



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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2009 Scripture Theme

"Pursue the things which make for peace and building up of one another"

Romans 14:19

MINISTERS

Pulpit

Family

Jerry Brackney

SHEPHERDS

Jerry Brackney
Kent Hoggatt
Bob Norton
Jack Slater
Dave Wright

DEACONS

Don Jamison
Steve Kurschat
Terry McCarthy
Jim Sornig
Ron Weiss

OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

Statistics for December 20, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	43
Bible Class	115
11:00 a.m. Service	165
Total Worship	208
Evening Worship	55
Mid-week	n/a

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 233,080.53
Actual	\$ 4,723.50	\$ 226,355.54
Diff.	-\$ 33.24	\$ 6,724.99
China Bibles		\$5.00
Other Restricted Income		\$80.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Tim Bahan and Jack Slater**. Tim and Jack built our new cabinet in the fellowship hall to use for storage of our P.A. system and shower/party decorations. *Thank you Tim and Jack, we appreciate your hard work and know the cabinet will be of great use!*

New Pictorial Directory

We will have a few "make-up" dates in January for you to get your picture taken if you did not have the opportunity to do so in December. You can also email a picture of you and/or your family or give one to Freda. We will start organizing the new directory after the beginning of the year, so please get your picture to us as soon as possible. Thank you!

Duplex For Rent

Jim and Linda Verbison have a one-bedroom duplex in the Rochester area for rent. Rent is \$550/month and the Verbison's which includes the water bill. All appliances, including a washer and dryer are included. Parking is right behind the unit. Please contact them if you or someone you know may be interested.

Lapeer Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 29

Lapeer Regional Medical Center
11:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Food for This Week

We need members to sign up for a dish of food you can prepare for our Soup Kitchen for THIS Wednesday, December 30. Please sign up on the refrigerator in the kitchen for the item you'd like to bring. The items can be brought in before noon or after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Shepherd's Staff

Gripped by Greed

In Charles Dicken's class "A Christmas Carol," Ebenezer Scrooge is a ruthless entrepreneur gripped by greed. The Ghost of Christmas Past takes him to a pivotal scene in his life, when he had to choose between his girlfriend and his money.

Prior to this even you could see excessive ambition, but still some possibilities of decency for this young man. Then he chose money. After that scene, you see a man in a dark and sinister lifestyle obsessed with greed.

In our culture today we see many gripped by greed. The United States has amassed more wealth than any other nation, while much of the rest of the world lives in poverty.

There is nothing wrong with being thrifty, and prudently saving for the future, as long as we live in balance. A lack of balance can be obvious when we choose another hour at the office, at the expense of important family events. Or it can be when people know you as cheap, rather than generous. There are many warning signals to look for, but looking to your own motives is the best source of truth. Ask yourself why. Why are you chasing money?

Jesus taught in Matthew 6:24, *"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."*

Many believe they can love God and money both, but just like Mr. Scrooge found out, a decision must be made. If you are at a decision point, or want to change directions, like Mr. Scrooge ultimately did, try prayer and repentance, memorize some verses that help during weak moments, and find an accountability partner to ask you the hard questions. So how about you, does your life reflect your love for God, or for money?

(Author - Rick Boxx)

Jack Slater
For the Elders

Schedule of Speakers

Today:

This morning - Don Jamison

Tonight - Brian Crowley

Next Sunday:

a.m. - Jerry Brackney

Car Needed

John Dyer's brother is in need of a car to help him get back and forth to his college classes. If you have a car you'd like to donate, please contact Jerry Brackney as soon as possible.

Love INC Update

During the month of November, Love INC received 1,023 calls and were able to assist 828 adults and 769 children. Please continue to pray for this organization and the work they are doing in our community.

Card Party

There will be a card party for all adults on New Year's Eve at Larry and Brenda Messenger's beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share. Meat will be provided. All adults in the congregation are welcome. If you don't play cards, it doesn't matter, come and enjoy the food and fellowship with us!

Men of the Congregation

If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to fill out the Sunday Worship Participation Survey form located on the table in the lobby. Please give the completed form to Chase Pratt or place it in the white box located on the table in the lobby.

Welcome Home

We welcome home **Justin Cooney**, who has returned from Afghanistan. He will be home for the next couple weeks. His family thanks everyone for their prayers on his behalf!

New Year's Eve Party

Michigan Christian Youth Camp will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party from 8:00 p.m. - midnight. There will be snacks, games, movies, video games, and a special devotional. Cost: *FREE!* All families are encouraged to attend and spend time in fun and fellowship with others.

Sympathy

Yvonne Ogar's step-mother, **Maxie Reynolds** passed away Friday, December 18. Carl and Yvonne traveled to Tennessee last week for the funeral.

Also, **Bill Jordan**, former elder at the Royal Oak congregation and friend to many here at Lapeer, passed away suddenly last Monday evening. His funeral was held yesterday in Royal Oak.

Farewell

We say farewell to **Eric, Tammy, Jennifer, Jackie and Derek Edwards** who have moved to Huntington Woods, Michigan to care for Eric's parents. We'll pass their address on to you as soon as we receive it.

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule

Today:

8:30 a.m. Dave Wright

Bible Class . . . Dave Wright

11:00 a.m Bob Norton

6:00 p.m Bob Norton

Wed. Jack Slater

Potlucks

We will not be having monthly potlucks in 2010, but instead we will be having potlucks for special events. *(Please disregard the monthly potluck listed in the January calendar insert in today's bulletin.)*

Teens

Soup Kitchen

The teens will be hosting the soup kitchen THIS Wednesday, December 30th. Please try to arrive by 4:00 if you are planning to help. Also, check the sign-up sheet in the kitchen every month to volunteer to bring in food items for our teen soup kitchen days.

Burger King Office Hours Change

Until the end of the year, there will be a change to the time of Burger King office hours. Chase will still be at the Burger King in Lapeer every Thursday, but the time frame will be shortened to 3:30 to 5:00. Everything else is the same. We will just be ending earlier.

TEENS

Mission Trip 2010

The location and details of our 2010 Mission Trip destination will be announced at the parent meeting Sunday, January 10 at 12:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss it!!!

Lunch will be served prior to the meeting

Weekly Prayer List

Jamesa McCarthy

Jamesa had a procedure last Wednesday to remove a kidney stone. We pray that the procedure was successful and she will be feeling 100% soon.

Loreina Adkins

Loreina is undergoing tests after doctors at the Cleveland Clinic recently discovered spots on her lung. Please keep her in your prayers.

Stefan Sauter

Please keep Stefan, the boyfriend of Rebecca Wright in your prayers. He had surgery last Wednesday in Germany to have a portion of his skull replaced, which occurred as a result of a severe head injury in an accident last July. He is doing very well and doctors are hoping that once he recuperates from the surgery, he will continue to excel in his recovery.

Crystal Keeley

Ethel Sawgle asks us to continue keeping her granddaughter, Crystal in our prayers. Crystal is suffering from third stage colitis, which is incurable.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks, Stacy (Eddings) Stach, Rachael Craig (triplets), Jeanette (Seth) Anderson and April (Kim Thompson's niece).

Remember those who are looking for work: Steve Borst, Deborah Gale, and Michelle Smith.

Continue to pray daily for our minister search



Please pray for our leaders and the men and women in the armed forces, especially those listed below who are family/loved ones of our members:

- Chip Atkinson
- Jeff Sparks
- Darren Whatling
- Justin Cooney
- Brad Willett
- Niles Czekiel
- Matt Messenger
- David Wells
- Aaron Jamison
- Iain & Robert Lee
- Scott Haddix
- Andrew Plumb
- Mike Dix
- Will Bartlett
- Bill Rogers
- Mike Overby

Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

James Thompson, Aldena Burgess, Stefan Sauter, John Warner, Sarah Frank, Rich Overton, Ed Sornig, Don Tivy, Frieda Lock, Margaret Whitsett, Marge Norton, Sharon White, Don Haddix, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Sherrie White's parents, Janice Brannon, Sue Johnson, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.

Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones

Sharon Hueter, Ruth Kegerreis, Aldena Burgess and Tammy Porter.

Praise and Thanksgiving

For all our blessings and for the upcoming New Year!

BIRTHDAYS

Rick Duckworth Dec 29
 Etta Hubbard Jan 1
 Bill Speirs Jan 4
 Zac Hueter Jan 4

ANNIVERSARIES

Rich & Faye Overton ... Jan 1

Thank You

"We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to the Lapeer Church of Christ for the beautiful service for Watson. Your kindness and love was so touching and will stay in our fondest memories. Many thanks to Kent, and all the ladies who prepared such a delicious meal. After spending time with this loving congregation we understand why Watson was so happy being a part of this church family."

In Christian love,
 The Burgess'

