



## COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ September 16, 2025 ~

### IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD

*Prayer: Let us remember...this is US!*

*This week, I wanted to publish the prayer I prayed this past Sunday, following the killing of Charlie Kirk. I leave it with you to consider and to pray...*

In this world where **us vs. them** demands the loudest voice, we have witnessed another act of political violence. But **the truth is, Lord, it is not us vs. them. It is simply us.** Not Republican. Democrat. Independent. It is US.

We mourn the violence that killed Charlie Kirk, a Republican 31-year-old husband, father of two, this week. Just as we mourn the killing of a Democratic Lawmaker, Melissa Hortman, and her spouse in Minnesota three months ago. Lord, have mercy on these families. And Lord, stay the hand and words of retribution and revenge and political violence. We as a people cannot survive that. As Paul wrote: **If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. (Galatians 5:15)**

We mourn and are angry about the rhetoric that tears us apart and creates enemies out of family, friends, and neighbors. The social media hand grenades, the flame-thrower words, especially from politicians and people in positions of power and social media influence, need to stop. Enough. In the name of Christ, forbear!

We mourn the thirst for power that disregards your beautiful image in us all. The fear-mongering and attacks simply because someone is different...politically...ethnically...religiously.

But Lord, we know that change begins with your people and how we act and respond. Lord, let us follow the words of Scripture to the people of God: **If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)**

**This begins with your people. Us. We confess**, the church has too often been complicit, in the name of Jesus, in this culture of animosity and rage and hate. Let us not embrace this, endorse this, or look away in the name of political party or power. Let us turn from the consequentialism that says the ends justify the means. This is not the Kingdom of God! Let us be different.

Lord, help us, by the power of your Spirit to...be different in our treatment of others...sound different with the words we use in disagreement...do different by doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly...humbly...with our God.

I don't know what else to do but to turn to you, the one who will bring all things into unity and make all things right. For you are the answer.

In the midst of this world that is so much not as it ought to be, we also pray for those who have walked through, or are walking through, the darkest valleys. In the midst of all the noise, we lift those among us who need a bit of grace in the shadows of their suffering, disease, grief, and pain. For as the noise rages around us, those next to us and near us, however they voted, whatever they look like, wherever they are from, are just like us, facing the hardships and challenges of life. Let us not forget that. Let us not forget them.

**Let us remember...this is US!** In your eyes, **there is no us vs. them.** Only us, all made in your image. All in need of grace. So, help us to be more like you. Amen.

Peace,

Following the recent weeks of violence, here is an excellent piece Pastor Leo sent to our youth parents.

[Digital Childhood Alliance](#): **How to Talk to Your Kids About the Charlie Kirk Assassination, School Shooting, and Online Anger**

## 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, October 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!**

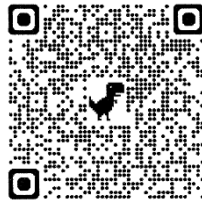
Contact Bob Lemay for more information! [boblemay@gmail.com](mailto:boblemay@gmail.com)

"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](mailto:office@community-chapel.org). If you have a prayer request for "Pastors Only" please email Pastor Mary at [pastormary@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastormary@community-chapel.org).

CRU missionaries, Edward and Emily Brake, encouraged us to sign up for **40-Days of 24/7 prayer** with CRU, praying for college campuses across the country August 23rd through October 1st. Scan the QR code to sign up for a slot or click [here](#):

40 Day Prayer Chain Sign-Up  
August 23 to October 1



### **THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHAPEL**

<b>Tuesday 9/16</b>	<b>Wednesday 9/17</b>	<b>Thursday 9/18</b>	<b>Friday 9/19</b>	<b>Saturday 9/20</b>	<b>Sunday 9/21</b>	<b>Monday 9/22</b>
<b>Men's Journey Group</b> 6:30 PM in Room 302	<b>Word &amp; Prayer</b> 9:00 AM FaceBook <b>Morning Women's Group</b> 10:00 AM in Room 306 <b>Elementary Children</b> 6:30-8:00 PM <b>Youth Group</b> 6:30-8:00 PM <b>Evening Women's Group</b> 6:30 PM in Room 302 <b>Men's Journey Group</b> 6:30 PM in Room 303				<b>Adult Journey Group</b> "James: a 12-week study" 9:00 AM in Room 305 "That the World may Know" 9:00 AM in Room 306 <b>Young Adult Group</b> 5:30 PM Room 304	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

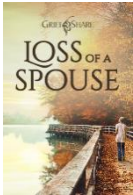
### NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER: CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE!

**October 4th, 2025, 8:00 AM-2:00 PM!**

Help our teens get to Nazarene Youth Conference by donating items to our Church Rummage Sale or by volunteering to help on sale day! Click [HERE](#) for Donation Information. Sign up to volunteer [HERE](#).



### GRIEF SHARE: LOSS OF A SPOUSE



Our Grief Share program will offer a "Loss of A Spouse" session on **Wednesday, October 8th at 1:00 PM** here at Community Chapel in the parlor. If you know someone grieving the loss of their spouse, invite them to join us. They can reach out to Pastor Mary or Eileen Kelly with any questions.

### MONTHLY MEN'S MINISTRY DINNER

Men of Legacy dinner will resume on **Monday, October 13th 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](mailto:rwhiffen1@yahoo.com) or text him at 978-729-8523 by Friday, October 10th if you are able to attend.



### MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES 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 [link](#) or go to <https://www.end68hoursofhunger.org/donate/>

### 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 Date	Year To Date	YTD
\$11,500	9/14/25		Date	Budget	Performance
FY25-Need: \$598,000	Giving		Giving		To Budget
Tithes & Offerings	\$11,076		\$212,465	\$243,092	-\$30,627
World Missions	\$443		\$23,803	\$20,081	\$3,722
Building Fund	\$20		\$1,011	\$1,327	-\$316
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$11,539</b>		<b>\$237,279</b>	<b>\$264,500.00</b>	<b>-\$27,221</b>
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](mailto: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

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](mailto:maryh@community-chapel.org).

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Trunk or Treat – Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

2:00 – 4:00 PM Rain or Shine

Scan here to register to be a part of the fun:



### SAVE THE DATE!

Send  
Good News  
and  
Great Joy!



Family Missions Project -Wed., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

5:30 – 7:30 PM Eat & Serve Together

Scan here to register to help with planning:



### YOUTH MINISTRY (students grades 7th-12th)

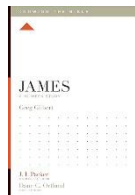
Youth Group meets on **Wednesdays in the Youth Center from 6:30-8:00 PM!** This gathering is for 7th-12th grade students to build community together and grow in their relationship with God. Contact Pastor Leo with any questions: [pastorleo@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastorleo@community-chapel.org)



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

Young Adult group meets on **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: [beccakisakye@gmail.com](mailto:beccakisakye@gmail.com) or [pastorleo@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastorleo@community-chapel.org)

## NEW FALL SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUPS



This group will begin on **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 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.

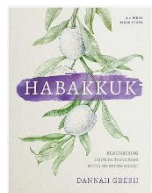
Books can be purchased at [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com) or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).



This group will begin on **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 AM in Room 306**. **"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

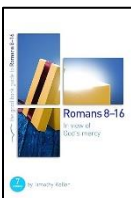
### WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP



"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** for this 6-week class, beginning **September 17<sup>th</sup> in Room 306**. The book includes daily interactive Bible lessons (about 20-40 minutes each).

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

### WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP



This group will resume on **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Room 302** and will be 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](http://Christianbooks.com) or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

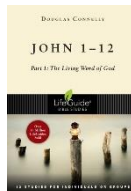
### SATURDAY MORNINGS MOM'S GROUP



We meet on the **2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9:00-10:30 AM in room 302**. We are going through **Psalms 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! **Note:** the

group will meet in the **Parlor on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, due to New England Young Adult Retreat being held at Community Chapel.

## MEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS



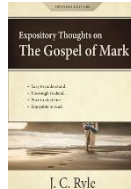
### MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP

This group will resume on **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Room 302**.

You can get a copy of the study guide here at [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com) or at [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).

Contact Pastor Geoff at [pastorgeoff@community-chapel.org](mailto:pastorgeoff@community-chapel.org) for more information.

### WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



The group will begin on **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in Room 303**. The group will be 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 purchased online at [Christianbooks.com](http://Christianbooks.com) or [Amazon](http://Amazon.com).



## 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 will go 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!*

**Sunday, October 19th, "Bag Lunch and Ice Cream Social"**

Join us after worship service in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and ice cream.

To be added to SAGES Mail List: Contact Peggy Kierstead at [pak.rek@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@community-chapel.org) to get connected.

## DAILY READING PLAN

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025:** [Semi-continuous: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 5:18-31; 2 Peter 3:8-13;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 73; Jonah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 3:8-13;](#)

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025:** [Semi-continuous: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22; Luke 22:31-33, 54-62;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 73; Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6; Luke 22:31-33, 54-62;](#)

**Thursday, September 18, 2025:** [Semi-continuous: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 12:14-13:11; Romans 3:1-8;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 113; Exodus 23:1-9; Romans 3:1-8;](#)

**Friday, September 19, 2025:** [Semi-continuous: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:1-13; Romans 8:31-39;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 113; Ezekiel 22:17-31; Romans 8:31-39;](#)

**Saturday, September 20, 2025:** [Semi-continuous: Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11; Mark 12:41-44;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 113; Isaiah 5:8-23; Mark 12:41-44;](#)

**Sunday, September 21, 2025:** [Proper 20 \(25\) - Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9; Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13](#)

**Monday, September 22, 2025:** [Semi-continuous: Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 9:12-26; Acts 4:1-12;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 12; Proverbs 14:12-31; Acts 4:1-12;](#)

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>