

New Covenant Fellowship

December 07, 2025

Longing For A Homeland

by Ron Simkins, Pastor Emeritus



All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland.

Hebrews 11:13-14

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prepare Ye

Welcome (Paige Weston)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (2 verses)

Kingdom Come

Prayer (Lee Ann Kelly)

Hear my Cry

Heb. 11:13-16; Phil. 3:20-21 (Julian & Arlene)

You Did Not Have a Home

Teaching (Ron Simkins)

I Can Only Imagine

My Sun and Shield

Benediction (Sharon Chubbuck)

That Where I Am



BENEDICTION

God of timeless grace,

fill us with joyful expectation.

Make us ready for the message

that prepares the way,

that with uprightness of heart and holy joy

we may eagerly long for our homeland,

as we await the kingdom of your Son,

Jesus the Anointed, who reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Vote Dec. 7— This is our annual required vote as a non-profit for the 2026 Board- President, Walt Kelly; Secretary, Carolyn Vance; Treasurer, Paco Zamora; Members: Joyce Mast, Vonne Ortiz and Jason Berg- immediately after the service.

Snow Removal Thanks—A HUGE THANK YOU to Steve, Jason, & Jubal for clearing the snow last Sunday!

Thanksgiving Generosity—Our Thanksgiving offering of \$6,380 will be equally divided between Wesley Food Pantry, Illinois Coalition of Immigrant and Refugee Rights, and Immigrant Services of Champaign-Urbana. Thank you!

Cookies for Spring!—Calling all bakers! Spring Initiative kids and staff will join our 12/14 service, then have their own wrap-up pizza lunch in the fellowship hall afterward. Let's bless them with cookies and holiday sweets to remember!

Holiday Movie—Glor is hosting Christmas movies on Friday nights at 5:30, snacks included. Check contact list for Glor's email!

Condolences—Former NCFer Alan Mullaney passed away after suffering from Parkinson's.

Holidays at NCF— Our Sunday services for Dec 28 and Jan 4 will be ONLINE ONLY. Plan to join Christmas Night Caroling with Jimmy & Friends in the NCF lobby. More details soon!

Upcoming Events:

12/7	Board Vote
12/14	Prayer in the Library, 9:45-10:15am
12/14	Spring Initiative visits!
12/25	Christmas Carols in the Foyer
12/28 & 1/4	ONLINE ONLY

----- Happenings Beyond NCF -----

A Friend's Work—Maya Gouliard, mother of Piper, seeks support for her creative work while she will be caregiving for 4yo Zen. Take a look at her book **Water-weaver** or her **Wisdom & Whimsy boxes** as gift ideas.

Winter Shelter—From November 3 to April 3 between 7 to 7:30pm warm shelter is available at 307 S. Neil St, Champaign. It is first come-first serve with limited space. Minors are allowed if they are with a relative over 18 and have proper supervision.



CONTACTS

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Reparations Pilot Project: reparations.pilot.ncf@gmail.com
Give online at ncf-cu.com/giving. Thank you!

Income & Expenditures—November tithes: \$22,853.54; Reparations: \$293.69; Family fund: \$30; Building Utilization: \$6,800.

Jan-Sept Income: \$181,642; Expenditures: \$223,828