



# 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 December 27, 2009

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	58
Bible Class	127
11:00 a.m. Service	139
Total Worship	197
Evening Worship	27
Mid-week	n/a

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 237,837.27
Actual	\$ 5,645.74	\$ 232,001.28
Diff.	+\$ 889.00	-\$ 5,835.99
China Bibles		\$25.00
Other Restricted Income		\$10.00

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Jerry and Rita Brackney**. Jerry and Rita have given years of service to our congregation and Jerry has decided it is time for him to officially retire from his ministry here at Lapeer. They will still continue to call Lapeer their home congregation, but will be pursuing opportunities to teach parenting classes at congregations where God leads them. *Jerry and Rita, thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for our family. You are great examples to us all. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him!!*

## New Pictorial Directory

We will still have a few weeks for you to have your picture taken if you did not have the opportunity to do so in December. You can also email a picture of you and/or your family or give one to Freda. We will start organizing the new directory after the beginning of the year, so please get your picture to us as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Duplex For Rent

Jim and Linda Verbison have a one-bedroom duplex in the Rochester area for rent. Rent is \$550/month which includes the water bill. All appliances, including a washer and dryer are included. Parking is right behind the unit. Please contact the Verbison's if you or someone you know may be interested.

## Lapeer Blood Drive

### Monday, January 4

Calvary Bible Church - Lapeer  
10:00 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 12

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

# The Shepherd's Staff

## 2010 The Year of Opportunity

2010 is upon us, a new year, a new decade, the start of the rest of our life. What are your God plans and goals? Have you thought about where you go from here spiritually? This data is at least 20 years old; one in two marriages fail and families are split and hurting. If a family attends ALL the church services, and are involved in Bible study both at church and in the home and have home devos, the divorce rate is 1 in 1,400!

– Bob Norton  
For the Elders

The following is from an anonymous writer.

### Why Go to Church?

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!  
If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.  
If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. *'I've gone for 30 years now,'* he wrote, *'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'* This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

*'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!'*

When you are DOWN to nothing...God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

All right, now that you're done reading, pass it on! I think everyone should read this! 'When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, *'Jesus, could you get that for me?'*

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

## Schedule of Speakers

### Today:

This morning - Jerry Brackney

Tonight - Gary Beadle

### Next Sunday:

a.m. - Tony Gaglio

## Car Needed

John Dyer's brother is in need of a car to help him get back and forth to his college classes. If you have a car you'd like to donate, please contact Jerry Brackney as soon as possible.

## Men of the Congregation

If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to fill out the Sunday Worship Participation Survey form located on the table in the lobby. Please give the completed form to Chase Pratt or place it in the white box located on the table in the lobby.

## Care Center Seminar

The Church of Christ Care Center, located at 23575 15 Mile Rd. in Clinton Township, is hosting a seminar Tuesday, January 19 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on the topic of "Caregiver Issues and Resources."

## Open House

The Church of Christ Care Center will be hosting an Open House, Tuesday, January 26 from 4:00 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. There will be a 40 minute presentation at 4:15 p.m. regarding the differences between Assisted Living facilities and understanding nursing homes, including Medicare and Medicaid issues. There will also be a lawyer to discuss elder law. Please call (586) 285-7125 if you have any questions.

## Parents of Teens

There is a very important meeting next Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We will be making plans for 2010 and will announce the location and provide information for this year's mission trip. If you are not able to attend, please contact Chase Pratt any time after the meeting so he can be sure to let you know what was discussed.

## Project Homeless Connect

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Project Homeless Connect" will take place Thursday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Lapeer Center Building. Several Lapeer County service providers (Health Department, Housing Resource Center, United Way, Love INC, Veterans Affairs, and others) will be there to provide services. Free services such as hair cuts, dental exams, housing assistance, job training, clothing, etc. will be available. If you or someone you know is struggling financially or is homeless, this is a great opportunity to find out more about these organizations and how they can assist people in our community. More information is available on the flyer in the lobby.

## Potlucks

We will not be having monthly potlucks in 2010, but instead we will be having potlucks for special events. *(Please disregard the monthly potluck listed in the January calendar insert in last weeks bulletin.)*

## Ministry Leaders

Most of the mailboxes are full, so please check your mailbox in the office and clean out any items that you do not need. Thank you!

# Teens

### 7/10

We will be having "7/10" this Friday in the teen room. Drop by anytime between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and have fun playing games, eating pizza and getting to know the others teens. Invite your friends!!

### Burger King Office Hours Change

Until the end of the year, there will be a change to the time of Burger King office hours. Chase will still be at the Burger King in Lapeer every Thursday, but the time frame will be shortened to 3:30 to 5:00. Everything else is the same. We will just be ending earlier.

## Countdown to Mission Trip 2010

7 days until the location is revealed. We're excited and know you will be too!

The location and details of our 2010 Mission Trip destination will be announced at the parent meeting NEXT Sunday, January 10 at 12:00 p.m. You won't want to miss it!!!

*Lunch will be served prior to the meeting*



## Weekly Prayer List

### Jamesa McCarthy

Jamesa continues to struggle with pain from a kidney stone. She had another procedure last week and we pray that she will be feeling better soon.

### Loreina Adkins

Loreina is undergoing tests after doctors at the Cleveland Clinic recently discovered spots on her lung. Please keep her in your prayers.

### Shut-ins

Please remember those who are not able to come to church because of health reasons or because of the cold weather: Don Haddix, Bonnie Elrod, Don Berkheiser.

**The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers:** Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks, Stacy (Eddings) Stach, Rachael Craig (triplets), Jeanette (Seth) Anderson and April (Kim Thompson's niece).

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

## Shepherd's Care

### This Weeks Schedule

#### Today:

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

**Wed.** . . . . . Jack Slater



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

James Thompson, Aldena Burgess, Stefan Sauter, Crystal Keeley, John Warner, Sarah Frank, 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, Janice Brannon, Sue Johnson, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.

## Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones

Sharon Hueter, Ruth Kegerreis, Aldena Burgess and Tammy Porter.

## Praise and Thanksgiving

For all our blessings and for the upcoming New Year!

**Continue to pray daily for our minister search**

## BIRTHDAYS

Julie Seguin . . . . . Jan 11  
 Raegan Whitsett . . . . . Jan 12

## ANNIVERSARIES

None

## Thank You

*"Thank you to Earl and Debra Slocum for the gift, and also our "secret Santa" for the gift. We really love them."  
 - Pat Cox and Etta Hubbard*



## A New Year

Make 2010 the year you commit to read through the Bible and draw closer to God!