



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 1, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	46
Bible Class	131
11:00 a.m. Service	131
Total Worship	177
Evening Worship	44
Mid-week	76

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 199,783.35
Actual	\$ 4,045.50	\$ 196,722.20
Diff.	-\$ 711.24	\$ 3,061.15
China Bibles		\$0
Other Restricted Income		\$369.28

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Earl and Debra Slocum**. Earl and Debra are faithful workers in our soup kitchen and Earl has done a lot of work at Michigan Christian Youth Camp. We are thankful to have this couple as part of our family and want them to know how much we appreciate them! *Thank you Earl and Debra!!*

Ministry Leaders

Ministry leaders - your 2010 Budget Requests forms are due back to the office **TODAY**.

Baptism

We rejoice that **Ellen Tunison** was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning. Ellen, a friend of Isaac Dillard and many of our teens, has been attending here for several months.

God's Helping Hands

There will be a "Focus Saturday" on 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 November 22 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 Shepherd's Staff

SEARCH ME, O GOD

Psalm 139:23-24 *"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."* NIV

When I have someone install new virus protection software on my computer, the first thing the program does is to inform me that a complete scan identified potentially harmful, or even devastating programs on my computer. The virus needs to be removed or destroyed before the offender can do any damage.

As I watch the progress bar and the expanding list of examined files on the computer screen, I got to thinking about how it's not just our computers that need to be scanned for viruses. We also need to have our hearts and minds searched for spiritual viruses.

O course, first we have to recognize that we need this spiritual scanning because, as the Apostle Paul reminds us, *"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23). Every one of us needs to perform periodic "virus checks".

Then, we need to examine ourselves and ask God to search us and reveal to us how we have been less than what He has intended for us to be.

- Have we caused harm to others?
- Have we ignored an opportunity to help someone?
- Have we withheld forgiveness or love?
- Have we neglected our relationship with God?
- Have we separated ourselves from God because we committed sins?

We need to be honest with ourselves, not blaming others for our own shortcomings but admitting that we are our own worst enemy and need God's help. And, *"If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:9) That's the good news!

God does have the ability and desire to identify the potentially harmful, and even devastating, parts of our lives, and to forgive and remove them that we might be restored to wholeness and reconciled with Him and each other—if only we let God.

Jerry Brackney
For the Elders

Lapeer Blood Drives

Monday, November 9

Calvary Bible Church
10 am - 7:45 pm

Friday, November 13

Trinity United Methodist Church
1:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

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.

Marriage Encounter

There will be a Marriage Encounter weekend at Michigan Christian Youth Camp next weekend. If you have never attended a Marriage Encounter, now is your opportunity to do so, or if you have attended before, how about a renewal? See Jerry or Rita Brackney TODAY if you have any questions or would like a brochure.

Preteens

Join us for a fun preteen event this afternoon - Bowling! We will be having pizza and pop at the church building after second service and going bowling at Gerlach's Bowling Center from 3:00 - 5:45 p.m. Come join us - we'll have a "ball"!

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

Thank You

"Thank you to all the ladies who brought food and worked in the soup kitchen on October 28. The meal was a success and fed approximately 60 people. We look forward to continuing this in the months to come." - Susan Bishop

(If you would like to bring in a food item the last Wednesday of each month to help with our soup kitchen, please sign up on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Thank you!)

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Ruth Kegerreis** whose brother, Wayne Shultz, passed away last weekend. His funeral was held on Friday in Lapeer.

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, on 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.

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 on 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).

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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

Charlie French

Charlie French came forward last Sunday morning, asking for our prayers. May we all be an encouragement to him!

Angie Sparr and Family

Angie and her family have been sick with the flu. Please keep them in your prayers.

Rose Dotson

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

Katina & Children

Judy Church also asks us to pray for her daughter, Katina and her children who are sick with the flu.

Jamie Robinson

Judy Church asks us to pray for Jamie, the mother of her granddaughter's friend. She has a brain tumor.

Sonny Girdley

Please pray for Sonny, a friend to several of our members, who suffered a stroke last Tuesday. He also had an allergic reaction to the medication they gave him, causing further complications. He is showing great signs of improvement, but remains in St. Joe's Hospital in Pontiac.

Bill & Rachael Craig

Please pray for Bill and Rachael, the sister and brother-in-law of Betsy Sornig. Rachael found out that she is expected triplets at the beginning of June. We pray she has a safe and healthy pregnancy.



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, Jeanette (Seth) Anderson and Christine Brackney.

Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

Watson and Aldena Burgess, Stefan Sauter, Rich Overton, Ed Sornig, Don Tivy, Frieda Lock, Margaret Whitsett, Niki Kirkpatrick, 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 and Sharon Hueter.

Praise and Thanksgiving

- Baptism of Ellen Tunison

Continue to pray daily for our minister search

BIRTHDAYS

- Ryan Kurschat Nov 10
- Faye Overton Nov 10
- Krista Barnett Nov 11
- Jerry Brackney Nov 12
- Kirk Lewis Nov 15
- Larry McPhail Nov 16

ANNIVERSARIES

- Ben & Millie Jamison . . Nov 11

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule

Today:

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

Wed. Jerry Brackney

Schedule of Speakers

Today:

- This morning - Stephen Ennis
- Tonight - Jason Sherrill

Next Sunday morning:

Gordon McKinnon