



## ON MISSION WITH GOD

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**Please note:**  
Next time newsletter will be  
published in late February

### IN A SHEPHERD'S WORD "The Journey of 'Kinship'"

As we enter the "winter quarter" we do so with the model of relationship as seen in the "incarnation", or what we call Christmas. It is in the truth of "God with us" that we see the sacrifice that real relationships possess. The Scriptures remind us that Jesus gave up that which mattered most to Him, which benefitted Him the most, to enter into relationship with mankind and deliver us from sin. Look how the Bible describes it:

*"Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being." (Philippians 2:6-7 NLT)*

And in 2 Corinthians 8:9, Paul describes it this way:

*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."*

"...gave up Divine privileges....."  
"...took the humble position..."  
"...for your sakes He became poor..."

Relationships that matter cost us something. It cost Jesus Christ everything to love us like nothing we have ever known before! But that is not just a Christmas idea, it is the Christian idea. I recently read these words about the Christian life as being a "kinship": "Just as the Christ child was born not merely to a human mother but into a human family, *the* human family, so we too are part of the Holy Kinship...Christian spirituality is spirituality of relationship...we need to explore ways of being together that honor the holiness in our human kinship." (Margaret Guenther, Toward Holy Ground)

As we move into these months before us, I invite you to partake in this "Journey of Kinship" because the journey into becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus always involves relationships that matter. This newsletter is filled with opportunities "to explore ways of being together that honor the holiness in our human kinship." Please take advantage of them! But may I remind you: It will cost you something! Just like it did Jesus. See the next page for some ideas for the journey of kinship.

In The Journey of His Adventure,

*Pastor Kroff*

## Ways to Take on the Attitude of Jesus (see Philippians 2:5 & 2 Corinthians: 8:9)

•“**Make others rich**” by designating a portion of your Christmas giving for alternative gifts such as clean water, micro-financing, and other compassionate expressions of love. Donate in the name of someone for their Christmas gift. Check out the web sites for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, International Justice Mission, World Vision, Kiva, and other avenues.

•Take the “**humble position**” by serving through Salvation Army Bell ringing (contact Mike at the Salvation Army at 320-8862 or sarehabman@aol.com ) servicing Christmas Day dinner at the Southern NH Rescue Mission, or inviting your Journey Group to take on a project of service through the winter months. Check the church for sign-ups and invite your Journey Group to action!

•Share some of the “**divine privileges**” of the food and material provision God has given you. Provide a Gift Card from a grocery store for families in need, participate in the Giving Tree projects which will benefit the Upper Room and families in our congregation, prepare now to give toward the Compassionate Ministries offering on Christmas Eve or the monthly Good Samaritan Offering for critical needs in our congregation and beyond.

*For more ideas check the Missions Calendar in the new Missions Newsletter at the Welcome Center!*

### The Giving Tree

Our traditional Giving Tree will be available starting the Sunday after Thanksgiving. This is an opportunity to purchase a gift for someone or a family who is experiencing hardship this Christmas. Each ornament represents a useful gift for a specific person, who would not have much under the Christmas tree. Please help us by fulfilling these simple and basic gifts, which will be a sign of encouragement, love and generosity at this holy time of year for someone in crisis. The costs are kept in a reasonable range. Depending on resources, an item could be bought by several individuals to make it possible. The gifts are due back on or before December 16th. More detailed information will be available when you pick up the gift request tag at the church. Contact person: Margit Monk or the church office. Subject: Giving Tree

### Christmas Day Banquet at Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission ~ 11:30 am-2:00 pm

Once again, we will be serving a Christmas meal at the Rescue Mission. This is the perfect opportunity to extend the love of God to others on this very special day. Families are welcome to sign up and come together. There is a sign up sheet in the main hallway, so please sign up ASAP as we can only have a limited number there due to the size of the dinner hall. Check the weekly bulletin for more updated information.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



5:30 PM and 10:00 PM

### Christmas Caroling & Fellowship Time

Sunday, December 20th 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

We will meet at the church at 5:00 PM then go out into the community to sing carols. We will share in a time of fellowship and hear a Christmas story by Pastor Geoff immediately following our caroling. Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

### “Agnus Dei” Christmas Musical 2009



#### Performance schedules:

December 11 at 7:00 PM

December 12 at 5:00 PM

December 13 at 5:00 PM

Invitations and posters are available in the foyer.

**Invite your family and friends!**

## Children's / Family Ministry



**December's Family Fusion for Elementary Kids and Their Families is Sunday, December 6, at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall.** This is where you'll learn together about our virtue of the month through drama, movie clips, small group activities, and more! You'll leave with ideas to build upon the virtue at home. Our December's is compassion... caring enough to do something about someone else's need. The rest of the month our 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders will be learning about compassion on Sundays!

**Elementary Kids... don't forget to be doing your God Times!!**

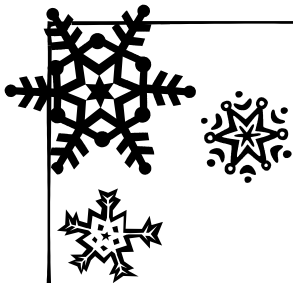
**December Wednesday Evening Kid's Programming...** The only night we'll be having our kids' programs in December is December 2nd. Be watching for more details about your Christmas Party on that night! We'll resume Wednesday night programming on January 6th.

There will be no journey groups for any ages on **Sunday, December 27th**, but we are planning to have preschool classes and elementary KidZone during the worship services.

## Youth Ministry

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd will be the last official Wednesday Night Youth Group for December. Watch the bulletin board for special events during December.

Remaining Bible Quiz Dates: Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, and Mar. 27.  
See Pastor Steve for further information.



### Encounter 2010

**Snow Camp at Monadnock Bible Conference  
Feb. 19-21 (Fri.-Sun.)**

Cost is \$115 (Registration Deadline is Dec. 20th)  
**Register through Pastor Steve ONLY!**

If \$50 deposit is paid by Dec. 13 the cost is \$100  
If paid after Dec. 20 you may be placed on a waiting list and the cost is \$125.

Further information and Medical Forms are at the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board. For information on event: <http://www.monadnockbible.org/docs/Encounter2010.pdf>

## Creative Ways to Invest in “The Mission”

During the Christmas season, we think about the gifts we will give to family and friends and about the supreme gift that God gave to us, His Son Jesus Christ. Many of us will give gifts to charitable organizations for the poor and needy. Some give gifts to our church. We give gifts to our church in response to the love God has poured out on us, but also because we know that more than the physical needs we have, our greatest need is to be in love with God.

This time of year, many of us will give extra offerings to Community Chapel. However, there are other ways that gifts can be made to Community Chapel in all seasons.

- You can give gifts of cash or stocks or bonds at various times during the year.
- Have you remembered Community Chapel in your will or living trust document.
- Have you considered charitable remainder unitrusts or gift annuities, to benefit the church, you and/or your heirs.
- It is possible to include charitable giving in your estate so that some, most, or even all inheritance taxes are avoided.

If you would like to have some additional information as to how you can include Community Chapel in your estate planning, please contact our treasurer, Shirley Kaltenbach, at [treasurer@community-chapel.org](mailto:treasurer@community-chapel.org).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Offerings received and credited for 2009 tax year will be received at the office until 12 Noon on Thursday, December 31, 2009.



## December 2009 Happy Birthday to You!

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|---|---|
| 1 Kent Horsley  | 17 Denise Lambalot<br>Manny Raposa<br>Richard Wandrey |
| 2 Geoff DeFranca<br>Aiden Meyers  | 18 Cindy Bathalon<br>Marguerite Dube                  |
| 3 Marilyn Beckwith  | 19 Burleigh Briggs<br>Josephine Tavares               |
| 6 Julia Christino<br>John Martin  | 20 Dan Wyborney                                       |
| 7 Ken Njoroge   | 21 Bruce Reeves<br>Megan Scalera                      |
| 8 Trevor Coyne<br>Tanner Still  | 22 Margit Monk  |
| 10 Alicia Thomas  | 23 Matthew Day  |
| 12 Gerard Dube<br>Bob Whiffen   | 24 Joanne Allen                                       |
| 13 Steve Guertler   | 25 Candido Ferreira                                   |
| 14 Tim Twombly  | 28 Kimberly Boyer<br>Tina Howe<br>Kaitlyn Kleppinger  |
| 15 Laura Delew<br>Maher Guirguis<br>Stephanie Mead<br>John Morrill<br>Linda Twombly | 29 Ann Marie Bouvier                                  |
| 17 Denise Lambalot<br>Manny Raposa<br>Richard Wandrey                               | 30 Penny Ferreira<br>Senara Mata                      |
| 18 Cindy Bathalon<br>Marguerite Dube  | 31 Pam Pelletier                                      |

## Neighbors Helping Newborns

**Neighbors Helping Newborns** continues to collect many items to create "care bags" for many new baby households in the Nashua and Manchester area. Care bags are distributed to hospitals and crisis centers. All of the items on the Wish List sheet are needed at this time. If you'd like to help, wish lists are located on the baby bassinet in the church lobby. **Collection week dates are December 13 –20th, January 17-24th & February 15 - 22nd.** Please only the items on this list can be used by the ministry.

Thank you to all who continue to support families through this ministry.

## Divorce Care

Divorce Care meets every Tuesdays at 6:30 PM and will continue through December 29th.

This group offers support for those divorced, separated, and those considering divorce.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, please contact the church office at 883-8345.

## January 2010 Happy Birthday to You!



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| 1 James DiLoreto<br>Glenn Mertins  | 17 Janet DeAlmeida<br>Jennifer Ritari   |
| 2 Rachele Guidice<br>Kevin Ogden   | 18 Patrick Gagnon<br>Richard Grant<br>Kate Mello  |
| 4 Maddie Mead  | 19 Kendra Lott  |
| 5 Paul Barrett<br>Miles McClellanic  | 20 Jaxon Chambers<br>Ruth Christino   |
| 6 Debra Severance  | 21 Sheri Stickney   |
| 7 Seth Lowne<br>John Tiedemann   | 22 Brandon Thomas   |
| 8 Martha Rebello   | 23 Jan Boutilier  |
| 9 Tina Barton<br>Carmen Butler<br>Alexis Wilson                                      | 24 Mark Constable<br>Eildh Rogers   |
| 10 Lynda Martin  | 25 Audrey Civiello<br>Hayley Harmon<br>Gabrielle White  |
| 11 Leona Douglas<br>Verjean Nolan  | 26 Jonathan Constable<br>Melissa Ryan   |
| 12 Jack Deichmann  | 27 Sherre Dubis   |
| 13 Chase Alexander<br>Dottie Kelley<br>Patrick Martin<br>Rebekah Martin<br>Jean Wood | 28 Doug Boutilier   |
| 14 John Bryant<br>Lou Guidi<br>Bruce Monk  | 30 Kristine Farhat<br>Jennifer Ferreira<br>Mary Laber<br>Gail Phillips<br>Cindy Wang<br>Melissa Whiffen |

## February 2010 Happy Birthday to You!



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| 1 Marilyn Jones<br>Bill Ogden   | 14 Megan Andrew<br>Barbara Burgher<br>Kevin Coyne<br>Pam Fusco<br>Laurie-Ann Millard |
| 2 Sandra McClellanic<br>Zach Allen Robitaille   | 16 David Bickom<br>Sandy Reeves<br>Cassidy White                                     |
| 3 Lisa Alexander-Robitaille   | 17 Bill DiNardo  |
| 4 Bill Lambalot<br>Peter Mertins<br>Brynna Walsh<br>Heather Wetmore                     | 18 Zoe Bock  |
| 5 Matthew Harmon-<br>Townsend<br>Sarah West   | 19 Barbara Calhoun<br>Taylor Hamel   |
| 6 Aiden Hansly<br>Garrett Bryant  | 20 Bianca Mendes   |
| 8 Nancy DeLew   | 21 Ana Hood<br>Andrea Schoemmell   |
| 9 Caroline Driscoll<br>Tania Mendes<br>Kelly Pittman<br>Darlene Skahan<br>Fern Woodruff | 23 Michelle Wilhelmi   |
| 10 Kara Verdonck  | 25 Beth Hughes   |
| 12 Debbie Born<br>Luke Mertins<br>Barbara Tiedemann                                     | 27 Ana Hughes<br>Bill Kelley<br>Joyce Manley   |
| 13 Brian Dubis<br>Carrie Ann Harmon<br>Sarina White                                     | 28 Mark Calvetti<br>Alberto DeAlmeida<br>Luke Guertler<br>Kelly Hurst<br>Jeff Mead   |

## Community Chapel Arts Festival

The first Community Chapel Arts Festival!

We will highlight your God-given creativity in the various arts.

Be thinking now about sharing your paintings, photography, poetry, etc.

More information coming in the new year.



## N C L C Footsteps

December is a busy month as we celebrate the joyous Christmas holiday. All of our classes will be celebrating Jesus' birthday with special activities such as Jesus' birthday parties, sing-a-longs, special stories, cookie decorating events and chapel with the pastoral staff. N.C.L.C. will also adopt several families from Gateways Community Services of Nashua who are in need of gifts for Christmas.

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held in January. Give your child the opportunity to experience a wonderful preschool and kindergarten program where teaching early educational skills with an emphasis on Christian values is our mission. In-house registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held during the week of January 11<sup>th</sup> thru January 15<sup>th</sup>. After January 15<sup>th</sup> registration will be open to the public. In-house registration includes existing students and their siblings and Community Chapel families.

We are always accepting applications /resumes for those interested in working at N.C.L.C. College credits in Early Childhood Education a must for lead and associate teacher positions. Call Maria at 883-4356. I invite those of you who are not familiar with N.C.L.C. to pay us a visit. Come and see the ministry that is shaping our future.



## Prime Timers

(For Adults age 50+)

### Bible Study

Finishing up the series on "Grace" in December and the next study is still to be determined; Led by Debra Grow.

**Every 2nd & 4th Friday, 10:00 AM** in the Parlor.

Due to Christmas, there will only be one meeting this month, which will be **December 11th**. Meetings will resume in January.

### Luncheons

On the **third** Friday of each month at **11:30AM**.

Our next Meal is Friday, **December 18th**  
at **11:30AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

\$5.00 donations accepted

This will be our Christmas party. Please bring a gift for our Yankee Swap. (no more than \$5)

## Marriage Seminar

**"Building a Thriving Marriage"**  
with **Drs. Paul & Virginia Friesen**  
of **Home Improvement Ministries**

**Saturday, January 16th**

**Registration: 8:30AM**

**Sessions: 9:00AM—4:00PM**

**Cost: \$40.00 per couple (lunch is included) or \$20.00 per couple (no lunch included)**

Sign up in the Foyer. Checks made payable to Community Chapel.

Check out [www.himweb.org](http://www.himweb.org) for more information on their ministry.

## Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

*Have yourself a merry little Christmas....* "But how?"  
*Let your heart be light....* "Mine's heavy."  
*From now on, our troubles will be out of sight...* "My troubles are just beginning."

- "My Ex is unreasonable."
- "I haven't spoken to Aunt Matilda in years and she will be at the family gathering."
- "There's just not enough money for the Christmas gifts we ordinarily give."
- "I don't see how I can manage the shopping, baking, parties and gift wrapping."

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Trained volunteers are willing to help you sort through your troubled relationships to help lighten your heart and allow you to have a merry little Christmas.

Call Ted or Ruth Brewer at 603-880-1799 or e-mail them at [newpeace@myfairpoint.net](mailto:newpeace@myfairpoint.net) or call the church office with questions.

### Christmas Store

December 4th 6:00-8:30 PM  
December 5th 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Our Christmas Store is planned for children (babies to Grade 6 ) to have the opportunity to shop for their families (all items \$1 or under) and gift-wrapping is free.

The Mom's Group is sponsoring this store and all proceeds will go to our Good Sam Funds. If you would like to help with our store, gift wrap or with the set-up please sign up with Kathleen.

## Journey Groups –Sunday Mornings

### Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God

Led by Serena Kleppinger  
Based on: *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan

### Learning to Share Your Faith

Led by Tom Dionne  
Based on Series: *You Can Tell It*

### Marriages That Last

Led by Michael & Vickie Mello  
Based on: *Experiencing God's Dream for Your Marriage*  
By Chip Ingram

### Sermon Discussion Group

Led by Pastor Becky  
Based on the sermon of that week

### Wisdom & Wealth

Led by Mark Bourgeois  
Based on: *Wisdom & Wealth* by Greg Womack

### Romans 12: True Spirituality

Led by Dan Barton  
Based on Series: *r12 (Romans 12): True Spirituality* by Chip Ingram

### Raising Unselfish Children

Led by Fred & Marilyn Beckwith  
Based on: *Raising Unselfish Children in a Self-Absorbed World*  
By Jill Rigby

### Go Teams

Led by Nola Della-Monica

## Journey Groups –Wednesday Nights

### Ladies Study Group

Led by Mona Radford  
Based on: *Respectable Sins*  
By Jerry Bridges

### Prayer for our Children (Prayer Group)

Led by Barbara Burgher

### The Parent "Power Hour"

Led by Mary Hardwick  
Based on: *Have a New Kid by Friday*  
By Dr. Kevin Leman

### A Curriculum for Christlikeness

Led by Pastor Geoff  
Based on a "Curriculum for Christlikeness"

## Journey Groups – Other Groups

### Prime Timers Bible Study –Galatians

Led by Pastor Rob  
Meet 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month in the parlor at 10:00AM–11:30AM

\*Be watching for more details on these classes.

Sunday, December 20th: No Adult Journey Groups as it is a time to sign up for the next series of Journey Groups (noted above) which will begin January 4th. Join us at 10:00AM for this time of fellowship and light snacks.

No Journey Groups (all ages) Sunday, December 27th.

# The Mission of Community Chapel

**“Out of love for God and enabled by the presence of God, Community Chapel is to make fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ in the 21st century.”**

## **The Core Values:**

1. Prayer is our lifeblood.
2. People matter to God and therefore do matter to us.
3. A life fully devoted to Christ is the norm and the life we must intentionally develop in others.
4. The eternal truth of the Gospel must be made accessible in culturally relevant forms.
5. All our relationships must honor Christ and build up others.
6. Our efforts must be done in faithfulness and excellence for our awesome God!
7. Every follower of Christ is a minister and must be released to do ministry.