



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ October 21, 2025 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD

Table Talks on Immigration

When they said it to me, I was grieved. It was a conversation with a Spirit-filled brother who is an immigrant. When I asked what it was like to be an immigrant in our country, he said this, ***"I don't know if I will ever feel welcomed."***

"Lord, when did we see...you a stranger and invite you in..." The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me.'" (Matthew 25:38-40)

On October 15th at 5:00 PM, Bruce Wilson and I began **Table Talks on Immigration** in the Parlor across from the sanctuary. How are we thinking about the events and issues of the world around us? Too often, we are more shaped and disciplined by the vehicles of the culture than we are by God's perspective. One of those areas is immigration. Let's ask the question, *"Are we shaped by culture or formed by Scripture?"*

The hope for this time is to resist the shaping of the predominant narratives driven by the news media, partisan divides, and social media-stoked fears and misrepresentations. This will not be a time for debate, partisan rhetoric, or binary, us vs. them thinking. Instead, we have a higher aim. A charitable discourse! This is an invitation to surrender our preconceived biases and opinions and open our minds and hearts to God, His word, and to one another.

On November 23rd, we will host Rev. Rachel Hafner, the New England District Director of Immigration Ministries. That Sunday, we will feature the ministry of Immigration Connection (more information to come!). In preparation for that gathering, we will come together to invite the Holy Spirit to shape and mold us with God's perspective. Using the discussion guide, **Together at the Table**, we will listen, learn, and pray to be formed by what the Bible says about immigrants and immigration.

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, November 7th & 8th. 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 10/21	Wednesday 10/22	Thursday 10/23	Friday 10/24	Saturday 10/25	Sunday 10/26	Monday 10/27
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 306 Table Talks on Immigration 5:00 PM in Parlor Elementary Children 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM Evening Women's Group 6:30 PM in Room 302 Men's Journey Group 6:30 PM in Room 303			Mom's Group 9:00 AM in Room 302 Young Men's Journey Group 9:00 AM in Room 303  2:00-4:00 PM Rain or Shine	Adult Journey Groups “James: a 12-week study” 9:00 AM in Room 305 “That the World may Know” 9:00 AM in Room 302 Young Adult Group 5:30 PM in Room 304	

CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

During the month of October, we want to show our appreciation to each of our pastors for their service to us. We ask you to consider encouraging and expressing your care for them, in a tangible way. There is additional information on the following website:

<https://myhappythanks.com/blogs/guides/pastor-appreciation-day>



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEN'S MINISTRY DINNER

The next monthly Men of Legacy dinner is on **Monday, November 3rd 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, October 31st if you are able to attend.



GRIEF SHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

We will be offering another grief session “Surviving the Holidays” that offers support & practical tips for facing holiday challenges after loss of a loved one. This is the **same session** but will be **offered twice**, once on **November 5th** in the evening from **6:30 -8:00 PM** and again on **December 1st** for an afternoon session at **1:00-2:30 PM**. Both will be held in the Parlor. Feel free to reach out to Pastor Mary if you have any additional questions.



MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

COLLECTION OF FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS 2025

We will once again be filling Thanksgiving baskets to bless families in our church community and local community. Below is a list of items that we will be collecting now through November 9th. Plastic bins are in the main hallway to drop these items in. It will cost approximately \$60 to fill a basket which will include a

small Market Basket gift card to purchase a turkey or perishable items. Basket Assembly will be on **Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 PM** in the parlor. Contact Kathleen DeFranca for more details.

Items for Thanksgiving Baskets:

Stuffing - bread, corn. Bags or boxes, Pie crust-boxed, two for every basket,
Pie filling - apple, blueberry, cherry, peach, pear etc. (two cans per pie needed),
Potatoes - (white or yams, or sweet potatoes) in a can or box!
Gravy- package or jar, Evaporated Milk
Canned Vegetables - corn, string beans, peas, beans, carrots, beets, asparagus, olives,
Muffin mixes- blueberry, cinnamon, fruit, corn, etc., Cookie mixes
Dried flower (Fall colors), Cloth or Paper napkins, Fall Fabric to line baskets, Fall table clothes.
Cash Donations for items including gift cards for turkey purchases (checks made out to CC marked "Thanksgiving Baskets")



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2025 It's all about JESUS!

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10

Community Chapel has participated in the ministry of Operation Christmas Child for over 25 years, sharing the Gospel and God's love through packing and collecting shoeboxes, sharing the Hope we have in Jesus with children in all parts of the world.

Join us in this great ministry as we serve and show God's love by packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and/or by volunteering during the **National Collection Week November 17th- 24th**. Community Chapel is a central drop off for all of southern New Hampshire.

Opportunities to pack shoeboxes in a variety of ways include:

- Family shoebox packing **Mission Event on Wednesday, November 5th**
- **SAGES shoebox** packing and luncheon **Friday, November 14th**
- Pack shoeboxes at home and bring them to Community Chapel. Preprinted shoeboxes will be handed out at church each Sunday beginning October 19th or use a shoebox you have at home. By activating your adhesive label online, you can follow your shoebox to find out which country it went to. A donation of \$10.00 per shoebox covers costs to collect, process, transport the shoeboxes, provide gospel materials in their native language, and train local churches in their country. Include a personal note or letter. Reminder: no soap, liquids, creams, candy or cash.
- Build a shoebox online by choosing items for your shoebox which go to hard-to-reach areas. Go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/> Select "Community Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Nashua NH" on this site.
- Drop off extra or misc. loose items to be used at our "packing parties" or sent to the processing centers to be used as filler items.
- Shoeboxes may be dropped off at Community Chapel on Sunday, November 16th.

Join our team of volunteers who are needed to greet and accept the hundreds of packed shoeboxes dropped off at Community Chapel by local individuals, groups and churches during the National Collection Week of November 17th -24th. Please help us greet, accept shoeboxes, load into cartons, load into the semi-trucks and pray over the shoeboxes. We have a great time of fellowship as we serve together!

Please contact Carol Fonden to sign up to help during one or more of the drop-off times during the week of November 17th-24th or if you have questions. (sunsetcif@aol.com or cell: 603-321-6707). Collection times will be **3:00-5:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 5:00-7:00 on Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00-11:00 AM Saturday, noon to 2:00 PM on Sunday, and 8:00-10:00AM Monday (the 24th).**

Prayer is a very important part of this ministry since prayer follows each box throughout its entire journey! Join our prayer team to pray for the children and families whose lives will be touched by receiving a shoebox expressing God's love in action.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE COLLECTION

Looking ahead. The Christmas Giving Tree will be up in late November. We will be serving some of the area agencies we have been in contact with to meet some of their basic needs as we head into the colder months. Thank you in advance for being a part of this annual ministry to our community.



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 \$11,500 FY25-Need: \$598,000	Week 10/19/25 Giving	Year To Date Giving	Year To Date Budget	YTD Performance To Budget	
Tithes & Offerings	\$7,272	\$255,364	\$306,508	-\$51,144	
World Missions	\$150	\$25,161	\$25,319	-\$158	
Building Fund	\$0	\$1,159	\$1,673	-\$514	
Total Giving	\$7,422	\$281,684	\$333,500	-\$51,816	
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.

Operation Christmas Child Family Mission Project Night

Send
Good News
and
Great Joy!



Wednesday, November 5th

Please join us for pizza and a brief presentation by OCC regional coordinator Carol Fonden then partner in missions with your children & teens by packing your own shoeboxes & praying for its recipient(s) together.

Scan the QR Code above by Fri., Oct. 31st to register*

The event is free. Donations of items to add to the boxes will be gladly accepted by Sunday, November 1st.

*Miss the deadline? Call Mary Hardwick 603-289-9065



This Christmas
you can be a part
of helping families
experience Jesus'

miraculous love!

Join us in serving on **Thursday, December 18th** to present this interactive outreach event where families are transported back in time to Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Scan here to register

for more info or e-mail

Mary Hardwick

maryh@community-chapel.org



Wednesday Rhythm

Join us for **KIDZ KLUB Gathering** on **Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM** for fun fellowship & games, fantastic food and meaningful faith formation. We are learning the 13 Most Important Bible Lessons for Kids About God! 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.

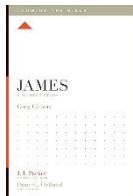
Contact Pastor Leo with any questions: pastorleo@community-chapel.org



YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-30 years old)

Young Adult group meets **Sundays from 5:30 – 7:00 PM in Room 304** with our new Fall series: God's Design for Relational Health. Contact Becca Kisakye or Pastor Leo with any questions: beccalkisakye@gmail.com or pastorleo@community-chapel.org

FALL SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUPS



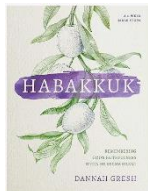
This group meets **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 305**. In **James: A 12-Week Study**, pastor and author Greg Gilbert examines the message of James, exploring the book's difficult teachings on wealth, anointing with oil, prayer, healing, and the relationship between faith and works. Books can be purchased at Christianbooks.com or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).



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.

WOMEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

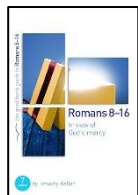
WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP



"Why does God seem silent when I need Him most?" That is the question we will consider as we study the book of Habakkuk. Join us **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM in Room 306**. The book includes daily interactive Bible lessons (about 20-40 minutes each).

This book can be purchased online at Christianbooks.com or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP



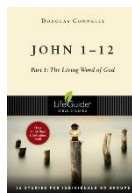
This group meets **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in Room 302** and is studying Romans 8-16: In view of God's mercy. In this seven-session study of Romans 8-16, Timothy Keller shows groups how to live life in response to God's mercy, by the power of his Spirit. He says that Romans 8 contains the secret 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](http://Amazon.com).

SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP



We meet on the **2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9:00-10:30 AM in room 302**. We are going through **Psalm 23 with Matt Chandler**. All NCLC and CC moms are welcome to attend; no commitment is required! Childcare will be provided for those who need it!

MEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

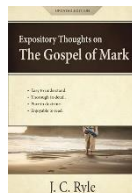


MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP

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



The group meets on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 303** and is studying the gospel of Mark. 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 meets on the **2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9:00-10:30 AM in Room 303.** This group is going through "Every Thought Captive: How Renewing Your Mind Can Change Your Life" by Kyle Idleman:

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/920259>

Here is the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5huZthBOjA>

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



Friday, November 14th, 11:30 AM: "Blessings Untold & Shoebox Packing" event.

Following a delicious lunch, we'll share the blessings that God has provided. Plan to bring any remaining items you have been collecting to this event. Be ready to pack those shoeboxes for needy children around the world!

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, October 21, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 39:1-18; James 5:7-12;

Complementary: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:23-35; James 5:7-12;

Wednesday, October 22, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 129; Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20; Luke 22:39-46;

Complementary: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:36-42; Luke 22:39-46;

Thursday, October 23, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 65; Joel 1:1-20; 2 Timothy 3:1-9;

Complementary: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:1-16; 2 Timothy 3:1-9;

Friday, October 24, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 65; Joel 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 3:10-15;

Complementary: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:17-26; 2 Timothy 3:10-15;

Saturday, October 25, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 65; Joel 2:12-22; Luke 1:46-55;

Complementary: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 14:1-6; Luke 1:46-55;

Sunday, October 26, 2025: Proper 25 (30) - Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65; Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 and Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Monday, October 27, 2025:

Semi-continuous: Psalm 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1 Peter 4:12-19;

Complementary: Psalm 84:8-12; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19;

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>