMATION/UPDATE

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.

2025-26 CHURCH BOARD

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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, February 17, 2026: [Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6](#);

Wednesday, February 18, 2026: [Ash Wednesday - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21](#)

Thursday, February 19, 2026: [Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7](#);

Friday, February 20, 2026: [Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17](#);

Saturday, February 21, 2026: [Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7](#);

Sunday, February 22, 2026: [First Sunday in Lent - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11](#)

Monday, February 23, 2026: [Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18](#);

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>