



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

Kent Hoggatt

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 May 10, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	70
Bible Class	145
11:00 a.m. Service	188
Total Worship	258
Evening Worship	33
Mid-week	94

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$85,621.59
Actual	\$ 4,429.01	\$84,080.52
Diff.	- \$ 327.73	-\$ 1,541.07
Restricted Income		\$20.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor those who were here yesterday to help us with our annual work day to spruce up around the church building. A special thank you to **Bruce & Caleb Nettles, Jack Slater and Charlie French** who recently volunteered to mow the grass. This is a great help to Steve Kurschat who does a great job with our grounds ministry. If you would like to volunteer to take a turn to mow, please sign up on the bulletin board located near the coat room or talk to Steve personally. *Thank you everyone - we really appreciate your work to make a great first impression to our visitors and those who drive by the building every day!!*

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Rachel Pratt to celebrate the birth of her son, Jared Seth, THIS Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. **There is a sign up sheet posted on the ladies bulletin board and we ask you to please sign up if you plan to attend.** There is also a list of items Rachel needs for baby Jared on the ladies bulletin board. In lieu of a card for the top of your gift, we'd like to recommend you purchase a small children's book and address it to Jared from you. This will be a special gift for him and we know Chase and Rachel will appreciate having it to read to him. **Ladies - if you'd like to bring food for the shower, please contact Robin Nettles today.**

MCYC Family Retreat

Michigan Christian Youth Camp invites everyone to attend their Family Retreat, Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25. For more information to go www.mcy.org.

The Shepherd's Staff

EMPTY WORSHIP JARS



Remember the Samaritan woman who took her empty jar to the well for water? Could this represent us as we come to worship? We want and need our worship jar filled. God has created us with a need to worship something. There is a vacuum inside us that needs to be filled. A vacuum will suck up anything near it. What is near our hearts that might be sucked inside the vacuum of our hearts?

We come to services expecting our worship jars to be filled for that week and we return the next Sunday for a repeat. Should we depend on another to fill our jar for us? Worship is about finding and praising God in ways that express our love and devotion to Him. Independently we offer our contribution and sacrifice of praise and together we combine to offer our worship up. Yes, the many facets of the worship inspire and help us, but we should use the inspiration to help us offer up our worship.

Singing together enthusiastically makes for a joyful sound and that enthusiasm touches our souls helping us rejoice and praise God. Everyone who sings adds to the enthusiasm, everyone who refrains from adding their voice detracts from the enthusiasm. A sincere prayer offered on our behalf also touches our spirits. As we contemplate the real meaning of the Lord's Supper we draw close to God and Jesus Christ. Then, as we hear the sermon and the message the speaker has prepared, we continue to have our spiritual jars filled.

To the degree we have participated and contributed to the worship determines how much our jar is filled as we leave to return to our daily routines and our home life. The elders desire for your worship to be meaningful and inspiring. We want your spiritual jar to be filled to the brim. We praise God that each one of you has been sent to Lapeer. Let us prepare ourselves to come together and worship with enthusiasm and expectancy.

Bob Norton
For the Elders

VBS Committee Meeting

There is a VBS Committee meeting today at 9:45 a.m.

Can You Help?

We need volunteers to help with mowing the lawn at the church building this summer. Please sign up on the grounds bulletin near the coat room.

Summer Camp

This year's Michigan Christian Youth Camp's theme is "BE TRANSFORMED" (Romans 12:2.) Check the flyer on the bulletin board near the café area for summer camp dates and other event information for the camp.

Church of Christ Care Center

Please mark these dates on your calendar for special events to be held at the Care Center this summer:

Tuesday, July 28

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Free Workshop:

"Crime: Preventing, Surviving, and Thriving"

Saturday, August 22

6:00 p.m.

Steak and Corn Roast

Saturday, September 19

8:15 a.m.

Care Center Golf Classic at Sylvan Glen Golf Course.

Next Sunday

Kent Hoggatt will be going to the Church of Christ Care Center to conduct services. He will be leaving at 12:00 p.m. Please contact him today if you would like to go.

VBS WISH LIST

It's time to start putting together supplies for our Vacation Bible School.

If you have the following item we could borrow or can help in any of the areas listed below, please contact Katy Weiss.

BUG FOGGER

This is needed every evening for the game area so the children don't get bit by mosquitoes. We will purchase the liquid refill.

WORKS FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Incentives Coordinator
- Time Keeper
- Daily Clean up Crew
- Clean up Crew Coordinator for the Friday after VBS
- Pre-school Coordinator

Teens

Bottle/Can Drive

The teens are having a bottle and can drive TODAY! Bring a lunch or go grab a quick bite to eat and come back to the building by 1:00 p.m. so we can get ready to head out to collect bottles and cans in the community. All money earned will go towards the teen mission trip this summer. ONLY those attending will receive credit towards their account for the trip.

Soup Kitchen

The teens are hosting the soup kitchen this Wednesday. Please join us as we serve God together!

7/10

This Friday night is our "7/10". We are still in need of chaperones - please encourage your parents or other adults in the congregation to sign up!



At Day's End

Is anybody happier because you passed this way?

Does anybody remember that you spoke to them today?

The day is almost over and its toiling time is through;

Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's dipping fast,

That you helped a single person of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?

Does the person whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Do you waste the day or lose it?

Was it well or sorely spent?

Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that GOD will say,

"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today"?

"...we spend our years as a tale that is told....So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

--Psalm 90:10-12

Anonymous

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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 Jim Sornig / Committee
World Bible School Brian Crowley
Young at Heart Jerry Brackney

Prayer List
and those who need
encouragement

Pat Cox

Pat had cataract surgery last week. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Louise McCarthy

Please pray for Terry's mother, Louise. She has been in the hospital with an infection. We are thankful she is doing better and has been able to return to the rehabilitation center to continue her recuperation.

Don Wright

Don had a biopsy last Thursday and is expected to have results back this week. Please keep him in your prayers as he waits for results.

Scott Ranken

Please pray for Scott, the nephew of Marcie Anderson and Angie Meyers. He is having severe health problems.

Janice Brannon

Janice is suffering from severe headaches and a recent MRI showed that she may need to undergo surgery for a shunt. She will be having more tests to compare with the tests she had last year before doctors decide if surgery is necessary or what other treatment might be an option for her. Please keep her in your prayers. Her address:

20 Royal Oaks Rd.
Jemison, AL 35085

Kayla Ball

Please pray for Kayla, the niece of Bob and Marge Norton. She is a single mother of a two year old daughter and is seriously ill with cancer and in a great deal of pain.

Delane Styker

Please pray for newborn Delane, the son of Ronnie (Overton) Styker. He was born premature last Tuesday and is having breathing complications. His situation is critical and he was airlifted to another hospital where he is expected to stay approximately 30 days. Delane's grandmother, LaFonda Overton's email address: dallo12001@yahoo.com

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

Remember those who need to continually be in our prayers: Don Haddix, Louise McCarthy, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Yvonne Ogar, Loreina Adkins, Sherrie White's parents, Virginia Edwards, Margaret Whitsett, Sue Johnson, Janice Brannon, The Hall & Raper Family, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Rachel Tanis, Misty Hoggatt, Julie Hoggatt (Kent's sister-in-law), Darcy Seguin.



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
- Scott Stugill
- Casey Kern
- D.J. Belcher
- Chris Crow
- Brad Willett
- Matthew Messenger
- Mike Overby
- Andrew Ellis
- Niles Czekiel
- Richard R. Cole
- Aaron Jamison
- Damian Salmond

BIRTHDAYS

- Terry McCarthy May 21
- Chuck Barnett May 22
- Don Berkheiser May 22
- Erin Booth May 25

ANNIVERSARIES

- Rick & Sandy Duckworth May 22
- Rich & Cristene English May 24

EVENTS

- Today VBS Cmte. Mtg 9:45
- . . . Teen Bottle Drive - after lunch
- May 19 Baby Shower for Rachel Pratt
- May 22-25...MCCYC Family Retreat

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule:

Today:

- 8:30 a.m. Dave Wright
- Bible Class Dave Wright
- 11:00 a.m. Bob Norton
- :00 p.m. Bob Norton
- Wednesday Bob Norton**