



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 15, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	55
Bible Class	116
11:00 a.m. Service	123
Total Worship	178
Evening Worship	42
Mid-week	89

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 209,296.83
Actual	\$ 4,144.96	\$ 204,444.81
Diff.	-\$ 611.78	\$ 4,852.02
China Bibles		\$30.00
Other Restricted Income		\$354.50

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor those from our congregation who helped with the annual MCYC Steak Dinner on November 7. The camp raised over \$17,000 from the dinner. If you were a cook, server, cleaned or attended the Steak Dinner, we honor you today. *Thank you for your support for the camp!!*



Sack The Pulpit

If you haven't done so already, please bring in your bag of groceries for our "Sack the Pulpit" by this afternoon. Also, if you would like to deliver a bag of food this afternoon or evening to make someone's Thanksgiving extra special, please contact Katy Weiss this morning.

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.

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.

The Shepherd's Staff

What's So Great About Following Jesus?

The word *Christian* means a "follower of the Christ" (Acts 11:26).

Some view the Christian life as one that is unduly restricted, without any real freedom, and with no joy or pleasure. Agrippa, for instance, admitted that he was almost persuaded to become a Christian but declined (Acts 26:28.) Such a notion is wrong because it clashes with the teacher of the New Testament. The truth is, Jesus gives life real meaning and purpose!

Many employers attract potential employees by listing the benefits package their workers receive. Well, what about serving Jesus? Does it have a built-in benefits package? It does, indeed.

Those who faithfully follow Jesus have the best and most meaningful life in the world.

Christians are people who enjoy the best quality of life on earth! The life of a child of God is better than one built on material wealth (Isaiah 55:2). All spiritual blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1:3) beat unstable material riches any day. And the Christian's life of walking in the light is far better than a life of darkness (1 John 1:6-7.)

Christians enjoy the abundant life in the Christ, who is our Good Shepherd (John 10:10-11.) Following Jesus is not just a good way to live. Neither is the Christian life one of the best ways to live. No, being a Christ-following person is the absolute BEST life in every way! You cannot be a better person than Jesus Christ makes you through His gospel (2 Timothy 3:17). –

Borrowed from Roger Campbell, Cleveland, Tennessee

I think we can all agree that our brother Watson Burgess enjoyed the 98 years of life he had here on earth as a follower of Christ. He was a blessing to all of us and a great example of a man who "*fought the good fight and kept the faith.*" We will certainly miss him here among us, but know that he is exactly where he had hoped to be – with the Lord. God and his angels are rejoicing that Watson has come home.

Dave Wright
For the Elders

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.

Gingerbread House Days

MCYC will be hosting Gingerbread House Decorating Days on December 5 and 12 from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$15 and they provide a day of fun at the camp, sledding (hopefully), some snacks, hot chocolate and of course, a gingerbread house to decorate. Contact the camp at 664-8040 for more information.

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. Contact Susan Bishop if you can help or if you have any of the following items that are needed:

NEEDS:

- 50-100 ft. extension cords to borrow
- Christmas decorations you do not want returned
- Christmas "picks" (bunched flowers, etc.)

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 today through 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.

Breakfast

The teens would like to invite the congregation to breakfast in the fellowship hall on Sunday, December 6 from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Invite your friends and family to join us for this free, delicious meal prepared and served by our teens.

Thanksgiving Meal

Our soup kitchen is serving a special Thanksgiving meal this Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. If you signed up on the refrigerator in the kitchen to bring something, please be sure to have it at the church building by 4:00 p.m. Thank you!

Sympathy

Our dear brother, **Watson Burgess**, passed away in his sleep last Thursday night. Please keep Aldena and their family in your prayers. Her address:

Sterling House of Davison
432 E. Clark
Davison, MI 48423

Schedule of Speakers

Today:

This morning - Scott Samuels
Tonight - Steve Goodin

Next Sunday Morning:

Steve July

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule

Today:

8:30 a.m. Dave Wright
Bible Class Jack Slater
11:00 a.m Bob Norton
6:00 p.m Dave Wright

Wed. Jerry Brackney

Teens

Girls Devotional

The girls devotional will be held tonight at Rachel Pratt's from 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

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.

Teen-led Service

Our teen guys will be leading the 11:00 worship service next Sunday, November 29th. We have gotten a lot of positive response the previous times you've led service. Talk to Jim Sornig about being a part of this.

Congregational Breakfast

On Sunday, December 6th we will be putting on our annual congregational breakfast. The teen group will be cooking and serving (and eating) breakfast for the whole church. This has been a lot of fun in the past. Talk to Terry or Jamesa McCarthy if you have any questions. **BE SURE TO SIGN UP ON THE TEEN BULLETIN BOARD IF YOU PLAN TO HELP!!**

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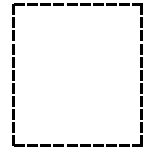
Join us in the teen room Friday evening from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. for fun and fellowship. Bring your friends!!

Parents - we need chaperones!! Please sign up as soon as possible if you are available.

All Night Bowling

Parents - if you are interested in coordinating an all-night bowling event for our teens, please contact Chase Pratt as soon as possible. This is always a fun event for our teens and chaperones!

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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

Bonnie Elrod

Bonnie has had a difficult time with her arthritis. We are thankful that she was able to be with us last Sunday. Please keep her in your prayers and be an encouragement to her.

Justin Cooney

We are so happy that Justin will be coming back to the states from Afghanistan some time this week. He should be back in Michigan around December 21. Please pray for a safe trip.

John & Joan Dyer

John is recuperating from pneumonia and Joan has had a setback from her lupus and is in a wheelchair. Please keep both of them in your prayers as they struggle with health problems.

Jacob Eddings

Jacob has been sick with the flu for over a week and had to receive an I.V. last week. Please keep him in your prayers.

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.

Leota Heath

Ethel Sawgle's aunt, Leota Heath, is suffering from cancer and is in her final days. Please keep her in your prayers, as well as her family.

Dean Hoggatt

Please keep Kent's dad, Dean, in your prayers. He is in the hospital in Indiana with a blood clot in his leg.



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

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

Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

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, Aldena Burgess.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Thankful for all those who contributed food or money to help others in need for Thanksgiving with our "Sack the Pulpit" campaign.

BIRTHDAYS

James Thompson Nov 24
 Robin Nettles Nov 25
 Jeffrey Smith Nov 25
 Lynn Edwards Nov 26
 Ellen Tunison Nov 26
 Bob Garrett Nov 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Joy Ennis Nov 25
 Jim & Betsy Sornig Nov 26

Continue to pray daily for our minister search



Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

-Psalm 110:4