

# COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ~ July 22 and 29, 2025 ~

## IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD Let's Love our Neighborhoods this Summer!!!

As we now find ourselves in the heart and the heat of summer, what a great time to walk our neighborhoods (or drive them) and become reacquainted with our neighbors. Just think (or maybe you don't want to do think of this!) in just several months the last thing you may want to do is walk the neighbor because of the cold!!!

But this summer, let's bring a very basic practice of the words of Jesus from Matthew 22:39...

#### Love your neighbor as yourself.

Rightfully so, we default to physical ways to offer friendship or compassion. We ask God to help us in our attitudes and actions toward those neighbors who may be different than us in background, personality, immigration status, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, nationality (you get the point). Yet, what if we loved our neighbors by inviting the Holy Spirit to work in them and through us? How? Through prayer.

Let me invite you to consider downloading the BLESS app, which enables you to pray (by name) all your neighbors! I have begun with the 50 closest neighbors that surround our home. But imagine what may happen when we simply begin to pray for our neighbors, asking God to bless them and opening ourselves to be the answer to our prayers! You can find the BLESS app by clicking on the image below:



Let's love our neighbors by BLESSING them...and become a beacon of the love of Jesus in our neighborhoods this summer! (And if you live in my neighborhood, I can't wait for you to get my name! © ) Peace,



#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary
Or join us online at https://www.facebook.com/communitychapelNH

## CONNECT TO "A WORD AND PRAYER" – with Pastor Geoff

Wednesdays at 9:00 AM

(Note: WORD AND PRAYER will take its annual break in August and will resume in September.)

https://www.facebook.com/communitychapelNH

**Join our Monthly 24 Hours Prayer Friday and Saturday, August 1st & 2nd.** 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! <a href="mailto:boblemay@gmail.com">boblemay@gmail.com</a>

"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 <a href="mailto:pastormary@community-chapel.org">pastormary@community-chapel.org</a>.

### **NEWSLETTER WILL BE EVERY OTHER WEEK IN THE SUMMER**

Please note that the newsletter will be published every other week.

#### THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
7/22	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26	7/27	7/28
Men's	Word & Prayer	Young Men's	Youth	Mom's	Adult Journey Group	
Journey	9:00 AM FaceBook	Journey	Group	Group	"Parables"	
Group	<b>Elementary Children</b>	Group	Koinonia	9:00 AM	9:00 AM Room 306	
6:30 PM in	6:30-8:00 PM	5:30 PM in	Night	in Room	Young Adult Group	
Room 302	Youth Group	Room 302	Max's	302	5:30 PM Room 304	
	6:30-8:00 PM		6:00 PM			

#### **NEXT WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHAPEL**

Tuesday 7/29	Wednesday 7/30	Thursday 7/31	Friday 8/1	Saturday 8/2	Sunday 8/3	Monday 8/4
Men's	Word & Prayer		Monthly	Monthly	GOOD SAMARITAN	
Journey	9:00 AM FaceBook		24 Hours	24 Hours	BENEVOLENT FUND	
Group	<b>Elementary Children</b>		Prayer	Prayer	SUNDAY	
6:30 PM in	6:30-8:00 PM		starts	ends	Adult Journey Group	
Room 302	Youth Group		6:00 AM	6:00 AM	"Parables"	
	6:30-8:00 PM				9:00 AM Room 306	
					Young Adult Group	
					5:30 PM Room 304	

#### **OUR TENT**

Our tent is up on the large field, so if you'd like to use it for a ministry gathering or a luncheon, etc., please schedule it through the church office by email office@community-chapel.org or call 603-883-8345.

# UPCOMING EVENTS ALL CHURCH BARBECUE

Wednesday, August 13th - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

A-D bring desserts E-Z bring a side dish

Donations will be received: \$5 per person; \$15 per family.





#### SUMMER BAPTISM SERVICE!!!

**August 17th at 10:30 AM**. Baptism, commanded by Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20) is an opportunity to make a public declaration of what Jesus Christ has done and declare your place in God's family. Have you been baptized?

#### SAVE THE DATE FOR RE-CONNECT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00 AM

Re-Connect Sunday is where Community Chapel invites our faith community to connect growing, serving, and sharing life in community! Tables with information about ministries, opportunities to serve, and ways to grow in Christ will be in the Fellowship Hall. Save the date and RE-Connect with your church community and find opportunities to connect with service and ministry.

# MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES MORNING STAR BOOKSTORE – KIDS STORY TIME!

Morning Star is having **Kids Story Time** on Wednesday, **August 20**<sup>th</sup> **at 11:30 AM**. They will read a story that encourages kids' faith followed by an activity or craft!

#### **BAGS OF HOPE**

Community Chapel, in partnership with "Beauty From Ashes Ministry" (BFAM), will be hosting a "Bags of Hope" event, in Fellowship Hall, on **Saturday, September 6th, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**.

Beauty From Ashes Ministry is a Christian organization, founded by Jasmine Grace. "Bags of Hope" is a major outreach of BFAM. Each "Bag of Hope" contains personal hygiene items, that are distributed to help women in their struggle to break free from the cycles of prostitution, sex trafficking, homelessness, and substance abuse. Visit the display table in the foyer for information about BFAM and a list of items needed. On September 6th, there will be testimonies given, letters of encouragement written, and bags filled.



# BAGS OF HOPE ALL ITEMS NEEDS TO BE FULL SIZE AND NEW! Donation area is in the foyer.

15 OUNCE CONDITIONER HAIRBRUSH AND/OR ELASTICS
15 OUNCE SHAMPOO TAMPONS
TOOTHPASTE TRAIL MIX
TOOTHBRUSH CHAPSTICK
BAR OF SOAP BABY WIPES (SMALL PKG)
DEODERANT \$5 DUNKIN GIFT CARDS
NAIL POLISH SEASONAL WINTER ITEMS

#### **END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER NASHUA**

Let's seek to remember our friends at End 68 Hours of Hunger Nashua.

Connect to them at https://www.facebook.com/End68Nashua

Their shed is at 17 Airport Rd (at the back of the building) and is open 24/7 for drop-offs.

Let's continue to support this vital need in our community. For items to donate, please click on this <u>link</u> or go to <u>https://www.end68hoursofhunger.org/donate/</u>

#### **POP UP PANTRIES**

United Way of Greater Nashua and Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter offer **free groceries** through **Pop-Up Pantries** every weekday from **11:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at rotating locations in Nashua. Anyone in need is welcome-no registration required. For more details, call 603-882-4011 or visit info@unitedwaynashua.org.

- Mondays: Harbor Care, 45 High Street
- Tuesdays: Sullivan Terrace, 56 Tyler Street
- Wednesdays: Lamprey Health Care, 22 Prospect Street
- Thursdays: River Pines Mobile Home Park, 34 Birch Ridge Trail
- Fridays: Crossway Christian Church, 33 Pine Street

#### 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							
2 Wks Need \$23,000 FY25-Need: \$598,000	Week 7/13-7/20/2025 Giving	Year To Date Giving	Year To Date Budget	YTD Performance To Budget			
Tithes & Offerings	\$15,464	\$144,395	\$169,108	-\$24,712			
World Missions	\$2,565	\$16,599	\$13,969	\$2,630			
Building Fund	\$0	\$713	\$923	-\$210			
Total Giving	\$18,029	\$161,707	\$184,000.00	-\$22,293			

#### **COMMUNITY CHAPEL GIVING PAGE!!**

We encourage you to use our online giving option!

Just click on this link: https://communitychapel.mywell.org/give 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). Our next offering is on Sunday, August 3rd.

## **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

★ Toddler age children (1-2 years old)

young preschool age children (3-4 years old)

★ older preschool and early elementary aged children (4 years old and up)

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

#### **Sundays and Wednesdays**

We begin our **Summer Series** - 13 Bad Days and How God Fixed Them. We will be rooted in Proverbs 3:5. Come join the fun!

#### Wednesday Rhythm

On Wednesdays we gather for fun, fellowship, and faith formation. Join us from **6:30 – 8:00 PM** as we learn about *13 Bad Days and How God Fixed Them*.

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. **Note:** We will be taking a break on August 6th as our teens and leaders are away at Teen Camp.



#### Youth Group Koinonia Night: Mini Golf & Ice Cream! Friday, July 25th, 6:00-8:00 PM

We're meeting at Max's Country Golf in Tyngsborough for a night of friendly competition, ice cream, and community! **Register here**, by **July 23rd**: <a href="https://ccnazarene.simplechurchcm.com/external/form/18a449ac-3be3-4191-a378-3e92a0db94ca">https://ccnazarene.simplechurchcm.com/external/form/18a449ac-3be3-4191-a378-3e92a0db94ca</a>

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

We meet on **Sundays from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in Room 304**. All are welcome! Come join a community looking to love God and love others. This summer, we are studying Psalms! Contact Becca Kisakye or Pastor Leo with any questions: <a href="mailto:beccalkisakye@gmail.com">beccalkisakye@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:pastorleo@community-chapel.org">pastorleo@community-chapel.org</a>

#### **SUMMER SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUP**



This group meets **on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in Room 306!** All are welcome to join us. Everyone loves a good story. But the parables of Jesus are a special kind of story. They sneak up on us, catching us off guard. The familiar suddenly takes an unexpected twist, and we find our secret thoughts exposed in the healing light of Jesus. In this guide John White, author of the bestselling book The Fight, helps us explore twelve of the greatest stories ever told. Books can

be purchased at <u>Christianbooks.com</u> or <u>Amazon</u>.

**Note:** We will be studying the Parables in a different order than the book (see below).

July 27<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 3: The Good Samaritan August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chapter 9: Parable of the Bags of Gold August 10<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 5: The Widow & The Judge August 17<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 11: Parable of the Rich Fool August 24<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 4: The Unforgiving Servant

## ALL WOMEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS ARE ON BREAK EXCEPT MOM'S GROUP

#### **SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP**

Mom's group will be continuing the Gather Moms: Family Values series through the summer! We will meet from **9:00-10:30 AM on Saturday mornings in room 302**. Childcare will be provided for those who need it! The dates for the rest of the summer are July **26**<sup>th</sup>, August **9**<sup>th</sup>, and August **23**<sup>rd</sup>.

We will begin a new series in the Fall which will be announced soon!

#### **MEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS**

#### **MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP**



This group meets on **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 302**. This will be a six-month conversation on the book of Acts. You can get a copy of the study guide here at <a href="Christianbooks.com">Christianbooks.com</a> or at Amazon.

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

#### WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP

This group will resume in the Fall.

#### **NEW THURSDAY YOUNG MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP**



This group will meet on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 5:30-6:30 PM in Room 302** and will go through the Francis Chan series on James. https://youtu.be/G2wR2cimAzA?si=Yd7WP0sD-yQ8L7Sx

# SAGES (Senior Adults Growing, Encouraging & Serving) All ages 50+ are welcomed! Friday, August 8th, "Ice Cream Social"

Meet us at 1:30 PM at Hayward's Ice Cream, 7 D.W. Hwy, South Nashua, NH. Buy your favorite treat and join us at the picnic tables under the shade trees. <a href="https://haywardsicecream.com/ice-cream-flavors#fotm">https://haywardsicecream.com/ice-cream-flavors#fotm</a>. Hope to see you at this off-site activity.

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

#### GENERAL INFORMATION/UPDATE 2025-26 CHURCH BOARD

Bob FondenJoan KerrRebecca KisakyeVickie MelloKerry MertinsJames PittmanSally RaposaBob WhiffenBruce 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 <a href="mailto:office@community-chapel.org">office@community-chapel.org</a> 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, July 22, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 8:13-9:4; 1 John 2:1-6;

Complementary: Psalm 119:97-104; Proverbs 9:1-18; 1John 2:1-6;

Wednesday, July 23, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 9:5-15; John 6:41-51;

Complementary: Psalm 119:97-104; Deuteronomy 12:1-12; John 6:41-51;

Thursday, July 24, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 85; Hosea 4:1-19; Acts 1:15-20;

Complementary: Psalm 138; Esther 2:19-3:6; Acts 1:15-20;

Friday, July 25, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 85; Hosea 5:1-15; Acts 2:22-36;

Complementary: Psalm 138; Esther 3:7-15; Acts 2:22-36;

Saturday, July 26, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 85; Hosea 1:11-2:15; Luke 8:22-25;

Complementary: Psalm 138; Esther 4:1-17; Luke 8:22-25;

Sunday, July 27, 2025: Proper 12 (17) - Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85 ; Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138; Colossians

2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Monday, July 28, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 44; Hosea 2:14-3:5; Colossians 2:16-3:1;

Complementary: Psalm 55:16-23; Esther 5:1-14; Colossians 2:16-3:1;

Tuesday, July 29, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 44; Hosea 6:1-10; Romans 9:30-10:4;

Complementary: Psalm 55:16-23; Esther 6:1-7:6; Romans 9:30-10:4;

Wednesday, July 30, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 44; Hosea 6:11-7:16; Matthew 5:43-48;

Complementary: Psalm 55:16-23; Esther 7:7-8:17; Matthew 5:43-48;

Thursday, July 31, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 8:1-14; Romans 11:33-36;

Complementary: Psalm 49:1-12; Proverbs 23:1-11; Romans 11:33-36;

Friday, August 01, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 9:1-17; Ephesians 4:17-24;

Complementary: Psalm 49:1-12; Proverbs 24:1-12; Ephesians 4:17-24;

Saturday, August 02, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 10:1-15; Mark 10:17-22;

Complementary: Psalm 49:1-12; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; Mark 10:17-22;

Sunday, August 03, 2025: Proper 13 (18) - Hosea 11:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

and Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Monday, August 04, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 60; Hosea 11:12-12:14; Colossians 3:18-4:1;

Complementary: Psalm 127; Ecclesiastes 2:1-17; Colossians 3:18-4:1;

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