

The Weekly News of the Lapeer Church of Christ

Our Purpose

The Lapeer church exists to glorify God through effective evangelism in our community first and then abroad, and to stimulate all to become more like Christ through loving unity, involvement, worship, meeting the needs of others, and spiritual edification.

We're here to meet your needs!

Times When We Meet

Sunday:

Early Service	8:30 a.m.
Youth Bible Class	8:30 a.m.
Bible Classes	9:45 a.m.
Second Service	11:00 a.m.
Youth Bible Class	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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2008 Scripture Theme

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

Romans 12:11

MINISTERS

Pulpit

Kent Hoggatt

Family

Jerry Brackney

SHEPHERDS

Jerry Brackney

Kent Hoggatt

Bob Norton

Jack Slater

Dave Wright

DEACONS

Don Jamison

OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

Statistics for November 30, 2008

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	44
Bible Class	125
11:00 a.m. Service	170
Total Worship	214
Evening Worship	30
Mid-week	101

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,751.05	\$223,299.35
Actual	\$ 3,099.17	\$217,764.76
Diff.	-\$1,651.88	-\$ 5,534.59
Land Pledges		\$100.00
Other Restricted Income		\$214.12

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **all those in the congregation** who brought food for our "Sack the Pulpit" drive, contributed money for turkeys, helped prepare the food baskets and also those who delivered the Thanksgiving baskets. God's love was shown to several families in Lapeer County because of your efforts. *Thank you everyone!!*

Journey to Bethlehem

MCYC invites everyone to join them in a "Journey to Bethlehem" hay ride this Friday and Saturday from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. family. Please see Susan Bishop if you have any questions.

Gingerbread Days

MCYC will be having "Gingerbread Days" on Saturday, December 13 and 20 from 1-5 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person and includes a pre-assembled Gingerbread house and all decorating supplies. Bring your sled and enjoy an afternoon sledding and sipping hot chocolate once your decorating is one! Call the camp at 664-8040 or email them a mcyc@mcyc.org to reserve your spot.

Wednesday Nights

Please note that we will not be meeting Wednesday night, December 24. Also, on Wednesday, December 31 we will not be meeting but invite you to join in on the fun at Michigan Christian Youth Camp. Several events are planned for the evening, include a concert from the Tumbleweeds.

FHU Chorus

The Freed-Hardeman Chorus (featuring our own Aaron Jamison) will be here in concert on Sunday evening, January 11. We are in need of families/individuals to house the students that night and bring them back to the building Monday morning. Please contact Don or Tracy Jamison if you are available to house one or more students. Details coming soon...

The Shepherd's Staff

This Holiday Season

The holiday season is upon us and we will be spending a lot of time with our extended families. This can be a time of great joy or of great stress. Many of us have family members that don't share our faith and this can lead to many in-depth conversations when we are together.

As Christians, we should be sure to always keep these conversations filled with love and respect. It will be almost impossible to win someone over that you have had a heated argument with. It is not our job as Christians to win arguments about God's Word, it is our job to get the Word out to others and let God put the words to work, changing lives.

Remember the beatitudes found in Matthew 5 and always leave everyone you meet with a vision of Christ by the way you conduct yourself.

- 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

My family and I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

Dave Wright
For the Elders

Preteens

Join us at the church building next Saturday at 1:00 p.m. for a "Christmas Cookie Bake." Be sure to sign up if you plan to join us! Drinks and snacks will be served. Contact Donna Kurschat if you have any questions.

Ladies

Ladies, the 2009 lists for help needed for various works are posted on the Ladies bulletin board. Please look over the lists and sign up for the items you would like to help with.

Secret Sisters



Ladies, our Revelation Dinner is THIS Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the ladies bulletin board if you plan to

attend and let us know what you would like to bring for our meal.

We would love for **all** the ladies 18 years and older to please join us in this fun ministry. Whether you are new to this or a seasoned participant, we have plenty of room for everyone. All you have to do is take a **minute** of your time each month to drop your Secret Sister an encouraging note - simple as that!

More details can be provided if you are interested and I truly encourage all ladies to please join! Times are tough everywhere, for everyone, so what a better time than now to join and be supportive, uplifting and encouraging to a friend - your friend - your Secret Sister! -Donna Kurschat

ACL Classes

We will begin the "Adventures in Christian Living" self-improvement classes in January. The ACL course is designed to help people discover and use more of their God-given talents and abilities. More details coming soon...

Thank You

"We would like to thank everyone who donated money to purchase the turkeys, milk and butter and also to those who filled the "Sack the Pulpit" bags. It was a huge success and all the thanks goes to you! We would also like to thank everyone who donated their time, helped organize the boxes and delivered them. What a blessing to be able to help so many families and what a joy it is to teach our children and families the gift of giving and filling so many bags. We had 51 bags fill the pulpit! Once again the congregation has been so generous and we can't say thank you enough!! May God continue to bless you and this wonderful congregation!"

In Christian love,
The Garrett's, Overton's and Weiss'

Bob and Marge Norton received the following email note from former member Jerry Davis. Jerry was recently diagnosed with colon cancer and is on our prayer list.

"Please thank my church family at Lapeer. I am at peace with this and expecting the very best and obviously that is coming from the prayers of righteous brothers and sisters lifting me up. This past week has been awesome and this past year has brought more joy in my life than I can remember. My trust surely is in Him and there is no doubt that He will do what is best for me in my efforts to please Him." - Jerry Davis

"Thanks to EVERYONE who made our adult Christmas party such a big success. It would be impossible for me to name everyone. So many of you worked to make it a great evening. Our hope is that it brought some sunshine into your life and many happy memories. If you didn't join in the fun this year, we'll be back next year. It's wonderful that we can laugh with each other and at OURSELVES! Bob and I are so blessed to be part of this loving family. May we all look forward to 2009 rejoice in God's goodness."

- Marge Norton

"Dear friends, When we got home from church the Sunday before Thanksgiving and saw all that food, we didn't have to guess who it was from nor were we one bit surprised. It's the kind of people you are!

Most of you can't imagine being in our shoes, and we're so happy for you. We pray you keep your jobs and your homes. With that being said, we now say this - we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the food. We are very grateful. Have a very Happy Holiday season."

Love, Terry, Patty
Adam & Amy Jamison

Teens

Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 17. We are planning a trip to the Eastern Michigan Food Bank in Flint from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to help them stock shelves, clean, etc. (This is a great community service project for those who need points for school.)

Collection for Presents

Don't forget - we are still collecting money in class on Sunday mornings to purchase Christmas gifts. The final date to contribute your money will be **NEXT Sunday, December 14.**

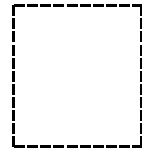
Holiday Lunch

The teens are invited to lunch at The Blind Fish restaurant in Lapeer on Sunday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. (This is for our teens only, no guests please.) Parents are asked to drop their teens off at the restaurant and pick them up afterwards. We will be making reservations, so please sign up on the sign up sheet in the teen room if you know you can join us.

Caroling

Following the teen lunch on December 21, we will be going caroling to deliver presents. We invite all the teens and their families to join us! The teens have been contributing their money every Sunday over the last several weeks and we will be delivering the presents we purchase with the money as we go Christmas caroling. More details regarding the caroling will be available soon.

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MINISTRIES

A ministry to meet everyone's needs and a ministry for everyone to be involved in.

Adult Worship
Audio/Visual Jim Sornig
Benevolence Ron & Katy Weiss
Bereavement Dinners & Meals on Wheels Ladies
Bridal/Baby Showers
Building Interior Dave Wright
Bulletin Boards Paula Garrett
Counseling & Mission Outreach .. Steve Ennis
Education Don Jamison
Family Jerry Brackney
Fellowship Mark Dillard
Finances
Grounds Steve Kurschat
Jail & Prison Phil Dillard, Carl Ogar

Lads to Leaders & Leaderettes
 Don & Tracy Jamison
Library Tina Dinnan
Marriage and Family .. Jerry & Rita Brackney
Missions Terry McCarthy
Nursery Debi Hoggatt
Office Freda Wright
Preaching and Teaching Kent Hoggatt
Pre-Teens (12 years - under) Committee
Secret Sister Donna Kurschat
Soup Kitchen Various Members
Teens Parent Committee
World Bible School Brian Crowley
Young at Heart Jerry Brackney

**Prayer List
and those who need
encouragement**

Jerry Davis

Please pray for former member Jerry Davis, who underwent surgery last Wednesday for colon cancer.

Alex Love

Please pray for the 4 year old son of a coworker of Cheryl Booth. Little Alex, who has diabetes, underwent surgery last week after begin taken to Hurley Hospital last Sunday with a throat infection. He is now home and is doing well.

Margaret Feltner

Please pray for Margaret, friend of the Bahan's and known by many in our congregation. She is scheduled to undergo hip replacement surgery.

Kelly Purves and Jonathan

Please pray for Kelly and Jonathan who were involved in a serious car accident last Sunday morning. Jonathan is the son of Angie Sparr who has been visiting with us the last several weeks. Kelly is Jonathan's girlfriend. They both suffered concussions and Kelly has a few broken bones. We know they would appreciate encouragement cards. They can be sent to Jonathan's address:

5707 Hollenbeck
Columbiaville, MI 48421

William Gates

William, one of our brothers in prison, would appreciate our encouragements and prayers. Cards or notes can be sent to him at:

William Gates #280778
St. Louis Correctional Facility
8585 N. Croswell Rd.
St. Louis, MI 48880

Please be sure to put the church address for the return address.

The Johnston Family

Prayers are requested for the Johnston family of Jackson, Tennessee. The Johnston's served as a host family for Allison Garrett last summer as she completed her internship and Allison will be staying with them again next semester as she completes her social work practicum. Last Sunday evening, the Johnston's 20 year old daughter, Carmen, and her four month old daughter, Alexis, were tragically killed in a car accident while on their way to visit Carmen's parents. Please keep this family in your prayers, as well as Carmen's husband, Nicholas. We wanted to give you their address for those who would like to send a card of encouragement or sympathy. (Paula is a member of the church, but her husband Mark is not and we know this would be extremely uplifting to them both to receive cards. Their son Austin is 10 years old.)

Mark, Paula and Austin Johnston
91 Waterford Drive
Jackson, TN 38305

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Julie Hoggatt (Kent's sister-in-law), Rachel Pratt, Rachel (French) Heemer and Sara Nelms.

Remember those who are looking for work: Steve Borst, Sandy Duckworth, Deborah Gale, Jennifer Herron, Michelle Smith, and Kris Pratt.

Remember those who need to continually be in our prayers: Margaret Whitsett, Janice Brannon, Rich Overton, The Hall & Raper Family, The Kirkpatrick/Nelms families, Bob Graham, Cyndi Pratt, Todd & Angie Meyer (house to sell), Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Marlow Herron, Betty Piacentini, Mamie Gentry.



Please pray for our leaders and the men and women in the armed forces.:

- Joe Abbey
- Derek Dietrich
- Ryan Clark
- Sam Wood
- Ben Houtekier
- Chip Atkinson
- Max Slater
- Curtis McCoy
- Stephen Kang
- Jim Lish
- Jeff Farwell
- Bill Rogers
- Tim Smith
- Allan Moor
- Jeff Sparks
- Mark Terry
- Brian Wood
- Jim Tingay
- Pat Keenan
- Justin Cooney
- Mike Dix
- Andy Zwack
- Joshua Tilley
- Scott Stugill
- Casey Kern
- D.J. Belcher
- Chris Crow
- Brad Willett
- Matthew Messenger
- Mike Overby
- Andrew Ellis

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Norton December 13

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Sharon Hueter . Dec 16

EVENTS

Dec 9 Secret Sister Revelation Party

Dec 13, 20 Gingerbread Days at MCYC

Dec 12-13 Journey to Bethlehem - MCYC

Dec 13 . . . Preteens - Christmas Cookie Bake

Dec 21 Teens - Lunch & Christmas Caroling

Shepherd's Care
This Weeks Schedule:

Today:

8:30 a.m. Jerry Brackney Bible Class Dave Wright

11:00 a.m. Bob Norton

6:00 p.m. Jack Slater

Wednesday Jerry Brackney