





ANNOUNCEMENTS

All-Church Retreat 2025 | Weekend and Saturday Passes 
October 24-26 / Camp Brookwoods in Alton, NH
We're excited to gather again to worship, learn, and play together for the weekend.
Weekend and Saturday-only passes are still available!

Half-Day Forum | Discernment Process 
September 20th / 9:00-12:00pm / Family Room
Join us for a 3-hour forum that marks a key moment in our Church Governance process. We'll hear from leadership, engage with a panel of experts, and begin discerning together how NSCBC should move forward. Breakfast food will be available at the start of the morning, and we hope to offer childcare for children ages 9 and under. To help us plan for food and childcare, please RSVP on Church Center. **As part of this season, we've also prepared a daily September prayer guide with Scripture and prompts to help us seek the Spirit's wisdom together, available at nscbc.org/prayerguide.**

Connect 1 
September 28 / 12:15pm / Friendship Hall
Are you new to NSCBC or interested in learning more about who we are as a church? Connect 1 is a relaxed opportunity to share a meal, meet some of our pastors and leaders, and hear about the vision and direction of our church family. It's a great first step to getting connected and asking any questions you may have.
Sign up on Church Center to join us!

Church Leadership Nominations Now Open! 
Due Sunday, October 12
The Nominating Committee invites you to recommend church members (including yourself) who might be a good fit for the Elder Board, Deacon Board, Nominating Committee, or Audit Committee. Your recommendations help us identify and prepare candidates for the ballot at our next annual meeting. Please complete the nomination form on Church Center or use the form available at the Hospitality Desk by Sunday, October 12. **Visit nscbc.org/nominating-committee**

Join the Mom Community! 
Every other Thursday
MomCo (formerly MOPS) Meetups have started again! We encourage and equip moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women, and leaders. The meetups include engaging speakers, interesting discussions, childcare, and coffee! Registration for the fall semester is open. **nscbc.org/momco**

CHURCH CENTER

Join our online community portal for events and more.



This icon indicates a sign up or more information on Church Center. Join us at nscbc.churchcenter.com or download the Church Center app to get started.



CALENDAR

Today (9/14)	First Worship Service Sanctuary	9:15am
	College Brunch Friendship Hall (<i>downstairs</i>)	10:30am
	Second Worship Service Sanctuary	11:00am
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal NSCBC	7:00pm
Friday	College Apple Picking Night See Tostado's	3:30pm
Saturday	<u>Half-Day Forum</u> Family Room	9:00am-12:00pm
Sunday (9/21)	First Worship Service Sanctuary	9:15am
	Second Worship Service Sanctuary	11:00am

STAFF AND LEADERS

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Clay Range (Facilities)
Jon Rodgers (Personnel)
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NORTH SHORE
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 14, 2025

God Calls Us to Hope

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Romans 4:18

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

"He who has a why to live can bear almost any how."
— Friedrich Nietzsche, *Twilight of the Idols*

"Hope" is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -
And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -
I've heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.
— Emily Dickinson, *"Hope" is the thing with feathers*

"Patience with others is love,
Patience with self is hope,
Patience with God is faith."
— Adel Azer Bestavros, an Egyptian lawyer and scholar in the Christian Coptic Orthodox Church

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

FIRST SERVICE | 9:15 AM

- **Nursery (Birth–2.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 208**
- **Preschool Worship (2.5–4.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 205**
- **Children’s Worship (4.5 yrs–2nd grade):** Children begin the service with their families, then will be invited partway through to the **Sanctuary foyer**, where leaders will bring them downstairs to **Room LL1 in the new Children’s Wing**.

SECOND SERVICE | 11:00AM

- **Nursery (Birth–2.5 yrs):** Drop off before service in **Room 208**
- **Sunday School (Preschool–5th Grade):** Children should arrive before service to their classrooms:
 - **Preschool:** Preschool Room (across from nursery)
 - **PreK/K:** Children’s Wing, Room LL4
 - **Grades 1–2:** Children’s Wing, Room LL2
 - **Grades 3–5:** Children’s Wing, Room LL3

PRAYER

Congregation Focus:

We pray for **Jessi Rennekamp’s father**, as his cancer continues to advance, asking for God’s comfort and strength for him and his family.

We lift up **Ryan Berger’s father, Robert**, who has been moved to hospice care due to his declining health. We pray for peace, God’s nearness, and support for the family.

We grieve with the **Solberg family** in the passing of Sarah’s grandfather, praying for peace and comfort.

We ask for God’s sustaining grace for **Heidi Duncan-Murray** as she continues to undergo chemotherapy. We pray for endurance and encouragement.

We hold **Paul Sidmore** in prayer as he receives urgent heart treatment, asking for healing and recovery.

World Focus:

Please pray for **Chris C.** as he builds relationships and engages in conversations of spiritual questions with Hindus. Please pray for new teammates to join his work and for success of his trekking business. Pray for protection for him and other Christians as they encounter spiritual forces opposed to Christ.

Submit prayer requests in the Church Center App or at nscbc.org/pray

Support the mission of our church through giving online at nscbc.org/giving or leave a donation in our offering boxes located by the sanctuary doors.

SERVICE ORDER

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Prelude

God Gathers Us to Himself

*Gathering Hymn	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (#313)	
*Call to Worship		Brooks Lemmon
*Praise	King of Kings	Hillsong (2018)
	In Christ Alone	Getty (2001)
	Confession & Assurance	Brooks Lemmon
*Praise	Jesus Strong and Kind	CityAlight (2019)
Prayer for Children		
*Passing the Peace		

Children ages 4.5 - 2nd grade are invited to children’s worship

Life of the Church: Offering and Announcements	Richard Wallace
Kingdom-Centered Prayer	Brooks Lemmon

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading	Genesis 11:27-12:9	Porter Sprigg Andrew Turnbull
Sermon	Called to Hope	Bobby Warrenburg

God Moves Us to Respond

Prayer of Response	Bobby Warrenburg	
*Song of Response	Christ is Mine Forevermore	CityAlight (2015)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

Benediction	Bobby Warrenburg
Postlude	

Our prayer team is located in the back of the sanctuary to pray for you after the service.

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SERMON NOTES

THIS SUNDAY @ NSCBC

Welcome!
Visiting? Please fill out a connect card and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by.
Need a Bible? See an usher to receive a gift Bible. Large print and children’s Bibles are available for use during the service.
Have questions? Find someone with a name badge or visit our Welcome Desk by the parking lot.