



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ March 17, 2026 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD

"Lent: Limping to Easter"



Lent. We began this journey on 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...

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, April 3rd & 4th. 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.



24-hour Online Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Communities around the world are coming together to create an unbroken, 24-hour live prayer meeting.

The prayer meeting will run from East to West, beginning **Wednesday 18 March** at 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight-Saving Time and continuing for a full 24 hours. Each hour will be a guided time of prayer, led by our National Leaders from around the globe.

You are invited to join us for one hour as we lift our voice for peace.

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Tuesday 3/17	Wednesday 3/18	Thursday 3/19	Friday 3/20	Saturday 3/21	Sunday 3/22	Monday 3/23
	<p>Word & Prayer 9:00 AM FaceBook</p> <p>Morning Women’s Group 10:00 AM in Room 303</p> <p>GriefShare 1:00-2:30 PM Parlor</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>Mom’s Group 9 AM Room 302</p> <p>Young Men’s Journey Group 9 AM Room 303</p> <p>Engaging & Discipling the Next Generation Workshop 10:00-11:30 AM Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>Alabaster Collection</p> <p>Adult Journey Groups “That the World may Know” 9:00 AM in Room 302</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>Young Adult Group 5:30 PM Room 304</p>	



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29th – Palm Sunday Service – 10:30 AM

April 2nd - Maundy Thursday Communion Service – 6:30 PM

April 3rd – Good Friday Reflections – 4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

April 4th – Holy Saturday Prayer Walk at Church – 8:30AM

April 5th – Easter Resurrection Sunday – “Easter in a Good Friday World”
Easter Service – 10:30 AM



(Groups will not be meeting in the **evening** during Holy Week as there will be special services during that week as we prepare for Easter.)

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

If you'd like to place a spring plant in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please email office@community-chapel.org and include the information. Cost will be \$12. Please drop funds in offering baskets marked Easter Flowers. Any questions, contact Connie in the church office at 603-883-8345.



PROCESS FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP SELECTIONS

Ratification of Ballot - March 22, 2026

Selection of Leaders – April 12, 2026

Due to the ongoing nominations process, we will be holding selection of leaders on April 12, 2026. This will constitute part one of the annual meeting (Manual paragraph 113.7). The following is the process we will be following:

1. Sample ballots and biographical sketches of the candidates for church board will be made available the week of ratification of the ballot, March 22nd.
2. The membership of the Community Chapel Church of the Nazarene will be electing three (3) members to the Church Board for three-year terms and, as needed, delegates to the District Assembly and District Nazarene Missions International Convention.
3. Each active member who is 15 years old and older (having been through membership training and officially received into membership) will be asked to verify their membership status. They will then be given a ballot and asked to vote. Upon completion of their voting, their ballot will be received in a confidential manner. Votes will be counted that day and clear elections posted at www.community-chapel.org by the following Tuesday. There is no absentee or online balloting.
4. In the event there is a tie for any position, a ballot for breaking the tie will be conducted as soon as possible.
5. If you are unsure of your membership status, please email Connie Wu-Meyer in the church office at conniewm@community-chapel.org.

ENGAGING & DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION WORKSHOP

This 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

BEAUTY FROM ASHES MINISTRY-4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Friday, March 27th 6:00 PM at Alpine Grove (19 S Depot Road 111A, Hollis, NH)



This powerful evening will include dinner, worship, a life-changing survivor testimony, and a bold vision for what's next for BFAM. They are believing to raise \$40,000 to provide safe housing, discipleship, and restoration for women exiting sex trafficking and addiction — and every seat matters. This isn't just another event. It's a chance to stand in the gap.

It's a chance to help write someone's redemption story. Will you join them?

Reserve your seat, host a table, or become an event sponsor today — and be part of what God is building.

[Click here to reserve a seat!](#)

Even if you can't be in the room that night, you can still be part of the story — your prayerful support and generous gift help make restoration possible for women rebuilding their lives.

LIVESTREAM UPDATE: NOW ON YOUTUBE

We're excited to share that beginning **March 29th**, our Sunday service livestream will be moving from Facebook Live to **YouTube!** This change will help improve stream quality and make it easier for everyone to join. You can still find the service link on our Facebook page each Sunday—it will direct you straight to the YouTube livestream. We look forward to worshipping with you online!

VETERANS COUNT PARTNERSHIP!!!

On **May 29-30th**, Community Chapel will once again be hosting the **Veterans Count Ride** supporting veterans who are in crisis. Volunteers for the event are needed on both days to support prepping for the riders and executing duties during the day of the ride. Please contact Bob Whiffen at rwhiffen1@yahoo.com or (978-729-8523).



BE AWARE OF SPAMS AND SCAMS

If you ever get an email or text or call from a staff member asking for money and/or gift cards, please call the office to let us know as we are not accustomed to do so. There have been at least two confirmed cases of scams, but thankfully, they were detected and avoided. Please have your guard up as we live in a corrupt and evil world.

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.

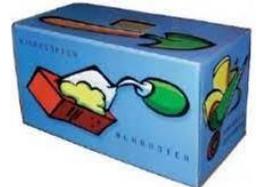
If you are interested, please contact Andrew Fitzpatrick at (530) 340-0066 or toandrewf@yahoo.com.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ALABASTER

The **Alabaster Offering** provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots."

Alabaster boxes will be available in the foyer. **Collection for Alabaster boxes will be received through Sunday, March 22nd.** You can make a difference!



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	YTD	
\$11,500	3/15/26	Date	Date	Performance	
FY25-Need: \$598,000	Giving	Giving	Budget	To Budget	
Tithes & Offerings	\$10,863	\$501,340	\$528,462	-\$27,122	
World Missions	\$405	\$44,063	\$43,654	\$409	
Building Fund	\$10	\$2,881	\$2,885	-\$4	
Total Giving	\$11,278	\$548,284	\$575,000	-\$26,716	
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.



FAITH PROMISE PLEDGING OPEN UNTIL APRIL 30TH!!!



It is time to renew or make new our Faith Promise Commitments for the next year, and think about being ***Together! A Vision for Partnership!!!*** Pick up a pledge card in the foyer! And then, by faith, ask God to guide you into your part in supporting missions locally and globally! Please return pledge cards in the boxes labelled “Faith Promise Pledges”. Thank you! **The goal is \$47,000.**

Total amount of returned pledges to date is \$26,960.

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



Arrive by the start time for the most fun!

Invite your friends and family!

For more information e-mail:

maryh@community-chapel.org

Vacation Bible Camp



Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into an adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Join the fun at Rainforest Falls VBC

Monday, July 13th – Friday, July 17th

9:00 – 12:00 PM

Scan the code to register



Missional Partnership Opportunities

Join the Children's Ministry Team in sharing God's love!

Donate Easter Egg stuffing supplies:

Small candies, toys, stickers, temporary tattoos, etc.

Place in labeled plastic container in entrance foyer.

Hide Easter Eggs - Great fun & fellowship!

Friday, March 27th 10:00 – 11:30 AM and/or Friday, March 27th 5:30 PM (pizza dinner provided).

Dive into the Mission Field!

Saturday, March 28th Easter Egg Hunt - 10 AM

Servant hands & hearts are needed at the refreshment table and to guide groups to hunt areas.

Rainforest Falls VBC

Information meeting Sunday, March 22nd - 12:00 PM. Light lunch will be offered.



YOUTH MINISTRY (students grades 7th-12th)

Youth Group Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00 PM!

This gathering is for 7th-12th grade students to build community together and grow in their relationship with Jesus. **This week**, youth group will be at the **Carter's house**. Contact Pastor Leo for more information: 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

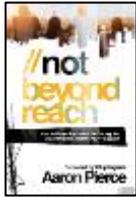
WINTER SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUPS

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](http://Amazon.com).



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](http://Amazon.com).

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](http://Amazon.com)

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP



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](http://Amazon.com).

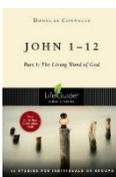
SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP



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 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

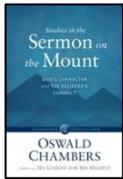
MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP



This group will **not be meeting tonight** but will resume next Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 PM in Room 302.

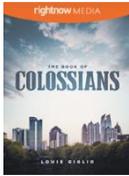
You can get a copy of the study guide here at Christianbooks.com or at [Amazon](http://Amazon.com). Contact Pastor Geoff at pastorgeoff@community-chapel.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



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](http://Amazon.com).

YOUNG MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



This group is open to men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s and is 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, April 10th, 11:30 AM: "Cybersecurity for Seniors" Luncheon – Our special speaker, Lisa Higgins, worked in cyber security for 30 years and is recently retired. Lisa will help us understand how to protect our data, computer systems, networks, and devices from cyberattacks and unauthorized access or criminal use. You won't want to miss this informative talk! Bring your questions with you for the Q&A time. 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, March 17, 2026: [Psalm 146](#); [Isaiah 42:14-21](#); [Colossians 1:9-14](#);

Wednesday, March 18, 2026: [Psalm 146](#); [Isaiah 60:17-22](#); [Matthew 9:27-34](#);

Thursday, March 19, 2026: [Psalm 130](#); [Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3](#); [Revelation 10:1-11](#);

Friday, March 20, 2026: [Psalm 130](#); [Ezekiel 33:10-16](#); [Revelation 11:15-19](#);

Saturday, March 21, 2026: [Psalm 130](#); [Ezekiel 36:8-15](#); [Luke 24:44-53](#);

Sunday, March 22, 2026: [Fifth Sunday in Lent - Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45](#)

Monday, March 23, 2026: [Psalm 143](#); [1 Kings 17:17-24](#); [Acts 20:7-12](#);

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>