



# 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 2, 2008

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	68
Bible Class	169
11:00 a.m. Service	162
Total Worship	230
Evening Worship	47
Mid-week	n/a

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,751.05	\$204,295.15
Actual	\$ 3,830.18	\$200,386.69
Diff.	-\$ 920.87	-\$ 3,908.46
Land Pledges		\$175.00
Other Restricted Income		\$393.00

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor those from our congregation who volunteered to work at Michigan Christian Youth Camp's Steak Dinner last night.

This annual dinner raises a lot of money for the camp and we appreciate our members who pitch in and help to make it a success. *Thanks 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 NEXT 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!

## Card Night

This month's card night will be held Saturday, November 22 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:

Holiday Bazaar - November 15

10 am - 4 pm

"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 about any of the fundraisers.

# The Shepherd's Staff

Our daughter, Jenny is a committed Christian, a social worker, a proud aunt and in her spare time, an emerging artist. She enjoys photography and recently wrote this article that a proud dad passes along to you this week in our Shepherd's Staff. -Kent Hoggatt

## My Art is About Remembrance

by Jenny Hoggatt

I'm just outside of Denver, and I'm listening to some music and driving through the mountains for the first time ever. My friend leans over and almost whispers..."Get your camera ready. Around this curve is the best shot." So I do as I'm told and I get my camera ready. Just then "Indescribable" by Chris Tomlin comes on the radio, and I look up and we are coming around the curve. On the radio I hear, *"From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea, creation's revealing your majesty."* I'm listening to this as I am looking at the highest of heights. The song goes on to describe aspects of creation and how amazing it is that the same God who made so many wonders of nature is the God who knows and loves us.

There have been so many times in my life where I felt God speaking to me; whether it was a skyline or my beautiful niece or a blade of grass: he speaks everywhere. The Bible says that if we don't acknowledge God and His majesty, creation will cry out (Luke 19:38-40.) I know that sometimes I don't take the time to cry out God's majesty. I miss opportunities to serve Him.

Some might say that their art brings them into a moment with God, and that is great. For me though, my "art" brings me to a remembrance that I have to praise Him for His art. I have to cry out His majesty. Sometimes looking at the fact that creation is crying out louder than me helps me to remember that I need to cry out just a bit more. And sometimes I need to remember that the same God that made the mountains and the sky and the grass and those around me knows me COMPLETELY and loves me COMPLETELY.

Mine is about remembrance.

## God's Helping Hands

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

## 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

**Addresses**

**Clayton & Maria Crowley**  
808 Ridgeview Dr.  
Clinton, TN 37716-4923

**Adam & Kristen Wright**

(labels are available on the directory bulletin board.)  
39 Eagle Ridge  
Lake Orion, MI 48360  
email: akw512@comcast.net

**Thank You**

A special thank you to all those who brought food and/or attended the Love INC Spaghetti dinner last week. A total of \$363.94 was raised.

**Sympathy**

We express our sympathy to the following members who have had a friend or loved one pass away recently.

Shelby Kurschat - Her band teacher's husband passed away recently from cancer.

James Thompson - His friend's 48 year old daughter passed away last week.

Art & Sherrie White - their friend, Emily Kosha passed away last week.

Jeff Booth - his grandmother passed away last Sunday.

Maria Crowley - her grandfather passed away last week.

Also, former member **Paul Bubin** passed away suddenly last week in Louisiana. A memorial service will be held for him this Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Valley Church of Christ, 4201 Lippincott, Burton (between Center & Genesee Rd.'s.) Please keep his family in your prayers.

**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**

We congratulate **Rachael Booth** who passed her exams last week and has received her cosmetology license! *Yeah, Rachael!!!*

**Young at Heart**

You are cordially invited to join us for dinner, cooked in your honor, this Friday 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.

Also, please come to the church building on 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 Today**

Today our country is faced with many economic challenges which affect each one of our families. This year alone \$2,100 from our budget has gone to help those affected by natural disasters. We have a higher power, that if we have faith in God's plan for us, he will provide us with our needs. The congregation here at Lapeer has been instrumental in so many mission fields locally, out of state and in other countries for many decades. It is amazing how a congregation our size can continue to support those in need even during difficult times. It is by faith and giving that makes this possible. Today anything over and above the budget will be given directly to missions. If you have a specific mission field you would like to support, please state in your memo on your check. We thank you for giving up your Tim Horton's coffee, McDonald's hamburger or movie ticket this week to help support a good cause.

--The Mission Committee

# 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!!

**All Night Bowling**

When: NEXT 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. Be sure to sign up TODAY so we can be sure to have the proper amount of chaperones.

**Attention Parents!**

If you were not able to attend our parents meeting recently, 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 the teen/parents 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!

**Lapeer Church of Christ**  
**1680 N. Lapeer Rd.**  
**Lapeer, MI 48446**



## 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

**Aaron Jamison**

Aaron has been experiencing a lot of dizziness and tests show that he has Vertigo. Please keep him in your prayers, especially since he is away at college and hasn't been feeling well the last few weeks.

**Don Johnson**

Please pray for Sherrie White's father who had to have partial foot amputation surgery last week.

**George Brackney**

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

**Virginia Edwards**

Please pray for Penny Crowley's mom, Virginia. She was admitted to Huron Valley Hospital last Thursday with health concerns.

**Lyle Clark**

Kathy Dillard's dad is now home from the hospital and is doing well. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

**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.

**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 Sunday morning, November 23 so we can deliver the Thanksgiving baskets that afternoon.

***Shepherd's Care***  
**This Weeks Schedule:**

**Today:**  
8:30 a.m. . . . . Jerry Brackney  
Bible Class . . . . Dave Wright  
11:00 a.m. . . . . Jack Slater  
6:00 p.m. . . . . Bob Norton  
**Wednesday** . . Jerry Brackney

**BIRTHDAYS**

Jerry Brackney . . . . . Nov 12  
Kirk Lewis . . . . . Nov 15  
Larry McPhail . . . . . Nov 16  
Gideon Sparks . . . . . Nov 17

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Lee & Karla Pretty . . . Nov 17

**EVENTS**

Nov 14 Teens - all night bowling  
. . Preteens/Young @ ♡ Banquet  
Nov 15 . . . . . GHH's Work Day  
Nov 21 . . . . . Young at Heart  
                    Supper & Game Night  
Nov 22 . . . . . Card Night at  
                    Mark & Kathy Dillard's

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

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

