



COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

~ September 22, 2026 ~

IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD *PREPARING TO BE A VOICE OF HOPE*

As we enter into this fall season, we welcome the brisk mornings, the changing leaves, and the bright southern exposure of sun. And we also welcome our new sermon series, **VOICES OF HOPE**. We have begun to consider the power of hope. Maybe you remember! Hope...is like oxygen. With it, life flourishes. Without it, it cannot be sustained. Or as Sharon McMahon put it, *"Hope is not a feeling we are waiting to experience. In reality, it is a choice we make. A choice to have hope."* And in the choosing, we also extend that hope to our neighbors and family members, co-workers, and marketplace interactions: wherever we find ourselves. ***We exist to share God's hope wherever we find ourselves.***

But how do we prepare for that? This fall, we have an opportunity to be equipped for our mission through our **Journey Groups**. Every age group. Multiple opportunities. Encountering "the anchor for the soul". **Every group** better outfits us for our mission. **Check out the list in this newsletter and join in a group or groups!**

If you don't know where to begin, start with your alarm clock. Set it one hour earlier on Sunday (yes, I hear that groan!). Show up for one of two groups meeting on Sundays beginning September 20th at 9:00 AM!

NOT BEYOND REACH is a curriculum that invites us to look at the world through the lens of a world that is rejecting Christianity and the church. How do you share God's hope when people don't want to listen to you ***because you are a Christian***? Explore *The Rise of the Religiously Unaffiliated, How to Start Spiritual Conversations, and Navigating sexuality, politics, and Science*, all in the context of relationships.

The other Sunday morning group is a study of the prophets **JONAH, JOEL, AND AMOS**, who spoke into a world much like ours. What do we learn from them to engage our world, but also to consider the church and the ways we need to repent to be the agents of hope needed? The message of the prophets can be uncomfortable but redeeming for God's people and our world.

So, how might you prepare to fulfill this mission: **To share God's hope wherever we find ourselves?** You don't have to look far. Check out the list of all the groups and then just show up with a teachable spirit and a desire to live into and extend outward the hope that is Jesus.

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"

Word and Prayer will resume Wednesday, October 7th at 9:00 AM.

Join our Monthly 24 Hours Prayer Friday and Saturday, October 2nd & 3rd.

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 9/22	Wednesday 9/23	Thursday 9/24	Friday 9/25	Saturday 9/26	Sunday 9/27	Monday 9/28
Men's Journey Group 6:30 PM in Room 302	Morning Women's Group 10:00 AM in Room 305 Kidz Klub 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		District Young Adults Retreat			
					Adult Journey Groups "Jonah, Joel & Amos" 9:00 AM in Room 305 "Not Beyond Reach" 9:00 AM in Room 306	

UPCOMING EVENTS 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>

2ND ANNUAL BAGS OF HOPE EVENT: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH STARTS IN HOUSE DONATIONS

In partnership with "Beauty From Ashes Ministry" (BFAM), we will be hosting our "2ND ANNUAL BAGS OF HOPE EVENT" to support women, in their struggle to break free from the cycles of sex trafficking, homelessness, and substance abuse. Join us as we donate items, hear stories from trafficking survivors, write letters of encouragement, and fill bags.



12+ oz. Shampoo	Chapstick	Hairbrush and/or Elastics
12+ oz. Conditioner	Bar of Soap	Notes of Encouragement
Trail Mix	Nail Polish	Toothbrush
Tampons	Deodorant	Toothpaste
Women's Socks	Baby Wipes	\$5 Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards

ALL ITEMS TO BE FULL SIZE AND NEW

An [Amazon gift list](#) has been developed by Jasmine Grace. When items are purchased [online](#), donations will be delivered to Bob & Carol Lemay's home. In-house, and online purchases, will then be filled in bags, on **October 10th from 9:00 AM to noon in the Fellowship Hall.**



MONTHLY MEN'S MINISTRY DINNER

Men of Legacy dinner will resume on **Monday, October 12th 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 9th if you are able to attend.

ALL CHURCH OUTDOOR CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

The Building and Grounds Crew is inviting our church family to participate in an outdoor clean-up day; the purpose of which is to prepare the grounds for Trunk or Treat. Tasks will include raking, leaf blowing and bush trimming. Please bring gloves (and a leaf blower if you have one); otherwise all necessary tools will be provided. Bottled water will also be available, and pizza will be served at the conclusion of the activities. Please help us to have Community Chapel looking its best for this special event!



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 **October 21st** in the evening from **6:30 -8:00 PM** and again on **November 18th** 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.

SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN'S DAY APART

Theme: "Jesus Will Meet You There"

Saturday, November 7th ~ 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

More details will be forthcoming.

GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP '27

Community Chapel is partnering with other churches for a short-term mission trip to **Guatemala from February 16th – 25th 2027**. This is an opportunity to join in serving together across languages, cultural differences, and nationalities, all for the Kingdom of God! If you are interested in joining this team and experiencing this life-changing adventure, please contact John Martin at fjmartin357@gmail.com.

MISSIONS OUTREACH

NH MUTUAL AID RELIEF FUND (NH MARF) FREE STORE AT NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Every Sunday from 3:00-4:00 PM (on the grass alongside the river)

They will be handing out: bottled water, fruit, bread, snacks, canned goods, clothing, toothbrushes & toothpaste, handwarmers, sanitary items, shaving items, makeup, skincare products, combs, books and more! All are welcome! Want to help out? Check them out at <https://www.nhmarf.org/>

Drop off items or donate at <https://donorbox.org/nhmarf>

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.

Our kids have embarked on a new journey - Epic Teachings of the Bible! Grown-ups of kids be sure to check out the take home sheet for more information!

Wednesday Rhythm

Kidz Klub will be on a journey into learning to pray the way Jesus taught his followers. **The fun begins at 6:30 PM with pick-up at 8:00 PM.** Questions? Contact Mary Hardwick at maryh@community-chapel.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH - TRUNK OR TREAT! 2:00-4:00 PM



Invitations are available in the entrance foyer.

YOUTH MINISTRY (students grades 7th-12th)

Our **Youth Group** meets on **Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Youth Center!**



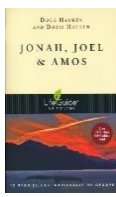
YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-30 years old)

Our Young Adults group **will not meet** on **Sunday, September 27th** because of the District Young Adult Retreat and **will resume our evening group on October 4th from 5:30-7:00 PM.** This fall, we will walk through the series, "Let's Talk," which is all about finding God's voice in the transitions of Young Adulthood. Contact Becca Kisakye or Pastor Leo with any questions or for additional information:

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

FALL SUNDAY JOURNEY GROUPS

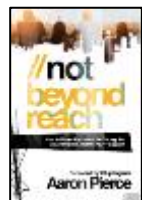
JONAH, JOEL & AMOS



"Jonah, Joel & Amos" group meets on **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 305.** In today's world it's easy to wander away from God. Hectic schedules and the quest for success or misplaced priorities often mean that time with God gets neglected. But if we slow down long enough to listen, these three minor prophets - Jonah, Joel and Amos - can have a major impact on the quality of our lives. This revised study features additional

questions for starting group discussions and for meeting God in personal reflection, together with expanded leader's notes and an extra "now or later" section in each study. Books can be purchased at Christianbooks.com and Amazon.

NOT BEYOND REACH

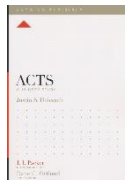


"Not Beyond Reach" group meets on **Sundays at 9:00 AM in Room 306.** He explains how discipleship relationships start even before a friend or loved one accepts Christ. As you build trust over time, you open doors to share the Gospel. Aaron begins by demystifying the underlying inconsistencies and idols 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.

WOMEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP



This group meets on **Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 AM in Room 305 (note the room change).**

The book of **Acts** chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history: the scattering of Jesus's disciples across the known world, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the early church, and more. Plumbing the theological depths, this guide explains the biblical text with clarity and passion - helping us understand the history-shaping events that took place in the years following Christ's ascension. Books available at Christianbooks.com and Amazon.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP



This group will resume on **Wednesday, September 23rd** from **6:30-8:00 PM in Room 302** and will be studying **Revelations by N.T. Wright**. Many people today regard Revelation as the hardest book in the New Testament. It is full of strange, lurid and sometimes bizarre and violent imagery. As a result, many people who are quite at home in the Gospels, Acts and Paul find themselves tiptoeing around Revelation with a sense that they don't really belong there. But they do! In fact, Revelation offers one of the clearest and sharpest visions of God's ultimate purpose for the whole creation, and of the way in which the powerful forces of evil, at work in a thousand ways, can be and are being overthrown through the victory of Jesus the Messiah and the consequent costly victory of his followers. Books available at Christianbooks.com and Amazon.

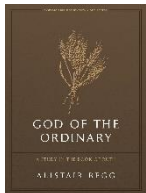
MOM'S GROUP



This group will resume on the **1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:00-10:30 AM in Room 302, starting on October 3rd (note the later start date)**. **Gospel-Centered Motherhood** is a booklet that covers a wide range of topics related to the beautiful calling of motherhood. It covers topics like discipleship in the home, guarding your marriage, mom guilt, discipline, perseverance, emotions, and more. Every topic has related Scriptures to meditate on and questions to consider to prompt prayer. Motherhood is a gift, and the ultimate aim is to glorify Christ in and through it. Books available at Christianbooks.com and Amazon. 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



FALL MEN'S GROUP FOCUS! Who has ever studied the book of Ruth found in the Old Testament? Before you think that is a study about a woman for women, think again. We will be focusing on **THE GOD OF THE ORDINARY** and consider the God who works in all of life's circumstances. This group will resume **tonight, September 22nd in Room 302 at 6:30 PM**. Books available at Christianbooks.com and Amazon.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



This group meets on **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Room 303** and is studying a book, **Living by the Holy Spirit** by renowned Nazarene theologian Dr. Frank Moore. Rather than treating the Holy Spirit as an abstract concept or a temporary feeling, this practical study explores how the Spirit's transforming power brings lasting joy, peace, and spiritual strength to our everyday lives. If you would like to purchase the book, you can purchase online at Amazon.

YOUNG MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



This group will resume on the **1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:00-10:30 AM in Room 303, starting on October 3rd (note the later start date)** and will be studying a series from the Bible Project on the **Ten Commandments** through YouVersion. You can click [here: https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/72440](https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/72440) This plan explores the 10 Commandments within the Bible's larger story, revealing the deeper wisdom often missed when they're treated as mere rules. See how the prophets, Jesus, and New Testament writers present them not as control but as life-giving words from God. Each meeting, we'll watch a short video, read Scripture, and reflect in community as we journey into these ancient words of wisdom with one another. 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!*

Our October luncheon will feature a talk by **Colleen Walker on Preparing Important Legal Documents**. Join us on **October 9th at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. Sign-up will take place on October 4th.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION/UPDATE

2026-27 CHURCH BOARD

Bob Fonden	Joan Kerr	Rebecca Kisakye
Bill Lambalot	Carol Lemay	Vickie Mello
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2025-26 NCLC BOARD

Shayna Burgher	Alethea Carter	Angela DeRusha	Pastor Mary DiLoreto
Alyssa Gentry	Jody Mear	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 office@community-chapel.org with any non-urgent requests.

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, September 22, 2026:

[Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1-9; Romans 16:17-20;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 28:10-17; Romans 16:17-20;](#)

Wednesday, September 23, 2026:

[Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:18-23, 31-32; Matthew 18:1-5;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 106:1-12; Isaiah 41:1-13; Matthew 18:1-5;](#)

Thursday, September 24, 2026:

[Semi-continuous: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 12:17-28; James 4:11-16;](#)

Friday, September 25, 2026:

[Semi-continuous: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:5-18; Acts 13:32-41;](#)

Saturday, September 26, 2026:

[Semi-continuous: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:19-24; Mark 11:27-33;](#)

Sunday, September 27, 2026:

[Proper 21 \(26\) - Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32](#)

Monday, September 28, 2026:

[Semi-continuous: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14;](#)

[Complementary: Psalm 28; Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14;](#)

If you are interested in adding the daily reading plan to your calendar, please click on this link to subscribe:
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/subscribe/>