



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 October 18, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	71
Bible Class	123
11:00 a.m. Service	146
Total Worship	217
Evening Worship	54
Mid-week	74

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 190,269.87
Actual	\$ 4,048.80	\$ 186,429.86
Diff.	-\$ 707.94	\$ 3,840.01
China Bibles		\$15.00
Other Restricted Income		\$3,722.28

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Phil Dillard** who has accepted the responsibility of making sure our shut-ins and those in the hospital receive communion on Sundays. Being able to partake of the Lord's Supper is important to those who are not able to be with us and we are thankful that Phil will make sure that happens for them. *Thank you Phil!*

Tonight

Join us tonight to hear our own J.W. Cox as he brings the word of God to us.

Annual Steak Dinner

Everyone is invited to the steak dinner at Michigan Christian Youth Camp in Attica on Saturday, November 7 from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at www.mccyc.org or through Ron or Katy Weiss. Entertainment will also be provided.

Ministry Leaders

Ministry leaders - your year-to-date reports and 2010 Budget Requests forms are in your mailboxes. Be sure to pick them up today and review them. Budget request sheets are due back to the office by **Sunday, November 8**. If you do not have a year-to-date report in your mailbox, that means you did not spend money from your budget for 2009. However, we recommend you still turn in a 2010 budget request form.

Marriage Encounter

There will be a Marriage Encounter November 13-15 at Michigan Christian Youth Camp. 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 if you have any questions or would like a brochure.

The Shepherd's Staff

Enthusiasm for Christ

A couple weeks ago I was at the outlet mall (spending quality time) with my wife. We went into a store that was very crowded and I wasn't very interested in their goods, so I went outside and waited on the sidewalk. I was leaning against the wall, watching all the people running around talking or texting on their cell phones and buying bags full of things they just couldn't live without. As I stood there thinking about things I needed to get done and things I wanted to do, I was approached by a man from Canada that asked me (with great enthusiasm) if I knew my Savior Jesus Christ? He seemed excited to ask the question. Of course, I told him I did and that I was a Christian and an elder at the Lapeer Church of Christ. He then quoted a couple scriptures and asked me to give him one, so I did. He then handed me a couple of tracts and moved on to another man that was standing outside the store (spending quality time with his wife.)

When I was first approached, it made me uncomfortable having someone I didn't know just walk up to me and start asking me about my Savior. It was later that evening as I sat looking at the tract, that I become the most uncomfortable. I asked my self "Why wasn't I the one talking to people about Jesus?" "Why don't I have the same enthusiasm for Christ that man did?"

2nd Timothy 4:1,2 *"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."*

Matthew 5:14-16 *"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

Dave Wright
For the Elders

Time Change

Don't forget to move your clock back one hour next Saturday night before going to bed for the Daylight Savings Time change.

Needed

Dennis Hall is in need of a portable movie screen to borrow (or one to be donated) for the Love INC banquet this Thursday. Please contact him today if you have one available.

Minister Screening Committee

We are all blessed to have the help of the following in our minister search, Warren & Lynn Edwards, Bob & Paula Garrett, Jason & Erin Sherrill and Art & Sherrie White. The committee's job will be to assist the elders in the gathering of information, tapes, etc. of prospects, initiating phone conversations and other "leg work". If you have a candidate suggestion, please give the committee as much contact information (and your phone number) as you can regarding any minister prospects that you know. Place your recommendations and referrals in the mail box just inside the office door (to the right.) Most of all, please be in consistent prayer as we seek out who the Lord has in mind for the position here.

Church Sign

Bill Speirs has taken on the ministry to change our sign in front of the church building. He would like to ask members of the congregation for their input. If you have a favorite verse or a saying that you think would be good to share with the community, please write it down and give it to Bill or put it in the mailbox in the back of the auditorium. Bill will be keeping a booklet of everything submitted, so please tell him why the verse or saying means something to you. Please remember we have a limited amount of space on the sign, so condense your wording as much as possible. Watch for one of the verses and/or sayings to be up on the board beginning November 1.

Thank You

"Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and phone calls during my recovery from rotator cuff surgery. I miss being in services and hope to be back soon."

Carl Ogar

Next Sunday

Don't forget - next Sunday is our monthly potluck!

Love INC Banquet

The Third Annual Love INC Fellowship Banquet will be this Thursday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 per person and a Love Offering. The Banquet will be held at Bishop Kelly Community Hall at 926 W. Nepeessing Street across from the DeAngeli Library. See the informational letter on the café bulletin board. Contact Jerry Brackney to make a reservation. In September, the Love INC office received 1,333 calls for help. That represented 1,028 adults and 1,130 children that were helped. Love INC received 887 referrals from churches and agencies. We need your support to continue serving the needy for Lapeer County.

Leaders & Leaderettes

We have a NEW meeting time! Tonight, Nov. 1 and Nov. 8 we will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. to begin lessons and activities for Bible Reading, Song Leading, Scrapbooking, Good Samaritan, Bible Bowl and others. The Phase One class will continue to meet each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Bruce and Robin Nettles with any questions.

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.

God's Helping Hands

There will be a "Focus Saturday" on November 21 to help take families Christmas shopping at the GHH's facility. If you are interested in car pooling, please watch for the sign up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board in the café area.

Prayer Sign-Up Sheet

Be sure to stop by the table near the courtyard window to sign up for a time from now until Wednesday you would like to specifically commit to praying for our minister search.

Mentor Needed

There is a need for an adult female mentor for a woman who was recently released from prison. Please see Jerry Brackney if you are interested. Training will be provided.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the following members and their families:

Cheryl Welch, the sister of **Sharon Hueter** passed away unexpectedly last weekend.

Tom Kennard, the step-father of **Alan Brinker** passed away last weekend from his battle with cancer.

Please keep both of these families in your prayers.

Photographer Needed

We are beginning to work on an updated version of our pictorial directory and need a photographer to help take pictures of our members. Please see Freda Wright if you are available.

Card Night

The next card night will be held at Bruce and Robin Nettles on Saturday evening, November 7 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Sloppy joes will be served.

Teens

Girl's Devotional

The next girl's devotional will be held at Rachel Pratt's home this evening at 5:45 p.m.

Lending a Helping Hand

Our group has been asked to help do some work for the Imlay City Church of Christ this afternoon after our morning services. Lunch will be provided. Bring a change of clothes to work outside. This is a great way to help out fellow Christians who could use a hand as well as pick up some NHS hours.

Soup Kitchen

The teens are hosting soup kitchen THIS Wednesday, October 28th. If you are planning to help, please arrive by 4:00 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 Debi Hoggatt
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 is in Lapeer Regional Hospital, suffering from a problem with fluid building up in his legs. He is expected to be going home in the next few days.

Carol Speirs

Carol asks us to pray that the Unemployment Board of Review will grant her the benefits the hospital denied her last year. She is thankful to the Lord that He has carried her through this tight financial time.

Rose Dotson

Please pray for Judy Church's mother, Rose, who underwent back surgery last Thursday at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Warren.

Dean Hoggatt

Kent's father is now home from the hospital, recuperating from pneumonia. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Jean Schlaud

Please pray for Jean, the owner of the adult foster home where some of our ladies live. She fell recently and suffered some injuries.

Rachel Tanis

Please keep Rachel, the daughter of Dave and Freda Wright in your prayers. She is scheduled to have a c-section this Tuesday to deliver her baby.

Schedule of Speakers

Today:

This morning - Gary Beadle
Tonight - J.W. Cox

Next Sunday morning:

Jerry Tallman

Praise and Thanksgiving

For the beautiful fall colors the Lord has blessed us with!

Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

Stefan Sauter, Rich Overton, Ed Sornig, Don Tivy, Frieda Lock, Margaret Whitsett, Watson and Aldena Burgess, Niki Kirkpatrick, Marge Norton, Sharon White, Don Haddix, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Sherrie White's parents, Sue Johnson, The Hall & Raper Families, 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, Sharon Hueter, Alan Brinker.

MCYC EVENTS

The following are events scheduled at Michigan Christian Youth Camp:

Steak Dinner -

Saturday, November 7 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

The class starts on December 1, 2009 for 15 wks. Preview nights are Oct. 27 and Nov. 3rd from 7 - 8 p.m. Cost is \$100 per couple. (See flyers in the lobby for more information)

Journey to Bethlehem

December 11, 12 and 13th. They are currently looking for volunteers to help with this very large undertaking!! Call the camp at (810) 664-8040.



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

BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Richards Oct 27
Shawn Whitsett Oct 28
Zack McCarthy Oct 28
Brenda Messenger Oct 30
Nancy Brinker Oct 30
Danyelle Briggs Oct 31
Justin Cooney Nov 2

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Kim Kroenke...Oct 28

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 Bob Norton

Wed. Dave Wright