



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ May 12, 2026 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD
ORIGIN STORY

"At its core, the WHY is an origin story."

Simon Sinek

At the heart of everything we do there is a redemptive chord that attaches to the entire **origin story** of the church. We heard the story in these words... **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."** (Acts 1:8)

This is our **origin story**. But again, what stands out to you in those two words? The anchor word is the word "story". The late Rich Mullins wrote, "Write me into Your story", referring to God's redemptive story in Jesus. And this is what Acts points to. The church is made up of the redemptive stories of God's grace outworking in the lives of everyday people. The word Jesus gives us is "witness"!!!

All that to encourage you to get a copy of the Annual Reports and read the "story" of the witness of Community Chapel this past year. We have physical copies, but you can also email our office at office@community-chapel.org to get a PDF version.

But as you read it, ask yourself, "How am I part of this story?" And maybe ask God, "How do you want me to be part of this story?" And then, say, "Yes" to whatever God may be saying to you. And Jesus will write you into the story of the church that exists for the sake of the world. Check out the report to understand what that means! 😊

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And...this Sunday we will begin a mini-series called, "Wait For It!" We all find ourselves waiting for a good portion of our lives. This is particularly true of our relationship with God. Let's journey with the disciples as they are in a "holding pattern" of waiting. What are you waiting for? See you Sunday.

Peace,

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary or join us online at <https://www.youtube.com/@communitychapelNAZ/streams> or <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, June 5th & 6th. 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 5/12	Wednesday 5/13	Thursday 5/14	Friday 5/15	Saturday 5/16	Sunday 5/17	Monday 5/18
	<p style="color: green;">Word & Prayer 9:00 AM Facebook</p> <p style="color: magenta;">Morning Women’s Group 10:00 AM in Room 303</p> <p style="color: purple;">Kidz Klub 6:30-8:00 PM</p> <p style="color: blue;">Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM</p> <p style="color: red;">Evening Women’s Group 6:30 PM in Room 302</p> <p style="color: blue;">Men’s Journey Group 6:30 PM in Room 303</p>			<p style="color: red;">Mom’s Group 9:00 AM in Room 302</p> <p style="color: blue;">Young Men’s Journey Group 9:00 AM in Room 303</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p style="color: black;">Graduation Sunday</p> <p style="color: blue;">Adult Journey Groups “The Armor of God” 9:00 AM in Room 305</p> <p style="color: black;">“The Twelve Disciples” 9:00 AM in Room 306</p> <p style="color: green;">Young Adult Group 5:30 PM Room 304</p>	

UPCOMING EVENTS MEN’S SOFTBALL

Our Men's Softball team has a game **this Friday, May 15th at 6:30 PM at Labine Field!** These games are great opportunities for our faith family to fellowship together, and we hope to see you at the games! You can view the full schedule here: [https://gnmesl.leaguerepublic.com/matchHub/494494550/-1-1-1/104868847/-1/-1/-1/1/true.html](https://gnmesl.leaguerepublic.com/matchHub/494494550/-1-1/104868847/-1/-1/-1/1/true.html)

GRADUATION SUNDAY



Join us on **this Sunday, May 17th** as we honor our graduates! A notebook for our high school graduates will be on the Graduate’s table in the foyer for our congregation to sign words of encouragement. Please take some time to stop by and help our graduates know how loved they are by their church family. If you or your student is graduating high school or college this year, please send an email to Pastor Leo to be included in our 2026 list of graduates:



pastorleo@community-chapel.org

High School Graduates:

Ben Carter, Nashua High School South
Liam Patrick McFadden, graduating from Souhegan High School

College Graduates:

Megan Scalera, Fordham University, BA in Environmental Studies and a minor in Peace and Justice Studies.

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).



MEN'S MINISTRY BBQ!

Monday, June 1st is the final Men's Dinner UNTIL OCTOBER AND IT IS BBQ TIME!

It starts 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, May 29th if you are able to attend.



ESL INTRO/TRAINING

ESL Intro/Training will be on **Saturday, June 6th from 11:00AM to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**.

Water and light snacks will be provided.

Please reach out to Kathleen DeFranca with any questions at taussied@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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 the office at office@community-chapel.org or 603-883-8345. 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.

PLEASE NOTE...

On Sunday, May 24th

There is NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

All children ages 4 and up will remain in the sanctuary for the entire service.

Wednesday Rhythm

Kidz Klub gathering meets **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

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



NEXT GEN SUMMER BASH

A vibrant blue poster for the 'Next Gen Summer Bash'. At the top, the title 'NEXT GEN SUMMER BASH' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, a white rectangular box contains the event details: 'WED MAY 27', '6:00-8:00 PM', and '@ THE FELLOWSHIP HALL'. To the right of this box, the text 'FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES WITH TEENS/CHILDREN' is written in white. On the left side of the poster, a list of activities is provided: '• COOKOUT', '• YARD GAMES', '• BOARD GAMES', '• KIDS ZONE', and '• WORSHIP CELEBRATION'. The background is decorated with various icons: a stack of Jenga blocks, a board game, a red grill with food cooking, and a small garden scene. The overall design is festive and colorful.

To help with planning, please email Pastor Leo at pastorleo@community-chapel.org or Mary Hardwick at maryh@community-chapel.org with your family name and number of people attending.

YOUTH MINISTRY (students grades 7th-12th)

Youth Group is meeting at **Carter's house this Wednesday, May 13th, 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 for more information: pastorleo@community-chapel.org



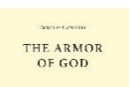
YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-30 years old)

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 summer, our Young Adults are studying the book of Esther! Contact Becca Kisakye or Pastor Leo with any questions or for additional information:

beccalkisakye@gmail.com or pastorleo@community-chapel.org

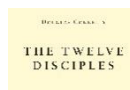
SPRING SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUPS

THE ARMOR OF GOD



“The Armor of God” group meets on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in Room 305.** Every day, an unseen battle is going on around us in the spiritual realm. Christians need to be dressed in the full Armor of God. God has provided everything we need to stand firm & resist evil, but we are called to be actively aware of both the struggle & the resources available. In Ephesians chapter 6 the Apostle Paul gives us the clearest description anywhere in Scripture of believers' resources for the spiritual battle. He vividly describes them as armor, which we must repeatedly take up in prayerful reliance on God. Books can be purchased at Christianbooks.com or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

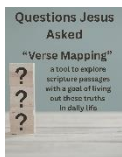
THE TWELVE DISCIPLES



“The Twelve Disciples” group meets on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in Room 306.** In only three years, Jesus molded a dozen fearful, faithless men into the pillars of a worldwide movement—the church. Despite this brief window, the time the twelve disciples spent in Jesus's presence had a transforming effect on each of them, and they were forever changed. Through studying the lives of Jesus's disciples, you too can be transformed by Jesus. He can take the most fearful and faithless among us and transform our lives, empowering us to become confident witnesses of his grace to the world. As you study how Jesus made disciples, you too can grow as a disciple and answer Jesus's call to follow him. Books can be purchased at Christianbooks.com or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

WOMEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP



Questions Jesus Asked

This group meets on **Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 AM in Room 303**. We are looking at some of the Questions Jesus Asked and are using “Verse Mapping” as a tool to explore these scripture passages with a goal of living out these truths in daily life. For more information on verse mapping and a schedule of verses we will cover, please see Carol Lemay or Melissa Andrew. **Note:** The last session will be moved from Wednesday, May 20th to Thursday, May 21st and will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP



This group meets on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 302**. The book of Revelation has been a source of both great encouragement & great confusion to Christians throughout the centuries. In this 12-week study, Stephen Witmer helps readers understand & 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. Book can be purchased at Christianbooks.com or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

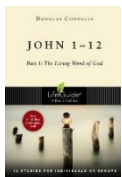
SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP



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.

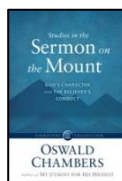
MEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP



This group will **not** be meeting **tonight, May 12th**, but will resume on May 19th. You can get a copy of the study guide 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 purchased 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 on 603-370-2530.

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

Sunday, June 14th: "Where's the Beef" – Following the 10:30 AM service, we will meet for lunch at Bentley's Roast Beef, 134 NH-101A, Amherst, NH. When coming from Nashua, Bentley's is on the right, just after Joey's Diner and before Longhorn Steak House. Buy your lunch then join us outside at the picnic tables under the trees. Inside seating in case of rain. Hope to see you at this popular off-site activity.



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

GENERAL INFORMATION/UPDATE

2026-27 CHURCH BOARD

Bob Fonden
Bill Lambalot
Kerry Mertins

Joan Kerr
Carol Lemay
Joy Rogers

Rebecca Kisakye
Vickie Mello
Bruce Wilson

2025-26 NCLC BOARD

Shayna Burgher
Alyssa Gentry

Alethea Carter
Jody Mear

Angela DeRusha
Colleen Walker

Pastor Mary DiLoreto
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, May 12, 2026: [Psalm 93](#); [Deuteronomy 5:22-33](#); [1 Peter 3:8-12](#);

Wednesday, May 13, 2026: [Psalm 93](#); [Deuteronomy 31:1-13](#); [John 16:16-24](#);

Thursday, May 14, 2026: [Ascension of the Lord - Acts 1:1-11](#), [Psalm 47](#) or [Psalm 93](#), [Ephesians 1:15-23](#), [Luke 24:44-53](#)

Friday, May 15, 2026: [Psalm 93](#); [2 Kings 2:1-12](#); [Ephesians 2:1-7](#);

Saturday, May 16, 2026: [Psalm 93](#); [2 Kings 2:13-15](#); [John 8:21-30](#);

Sunday, May 17, 2026: [Seventh Sunday of Easter - Acts 1:6-14](#), [Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35](#), [1 Peter 4:12-14](#); [5:6-11](#), [John 17:1-11](#)

Monday, May 18, 2026: [Psalm 99](#); [Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24](#); [1 Peter 4:1-6](#);

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>