



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ January 6, 2026 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD
"Only One Thing"

It's appropriate that I write this article on the Day of Epiphany. This is the day we commemorate in the Church Year that the wise men finally encountered the infant King. But what was it that drove them? They could very well have sought to give their gifts to a puppet King like Herod, and maybe even received accolades. But what was it that drove them across the harsh conditions and many miles for upwards of 24 months? There is **ONLY ONE THING**.

In this age of distraction, we all can fall into the trap of forgetting what the **ONLY ONE THING** is that is the most essential thing. In an age when we are drawn to a consumeristic spirituality, or a political and partisan agenda, or an uncomfortably close proximity to wealth, possession, and power, we need to be reminded that there is **ONLY ONE THING**. In an effort to maintain a relationship with God that is built on our own efforts, our own works, our own value, our own desires, we need to be reminded that there is **ONLY ONE THING**.

So, because of the reality of this age of distraction that we can be lured into, we are going to spend a month remembering **ONLY ONE THING**. And when we are done, the hope is that this will be more than a series of talks given in church. But that **ONLY ONE THING** will change the way we engage all other things.

What is the **ONLY ONE THING**? Join us Sundays this winter to find out. But in the meantime, here's a hint. Follow the Wisemen. And, then, pray this prayer we concluded our Covenant Service with...

You are mine, and I am Yours. So be it. May this covenant that I have made here on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.

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

Wednesdays at 9:00 AM

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

Join our Monthly 24 Hours Prayer Friday and Saturday, February 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 1/6	Wednesday 1/7	Thursday 1/8	Friday 1/9	Saturday 1/10	Sunday 1/11	Monday 1/12
<p>Men's Journey Group 6:30 PM in Room 302</p>	<p>Word & Prayer 9:00 AM FaceBook</p> <p>Kidz Klub 6:30-8:00 PM</p> <p>Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM</p> <p>Evening Women's Group 6:30 PM in Room 302</p> <p>Men's Journey Group 6:30 PM in Room 303</p>				<p>Adult Journey Groups</p> <p>"Hebrews: a 12-week study" 9:00 AM in Room 305</p> <p>"Not Beyond Reach" 9:00 AM in Room 306</p> <p>"That the World may Know" 9:00 AM in Room 302</p> <p>SAGES Crockpot Sunday 12:15 PM Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Young Adult Group 5:30 PM Room 304</p>	

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 FUNDRAISER:

Hello church! As we continue preparing to bring **5 of our teens** to Nazarene Youth Conference next summer; 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

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.



MONTHLY MEN'S MINISTRY MEAL

The next monthly Men of Legacy meal is dinner on **Monday, February 2nd 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 30th if you are able to attend.





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

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.



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

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	1/4/26	Date	Budget	Performance	
FY25-Need: \$598,000	Giving	Giving		To Budget	
Tithes & Offerings	\$36,670	\$393,998	\$422,769	-\$28,771	
World Missions	\$325	\$36,079	\$34,923	\$1,156	
Building Fund	\$48	\$1,583	\$2,308	-\$725	
Total Giving	\$37,043	\$431,660	\$460,000	-\$28,340	
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 resume this **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 meets on **Wednesdays in the Youth Center 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 Mark! 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 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

THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW.
with Ray Vander Laan

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.

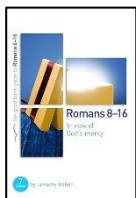
WOMEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

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

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.

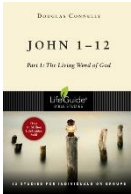
SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP



This group is open to all NCLC and Community Chapel moms and began a new study 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 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. 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

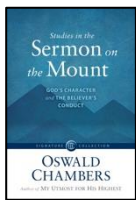


This group meets on **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 302**.

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

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

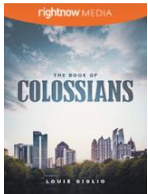
WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



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.

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 starting 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!*

Sunday, January 11th, 12:15 PM: "Crockpot Sunday" – Come enjoy hot soup and fun fellowship at our SAGES gathering immediately following the morning service. After our lunch we'll enjoy games and/or creativity. Please bring a game to play or supplies for making cards for our shut-ins. Don't like to play games or make things? Come anyway and chat with friends. We are looking forward to seeing you there! **NOTE:** Cost for lunch is \$8. For planning purposes, please email Cindy Wang, cindywang007@gmail.com by January 8th.

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 30, 2025: [Psalm 20](#); [Isaiah 26:1-9](#); [2 Corinthians 4:16-18](#);

Wednesday, December 31, 2025: [Psalm 20](#); [1 Kings 3:5-14](#); [John 8:12-19](#);

Thursday, January 01, 2026: [Holy Name of Jesus](#) - [Numbers 6:22-27](#), [Psalm 8](#), [Galatians 4:4-7](#) or [Philippians 2:5-11](#), [Luke 2:15-21](#)

Thursday, January 01, 2026: [New Year's Day](#) - [Ecclesiastes 3:1-13](#), [Psalm 8](#), [Revelation 21:1-6a](#), [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

Friday, January 02, 2026: [Psalm 20](#); [Genesis 12:1-7](#); [Hebrews 11:1-12](#);

Saturday, January 03, 2026: [Psalm 72](#); [Genesis 28:10-22](#); [Hebrews 11:13-22](#);

Sunday, January 04, 2026: [Second Sunday after Christmas Day](#) - [Jeremiah 31:7-14](#) or [Sirach 24:1-12](#), [Psalm 147:12-20](#) or [Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21](#), [Ephesians 1:3-14](#), [John 1:\(1-9\)](#), [10-18](#)

Epiphany

Monday, January 05, 2026: [Psalm 72](#); [Joshua 1:1-9](#); [Hebrews 11:32-12:2](#);

Tuesday, January 06, 2026: [Epiphany of the Lord](#) - [Isaiah 60:1-6](#), [Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14](#), [Ephesians 3:1-12](#), [Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Wednesday, January 07, 2026: [Psalm 72](#); [1 Kings 10:1-13](#); [Ephesians 3:14-21](#);

Thursday, January 08, 2026: [Psalm 29](#); [1 Samuel 3:1-9](#); [Acts 9:1-9](#);

Friday, January 09, 2026: [Psalm 29](#); [1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a](#); [Acts 9:10-19a](#);

Saturday, January 10, 2026: [Psalm 29](#); [1 Samuel 7:3-17](#); [Acts 9:19b-31](#);

Sunday, January 11, 2026: [Baptism of the Lord](#) - [Isaiah 42:1-9](#), [Psalm 29](#), [Acts 10:34-43](#), [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

Monday, January 12, 2026: [Psalm 89:5-37](#); [Genesis 35:1-15](#); [Acts 10:44-48](#);

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>