

# COMMUNITY CHAPEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ~ September 23, 2025 ~

#### IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD

The "Enoughness of God" for These Days

In recent weeks and months, we have witnessed some very unsettling and upsetting events in our country and world. If we are not careful, we can become drawn into the *doomscrolling* of these events and find ourselves growing increasingly anxious, fearful, and angry. And though there is much that can be said, and needs to be said, about ways we approach these times, it begins with this truth:

### God is enough.

I know that feels like a quaint, religious platitude. It feels like something we say when we do not know what to say. It is more than that. It is the anchored truth of walking each day, one step at a time, through the world that, oftentimes, feels like unstable, shaky ground.

At the heart of this series of sermons from Ephesians, "Captivated by Grace", is the truth of this posture of God toward us. The "enoughness" of God." He is turned toward us with a plenteous supply of grace. Grace is the operational love of God that changes how we view God, ourselves, our world, and our way of being in the world! And, it is the resource from God we draw from that enables us to live each day for him. These words from another book offer an invitation for us in these days... Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16).

I find myself turning to this God of plenteous grace, who gives us what is needed as it is needed. And especially in the places where life seems anxious, the world seems unstable, and the ground seems shaky, I must remember, God is postured to us with his abundant grace. That is what this prayer is about. Pray it with me...

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the **hope** to which he has called you, the **riches** of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his **incomparably great power** for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he **raised Christ** from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **far above all rule and authority, power and dominion**, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

(Ephesians 1:18-21)

God is enough.

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

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

"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 <a href="mailto:office@community-chapel.org">office@community-chapel.org</a>. If you have a prayer request for "**Pastors Only**" please email Pastor Mary at <a href="mailto:pastormary@community-chapel.org">pastormary@community-chapel.org</a>.

**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 23 through October 1st. **Scan the QR code to sign up** for a slot or **click <u>here</u>**.



## THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		Saturday	Sunday	Monday
9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28	9/29
Men's	Word & Prayer		New England Young Adult Retreat			
Journey	9:00 AM FaceBook			Mom's	Adult Journey Groups	
Group	Morning Women's Group			Group	"James: a 12-week study"	
6:30 PM	10:00 AM in Room 306			9:00 AM	9:00 AM in Room 305	
in Room	Elementary Children			in Parlor		
302	6:30-8:00 PM			Young	"That the World may Know"	
	Youth Group			Men's	9:00 AM in Room <b>302</b>	
	6:30-8:00 PM			Journey	(NOTE: NEW ROOM)	
	Evening Women's Group			Group		
	6:30 PM in Room 302			9:00 AM in		
	Men's Journey Group			Room 303		
	6:30 PM in Room 303					

# THANK YOU FOR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO "BAGS OF HOPE"



Thank you to our congregation for your very generous donations of personal hygiene items for our "Bags of Hope" event on September 6th. The amount of donations greatly exceeded our expectations. 30 bags were filled and distributed to three women's facilities in Nashua: Cynthia Day Center, Revive Recovery, and GateHouse Treatment Center. Powerful testimonies were given from Jasmine and Dina, both previously trafficked, and representing the "Beauty from Ashes" Ministry.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

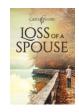
# NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE FUNDRAISER: CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE!

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 <u>HERE</u> for Donation Information. Sign up to volunteer <u>HERE</u>.



#### **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 <a href="mailto:rwhiffen1@yahoo.com">rwhiffen1@yahoo.com</a> or text him at 978-729-8523 by Friday, October 10th if you are able to attend.



# MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY 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 <u>link</u> or go to <a href="https://www.end68hoursofhunger.org/donate/">https://www.end68hoursofhunger.org/donate/</a>

#### 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	Year To Date	YTD Performance			
\$11,500	9/21/25	Date	Budget				
FY25-Need: \$598,000	Giving	Giving	buuget	To Budget			
Tithes & Offerings	\$8,398	\$220,863	\$264,231	-\$43,368			
World Missions	\$525	\$24,328	\$21,827	\$2,501			
Building Fund	\$0	\$1,011	\$1,442	-\$431			
Total Giving	\$8,923	\$246,202	\$287,500.00	-\$41,298			
	Fiscal Yea						

## **COMMUNITY CHAPEL GIVING PAGE!!**

We encourage you to use our online giving option!

Just click on this <u>link</u> 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.

## **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 <a href="maryh@community-chapel.org">maryh@community-chapel.org</a>.

## 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!**



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: <a href="mailto:pastorleo@community-chapel.org">pastorleo@community-chapel.org</a>



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

Young Adult group will not meet on **Sunday, September 28**<sup>th</sup> because of the New England Young Adult Retreat and will resume next Sunday, October 5th **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 will begin on **Sunday, September 21**<sup>st</sup>, **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 <a href="https://example.com">Christianbooks.com</a> or <a href="https://example.com">Amazon</a>.

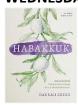


This group will begin on **Sunday, September 21**<sup>st</sup>, at **9:00 AM in Room 302**. **"That the World May Know"** is a video series, where Ray Vander Laan is the fun and engaging tour guide. He will take you on a trip to

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.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP



This group will resume on **Wednesday, September 17th 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 or Amazon.

#### 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! **Note:** the

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

#### **MEN'S JOURNEY GROUPS**



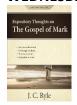
## **MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT JOURNEY GROUP**





You can get a copy of the study guide here at <a href="mailto:Christianbooks.com">Christianbooks.com</a> or at <a href="mailto:Amazon">Amazon</a>. Contact Pastor Geoff at <a href="mailto:pastorgeoff@community-chapel.org">pastorgeoff@community-chapel.org</a> for more information.

#### WEDNESDAY MEN'S JOURNEY GROUP



#### 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: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5huZthBOjA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5huZthBOjA</a>

# **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

# GENERAL INFORMATION/UPDATE 2025-26 CHURCH BOARD

Bob FondenJoan KerrRebecca KisakyeVickie MelloKerry MertinsJames PittmanSally RaposaBob WhiffenBruce Wilson

#### **2025-26 NCLC BOARD**

Angela DeRusha Pastor Mary DiLoreto Alyssa Gentry Carol Lemay
Jody Mear Molly Shetler 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 <a href="mailto:office@community-chapel.org">office@community-chapel.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:office@community-chapel.org">office@community-chapel.org</a> to get connected.

#### **DAILY READING PLAN**

Tuesday, September 23, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Complementary: Psalm 12; Proverbs 17:1-5; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23;

Wednesday, September 24, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 10:17-25; Luke 20:45-21:4; Complementary: Psalm 12; Proverbs 21:10-16; Luke 20:45-21:4;

Thursday, September 25, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:9-22; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15; Complementary: Psalm 146; Proverbs 22:2-16; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15;

Friday, September 26, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:23-32; Ephesians 2:1-10; Complementary: Psalm 146; Proverbs 28:3-10; Ephesians 2:1-10;

Saturday, September 27, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 24:1-10; Luke 9:43b-48; Complementary: Psalm 146; Proverbs 28:11-28; Luke 9:43b-48;

Sunday, September 28, 2025: <u>Proper 21 (26)</u> - <u>Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31</u>

Monday, September 29, 2025: Semi-continuous: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:16-35; Revelation 3:14-22; Complementary: Psalm 62; Amos 6:8-14; Revelation 3:14-22;

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