



# 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

Dale French

Don Jamison

## OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

## Statistics for November 9, 2008

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	72
Bible Class	164
11:00 a.m. Service	163
Total Worship	235
Evening Worship	54
Mid-week	n/a

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,751.05	\$209,046.20
Actual	\$ 4,751.05	\$205,137.74
Diff.	\$ -0-	-\$ 3,908.46
Land Pledges		\$130.00
Missions		\$3,668.30
Other Restricted Income		\$ 66.50

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**Honor to Whom Honor is Due**



This week we honor **our preteens and their chaperones** who provided a wonderful banquet for our Young at Heart group last Friday. Everyone had a great time of fun and fellowship. *Thank you young people and chaperones, for making the night so nice for everyone!!!!*

**Journey to Bethlehem**

MCYC is looking for volunteers to participate in a "Journey to Bethlehem" hay ride on Thursday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec 5 and also Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13. This is a fund raiser event that focuses on a journey from the birth of Christ through the resurrection via a hay wagon ride. Please see Susan Bishop if you can help out any day or any evening.

**Ministry Leaders**

Your 2009 budget requests are due TODAY. The elders will be preparing the budget very soon, so be sure to turn in your request today.

**Card Night**

This month's card night will be held next Saturday at Mark and Kathy Dillard's at 5:30 p.m. Sloppy joes will be provided.

**VCA Fundraisers**

Valley Christian Academy will be having the following fund raisers: "Remedy Drive" concert - Nov. 17

Tickets: \$5.00

Transitions Lifestyle Systems Class (Free) - held at MCYC, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 6 from 7:30-8:15 p.m.

Contact Jenny Diehl at 245-3794 if you have any questions.

**Duplex for Rent**

Jim and Linda Verbison have a 1 bedroom duplex for rent in Rochester for \$550.00 per month - all appliances included. It is within walking distance to downtown Rochester and Crittenton Hospital. Please contact them if you or someone you know may be interested.

The Shepherd's Staff

**Things Worth While Take Time**

Sometimes we get in a hurry and want things now, but if things come too quick and easy, they are not appreciated and valued like those that we work hard and long for. It is no different at church. I have talked to some who (and I at times), have been impatient with our progress, and wanted things to progress more quickly in many areas. The truth of the matter is, we have made great progress! If we look back 10 or 20 years and look at the progress we have made, it is quite amazing. God has blessed our efforts according to His will. The more we do His will, the opportunity for His blessings increase. We need to keep our minds on God's will rather than our progress. If we plant, water, and cultivate, God will give us the harvest in due time. I applaud your efforts and encourage you to continue your efforts in serving God with your time and talents. If we do, we will continue to enjoy God's blessings.

Jack Slater  
For the Elders

**Secret Sisters**

Ladies, our Revelation Dinner is quickly approaching. The date is set for Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. Don't forget - we highly recommend you being involved in this - it's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know the other ladies in the congregation and encourage one another.

**Needed**

Our soup kitchen ministry is in need of a new or used upright or chest freezer. Please remember you will get a tax write-off for any donation made. Please contact Katy Weiss.

**Wish List**

There is a wish list for items needed for the "Journey to Bethlehem" at MCYC in December. If you have any of the following items you wouldn't mind them borrowing, please contact Susan Bishop as soon as possible.

- Extension Cords - 50' or 100'
- Tiki Torches
- Hand-held battery-operated lanterns

**Thank You**

*"Dear Lapeer Family,  
You all were very dear to Del, and you hold a special place in my heart. I cannot thank you enough for all of the cards, words of comfort and prayers. You are a wonderful family."  
With much love, LaFonda Overton*

*"My deepest gratitude for all the help with packing (and packing, and more packing), the prayers and the love. In the journey of my life, God truly blessed me when he directed me to Lapeer to introduce me to my family with Jesus. You are very special to me and I hope to make you proud as God directs me on. Please keep in touch and God bless you all."*

Love you, Pat Herron

*"To the teens and adults who so graciously gave of their time and energy to clean up our yard and pond. We truly do appreciate all of your love and concern for us. May God bless all of you!! Thanks!!"*

In Christian love,  
Cliff & Margaret Whitsett

### Lost and Found

We have moved our Lost and Found box to the church office. In an attempt to keep our building clutter-free, items left around the building for 3 weeks or more, will be placed in the lost and found box. Please feel free to look through the box under the table in the office if you have something missing, or place items in the box if you find something and aren't sure where it belongs. Thank you!

### Congratulations

Congratulations to **Cody Crump, Sarah Hueter, B.J. Sutton, Alicia Wilson** and **Rebecca Wright** who were recently inducted into the National Honor Society! *We're proud of you all!!*

### Young at Heart

Please join us at the church building this Friday, November 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for a spaghetti supper and game night of fellowship and fun. Please sign up on the Young at Heart bulletin board and indicate if you will bring a salad or a dessert.

### Missions Day

Our Missions Day last Sunday was a great success. We thank the Missions Committee for the great displays of our various missions. The displays gave us all more insight as to the work being done for the Lord that we support. We received an overwhelming response to donations for the missions and wanted to be sure to share the good news with you:

#### Miscellaneous missions

(Includes funds given above our budget, plus funds given specifically for "missions ministry") **\$2,648.30**  
PLUS

#### Funds given for these specific individual missions:

- EEM - \$470.00
- God's Helping Hands - \$50.00
- Healing Hands Int. - \$200.00
- MCYC - \$100.00
- China Bibles - \$100.00
- Village of Hope – Ghana \$100.00



## Thanksgiving Baskets

We are collecting names again this year for Thanksgiving baskets. If you know of a family that is in need, please pass their information on to the Weiss', Overton's or Garrett's.

To prepare for the Thanksgiving baskets, we are going to have "Sack the Pulpit"! Check out the display in the lobby and pick up a brown paper sack. Please fill it, and bring it in and place it around the pulpit. Each bag comes with a list of items that will need to be purchased to fill it. Each one should cost no more than \$15.00 to fill if items are purchased on sale.

We encourage our families/individuals to take a bag and fill it. You can take as many bags as you like. We are also accepting donations of turkeys or cash to purchase the turkeys. If you'd like to donate other items, we ask that they be non-perishable items only so they don't spoil before delivery. We ask that all donations be brought to the church building no later than NEXT Sunday morning, November 23 so we can deliver the Thanksgiving baskets that afternoon.

### Gingerbread Days

MCYC will be having "Gingerbread Days" on Saturday, December 6, 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](mailto:mcyc@mcyc.org) to reserve your spot.

### Adult Christmas Party

Our potluck feast will begin at 6:00 p.m. sharp on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at the church building. The talent show begins at 7:00 p.m. We have several new acts appearing so there will be fun for all. Make sure you invite your friends, neighbors, line up your babysitters and be ready to have a great night of fellowship. We are still in need of individuals to take care of the sound, videotape, help decorate, set up for the meal, and put up the curtain for the talent show. See Marge Norton as soon as possible if you can help or if you have any questions. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be attending.

# Teens

### Sign Up!!

We are asking for your cooperation! If we have an event and you are asked to sign up if you plan to attend *please sign up!* We plan our chaperones and transportation according to those who have signed up. If you arrive for the event and haven't signed up, it makes it difficult for us to find a ride for everyone. We appreciate your help with this!!

### 7/10

This Friday night is our "7/10". Drop by anytime from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. for pizza and fun!!! This week's chaperones are Steve & Cari Mihalovich and Ruth Arnold.

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## MINISTRIES

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

*Adult Worship* ..... Dale French  
*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**

**Ann Sparks**

Ann has been suffering from shingles. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Emit & Loreina Adkins**

Emit and Loreina have had the flu. We pray they both feel better soon.

**Jean Peano**

Jean has been in Lapeer Regional Hospital, undergoing tests to be sure she is receiving the proper amount of medication she currently takes on a daily basis. Please keep her in your prayers. She asks for no visitors at this time.

**Louise McCarthy**

Terry's mother had surgery last Monday and is now at home. Please keep her in your prayers that she will recuperate quickly.

**Don Johnson**

Please pray for Sherrie White's father who had to have partial foot amputation surgery recently. Also pray for Sherry as she cares for him.

**George Brackney**

Please pray for Jerry's dad, who had surgery on his leg last Friday. We pray the surgery was successful and that he will recuperate quickly.

**Luther Warren**

Please pray for Geneva Breezee's father, Luther. Doctors recently discovered he has a mass in his bladder and he is also suffering from other health problems.

**Kalvin Schlaud**

Praise God for answered prayers! Bruce Nettles friend, Calvin, has been on our prayer list and recently received word that his liver cancer is a different type than first diagnosed and prognosis is for greater chance of survival.

**Virginia Edwards**

Please pray for Penny Crowley's mom, Virginia, who is having health problems.

**Jeff Lumetta**

Please pray for Jeff, the husband of Ken and Steve Goodin's niece. He has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Jeff and his wife, Holly have two small children.

**Andrew Coburn**

Ken and Steve Goodin's cousin, Andrew Coburn, has been diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. Please keep him in your prayers, as well as his family.

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

**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.

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

***Shepherd's Care***  
**This Weeks Schedule:**  
**Today:**  
8:30 a.m. . . . . Jack Slater  
Bible Class . . . . . Jerry Brackney  
11:00 a.m. . . . . Bob Norton  
6:00 p.m. . . . . Bob Norton  
**Wednesday** . . . . . Dave Wright

 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**

Gabby Barr . . . . . Nov. 24  
James Thompson . . . Nov. 24  
Robin Nettles . . . . . Nov. 25  
Jeffrey Smith . . . . . Nov. 25

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Steve & Joy Ennis . . . Nov. 25

**EVENTS**

Nov 21 . . . . . Young at Heart  
Supper & Game Night  
Nov 22 . . . . . Card Night at  
Mark & Kathy Dillard's  
Nov 23 . . . Final Day for "Sack  
The Pulpit"  
Dec 4-5 . . . . . Journey to  
Bethlehem - MCYC  
Dec 6 . . Adult Christmas Party  
Dec 6, 13, 20 . . . Gingerbread  
Days at MCYC  
Dec 13-14 . . . . . Journey to  
Bethlehem - MCYC