



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 October 26, 2008

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	71
Bible Class	158
11:00 a.m. Service	148
Total Worship	219
Evening Worship	50
Mid-week	115

Finances

Weekly Year-to-date

Budget	\$ 4,751.05	\$199,544.10
Actual	\$ 4,895.91	\$196,556.51
Diff.	+\$ 144.86	-\$ 2,987.59
Land Pledges		\$80.00
Other Restricted Income		\$90.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor the teens who spent time last Sunday afternoon raking leaves and cleaning the pond area at Cliff and Margaret Whitsett's. Despite the hail, they had a great time together serving God! *Thank you to all those who helped - you're an example to us all!!*

Missions Day

Join us next Sunday, November 9 for our Missions Day. It will be an opportunity for you to learn about the mission points we support through displays set up around the building representing each mission. Funds received above our budget that day will be given to our missions.

MCYC Steak Dinner

MCYC will be having their 34th Annual Steak Dinner next Saturday from 4-8 p.m. You will be lavishly treated from start to finish with valet parking, kind, friendly service, and a wonderful meal. Ticket prices: adults - \$65, students - \$35. Please contact Ron or Katy Weiss TODAY for tickets.

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

Please check your mailboxes today for a list of 2008 expenditures to date spent in your ministry. Also included is a 2009 Budget sheet. Please complete the sheet as soon as possible and return it to one of the elders or the church office no later than Sunday, November 16. The elders will be preparing the budget very soon, so be sure to turn in your request by the due date. Thank you!

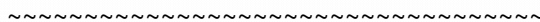
The Shepherd's Staff

**Money Talks and Top 10 Predictions
Money Talks**

I received the following from the Family Research Council regarding the boycott of McDonald's Restaurants:

The Big Mac attack on family values is finally over! After a five-month boycott, Americans finally got what they ordered - McDonald's agreement to stop financing the homosexual agenda. Back in May, the fast food giant joined the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce to the dismay of millions of customers who did not feel served. At the time, company Vice President Richard Ellis refused to back down, even calling conservatives "haters" in a public statement.

The American Family Association launched a national campaign to force McDonald's to eat its words. And eat them, they did! This week, McDonald's announced that Ellis had resigned from the GLCC. In an email to franchises, the company said, "It is our policy not to be involved in political and social issues. McDonald's remains neutral on same-sex marriage [and the] 'homosexual agenda...'" We thank McDonald's -- and those of you who used your buying power to encourage values on the menu and in company policy.



Top 10 Predictions No Matter Who Wins the Election

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. There will still be singing of praise to God.
5. God will still hear the praises of His people.
6. There will still be God -anointed preaching.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you and me.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

Isn't it great to know who is still in charge?

—Jerry Brackney
For the Elders

God's Helping Hands

GHH's will be having their annual Christmas shopping on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10-2 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board located at the entrance of the education wing if you can help. If you have any questions, please see Katy Weiss.

Lapeer Area Blood Drives

Calvary Bible Church
923 S. Main Lapeer
Monday, Nov. 10 10 am-7:45 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church
1310 N. Main Street, Lapeer
Friday, Nov. 14 1:00-6:45 p.m.

Secret Sisters

Ladies, our Revelation Dinner is quickly approaching. The date is set for Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. (More details to follow.)

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!

No excuses accepted!! ☺

1. There's NO bad Secret Sisters!
2. It only takes a few minutes each month.
3. Cards and pens can be provided for you.
4. You CAN do it!!

So, you see - it's free, it's easy and it's fun! So please, join us in being loving and supportive to each other. It's what we are all about! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. —Donna Kurschat

Young at Heart

You are cordially invited to join us for dinner, cooked in your honor, on Friday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The preteens would like to show you how much they appreciate you by having you join them for an evening of fun and fellowship while they treat you to a yummy dinner and dessert. Please come and join us for a good time. A sign up sheet will be posted for you on the pre-teen bulletin board so that we know how many to cook for. Please see Donna Kurschat or Jerry Brackney if you have any questions.

Special Day Next Sunday!

Our missions committee has challenged us to participate in a special day. Next Sunday, any amount greater than our weekly budget will be given to missions that we support.

You may be tempted to say *"wait, money is tighter than it used to be...just read the news."* My guess is our missions committee reads letters from MCYC, the Care Center, EEM and missionaries, besides the newspapers.

Those letters are saying the ministries we support are in critical times as many have stopped supporting due to today's tight finances and uncertain times. It must be hard to receive the reports of declining contributions and devalued dollars from various good ministries.

We too, in fact, have a few who have lost jobs or have been cut back on hours at work. We don't wish to make them or anyone else feel guilty because God has blessed us.

What blessings would come to us if we were to give the money we spend on those newspapers, or eating out or what I spend on my Pepsi refills and put it toward this special contribution? One thing I know for sure, I can say with the confidence of a promise from the God, who we all trust more than money...or Wall Street...or Washington.

"Give and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

Luke 6:38

"Generosity begets generosity." Pray this week regarding what God would have you, your family, even your children to give extra next Sunday, November 9, 2008.

—Kent Hoggatt
For the Elders

Teens

All Night Bowling

Are you ready for an all-night bowling party?

When: Friday, November 14
12:00 midnight - 6 a.m.

Where: Gerlach's Bowling Center
Cost: \$8.00 per person (plus money for vending machines/video games - optional)

Pizza and pop will be provided. You cannot bring in food from outside the bowling alley. However, feel free to bring games, etc. We must have 30 people in order to have this event, so please sign up as soon as possible so we know how many to expect.

Imagine Christmas!

We have reserved a group of tickets to see the Broadway-style production *"Imagine Christmas!"* at the Rochester church on Saturday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m. This is a wonderful holiday play provided for the community that is filled with humor and music. We invite the teens and their families to attend! If you are interested in tickets, **we MUST know by TODAY!!!** It will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, and only 75 tickets are available, so sign up right away!

Attention Parents!

If you were not able to attend last Sunday's meeting, please be sure to pick up a list of events form from the teen bulletin board.

Also, if your teen is new to the youth group, please submit their medical form and permission slip as soon as possible.

Mission Trip

Teen - if you were not at last Sunday's meeting - we need you to complete a Mission Trip form to let us know what you would like to do and where you'd like to go in 2009 for our mission trip. Please pick one up in class today and return it to one of the teachers!

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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
World Bible School Brian Crowley
Young at Heart Jerry Brackney

Prayer List
and those who need
encouragement

Lyle Clarke

Please remember Lyle, the father of Kathy Dillard, in your prayers as he recuperates from surgery.

Tyler Willett

Tyler, the grandson of Steve & Judy Goodin, had out-patient surgery last Tuesday and we are thankful he is doing well.

George Brackney

Please pray for Jerry's dad, who is suffering from shingles. He is scheduled to have surgery on his leg November 14th, but must be in good health in order to have the surgery.

Bill Windsor

Bill had a lung biopsy last week and it has been determined that he has sarcoidosis, an immune system disorder. Please keep him in your prayers.

Neal Ladner

Bruce Nettles asks us to pray for his co-worker, Neal who suffered a mini-stroke. We pray for a full recovery.

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.



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

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"! There will be brown paper sacks around the pulpit, each with a list of items that will need to be purchased to fill the sack. 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 Sunday morning, November 23 so we can deliver the Thanksgiving baskets that afternoon.

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. Jerry Brackney
- Wednesday Dave Wright**

BIRTHDAYS

- Matt Jamison Nov 5
- Gauge Hook Nov 6
- Ryan Lewis Nov 7
- Josh Windsor Nov 8
- Jacob Eddings Nov 9
- Dennis Kalbfleisch Nov 9
- Ben Jamison Nov 9
- Sarah Hueter Nov 9
- Ryan Kurschat Nov 10
- Faye Overton Nov 10
- Krista Barnett Nov 11
- Rebekah Carter Nov 11

ANNIVERSARIES

- Ben & Millie Jamison . Nov 11

EVENTS

- Nov 8 . . . MCYC Steak Dinner
- Nov 9 Missions Day
- Nov 14 Teens - all night bowling
- . . Preteens/Young @ ♥ Banquet
- Nov 15 GHH's Work Day
- Nov 23 . . . Final Day for "Sack The Pulpit"