



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 November 8, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	71
Bible Class	139
11:00 a.m. Service	123
Total Worship	194
Evening Worship	58
Mid-week	77

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 204,540.09
Actual	\$ 3,577.65	\$ 200,299.85
Diff.	-\$ 1,179.09	\$ 4,240.24
China Bibles		\$10.00
Other Restricted Income		\$20.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor those who serve in our nursery on Sunday's during the 11:00 a.m. service. It means so much to our moms and dads to know that they can leave their babies in good hands so they can fully participate in the worship service. *Thank you everyone! Your job is very important and we appreciate you!!* (If you would like to help in this great ministry, be sure to sign up on the ladies bulletin board.)

Ministry Leaders

Ministry leaders - if you have not turned in your 2010 Budget you must turn it in today. Please put it in Freda's mailbox.

God's Helping Hands

There will be a "Focus Saturday" next Saturday, November 21 to take families Christmas shopping around the GHH's facility. (You do not need to bring money - just help them choose items.) If you are interested in car pooling, please sign up on the bulletin board in the café area.

Sack The Pulpit

Stop by the table in the lobby to pick up an empty sack to fill to help our benevolence ministry provide food for those in need for Thanksgiving. Please bring in your sacks of food anytime between now and next Sunday and drop them off on the stage in the auditorium. If you'd like to donate money instead of putting together a sack of food, please make your check out to the church or put cash in a contribution envelope and mark them "Sack the Pulpit". Also, we are collecting names of those in need of food for Thanksgiving. Please give the name and information to Katy Weiss.

(The Lapeer Teamwork crew that cleans our building took a bag and brought it back last week - filled with food for a needy family. *Thank you Teamwork!*)

The Shepherd's Staff

Positive Answers for Negative Thoughts

You say, "It's impossible"

God says, All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say, "I'm too tired"

God says, I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)

You say, "Nobody really loves me"

God says, I love you (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

You say, "I can't go on"

God says, My grace is sufficient (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say, "I can't figure things out"

God says, I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say, "I can't do it"

God says, you can do all things (Philippians 4:13)

You say, "I'm not able"

God says, I am able (II Corinthians 9:8)

You say, "It's not worth it"

God says, It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)

You say, "I can't forgive myself"

God says, I FORGIVE YOU (1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say, "I can't manage"

God says, I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)

You say, "I'm afraid"

God says, I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7)

You say, "I'm always worried and frustrated"

God says, Cast all your cares on ME (1 Peter 5:7)

You say, "I'm not smart enough"

God says, I give you wisdom (I Corinthians 1:30)

You say, "I feel all alone"

God says, I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5)

Bob Norton
For the Elders

Lapeer Blood Drives

Wednesday, November 25

Mott Community College

12:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Monday, November 30

Lapeer VFW Post 4139

12:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

House For Rent

Alan and Nancy Brinker will soon be leaving us and moving to Texas where Alan has accepted a job offer. They have a house available for rent in Goodland Township. It is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom bi-level home. Please contact the church office for more information.

History Book

Vernon Boyd has completed a book on "A History of The Stone-Campbell Churches of Christ in Michigan" and they are available for \$26.00 each (+\$3.99 S/H). The book includes a bonus CD containing brief histories of over 250 congregations in Michigan. See the flyer on the café bulletin board for more information.

Guitar Lessons

Mark Dillard is offering group guitar lessons to be held at the church building. Contact Mark if you or your child are interested. Students will need to be in the 4th grade or older. The time will be determined later depending on what is convenient for those interested. Classes will be \$10/student and will meet on a weekly basis.

Preteens

Join us for a movie and game night at the Bishop's next Friday, November 20 from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Finger foods and snacks are provided. Hours of fun awaits you!!

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Emit Adkins** whose sister, Helen George, passed away in California. Emit and Loreina was not be able to attend the funeral due to problems with their health.

Attention Veterans

So many disabled veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next. Find out more about these changes and have your questions answered at a special FREE seminar. The seminar will be held at the Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman Rd. in Livonia, Michigan this Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. Bring your VA Claim Number and Social Security Number to the seminar.

Journey to Bethlehem

Mark your calendar for MCYC's 2nd Annual "Journey to Bethlehem" December 11-13 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Experience a hay ride through the life of Jesus Christ. They need lots of volunteers of all ages. No acting ability required! Come join the fun and share a memory that will build your faith. See Susan Bishop for details.

New Pictorial Directory

We are beginning work on a new pictorial directory and ask that each family submit an updated family picture to the office. Please email a picture to the church office or put it on a CD and place it in Freda's mailbox in the office.

You can also put a picture in Freda's mailbox and we will scan it. Please note whether you'd like it returned after we scan it, otherwise, we would like to keep it for our files.

If you prefer to have your picture taken, we have posted a sign up sheet on the café bulletin board for an appointment to have your picture taken, either before or after Bible class on Sunday mornings from November 22-December 20. Debra Slocum will be taking the pictures for us, but you must sign up for a designated time so she knows how many to be prepared for. Thank you!

Adult Christmas Party

Mark your calendars and get the babysitter ready for our annual Christmas Party scheduled for Saturday, December 5th. If you would like to help make this fun night even more fun, see Marge Norton as soon as possible.

Teens

Christmas Jug

We have started collecting money in our annual Christmas Jug in the teen room. All money collected will be used to buy Christmas presents for families who could use an extra blessing this Christmas. It doesn't take much to do a whole lot of good.

7-10

Teens and their friends are invited to come to the teen room from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. on Friday nights for fun and fellowship. **We need parents to volunteer to host for upcoming nights in order for this to work.** It's really a fun time to relax, eat some snacks, and get to know the members of our teen group better.

Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

We have an opportunity to help out at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan in Flint next Saturday, November 21st. The Food Bank provides food for outreach organizations in 22 counties, including our own soup kitchen. Each volunteer hour our congregation works gives us credit for our soup kitchen. We will be working 9:00 a.m. to noon. (These are also eligible N.J.H.S. & N.H.S. hours, as well as Good Samaritan points for L/L).

Girls Devotional

The girls devotional scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 29 has been moved to next Sunday, November 22. It will take place at Rachel Pratt's at 5:30 p.m.

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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 Ladies
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 . Bruce & Robin Nettles
Library Tina Dinnan
Marriage and Family Jerry & Rita Brackney
Missions Terry McCarthy
Nursery
Office Freda Wright
Preaching and Teaching
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

Weekly Prayer List

Watson Burgess

Watson spent a couple days in the hospital last week with nosebleeds. He is now home. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Bonnie Elrod

Bonnie has had a difficult time with her arthritis and hasn't been able to be with us. Please keep her in your prayers and be an encouragement to her.

Deborah Caldwell

Please pray for Deborah, the daughter of Emit and Loreina Adkins. She was in Lapeer Regional Hospital for a few days last week, undergoing tests for health problems.

Rose Dotson

Judy Church's mother, Rose, is now staying with Judy to recuperate from back surgery. Please keep Rose in your prayers that she will recuperate quickly without any further complications.

Krystal Keeley

Please keep Krystal, the granddaughter of Ethel Sawgle in your prayers. She is suffering from a third round of colitis and the family would appreciate our prayers.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Stacy (Eddings) Stach, Rachael Craig (triplets), Jeanette (Seth) Anderson and Christine Brackney.



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

Watson and Aldena Burgess, Stefan Sauter, 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, Sue Johnson, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.

Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones

Jason Hook, Warren Edwards, Cheryl Booth, Mike & Tina Dinnan, Bruce Nettles, Geneva Breezee, Penny Crowley, Rich Overton, Ruthann Cox, the Weiss family, the French/Samueloff family, Alan Brinker, Sharon Hueter and Ruth Kegerreis.

Praise and Thanksgiving

– Watson and Aldena are both home from the hospital.

Continue to pray daily for our minister search

BIRTHDAYS

None

ANNIVERSARIES

Lee & Karla Pretty Nov 17

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule

Today:

8:30 a.m. Jack Slater
 Bible Class Jack Slater
 11:00 a.m
 6:00 p.m

Wed. Jerry Brackney

Schedule of Speakers

Today:

This morning-Gordon McKinnon
 Tonight - Jim Cox

Next Sunday morning:

Scott Samuels