



# 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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## 2010 Scripture Theme

*"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16

## MINISTERS

### Pulpit

### Part-Time Youth Minister

Chase Pratt

### Worship Coordinator

Kent Hoggatt

## SHEPHERDS

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 March 7, 2010

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	.....
Bible Class	..... n/a
11:00 a.m. Service	..... 179
Total Worship	..... 179
Evening Worship	..... n/a
Mid-week	..... n/a

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	Year-to-date
Budget	\$ 4,908.60	\$ 49,086.00
Actual	\$ 4,900.75	\$ 42,253.96
Diff.	-\$ 7.85	-\$ 6,832.04
China Bibles	.....	\$0
Other Restricted Income	.....	\$845.00

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**Honor to Whom Honor is Due**



This week we honor **Cliff and Margaret Whitsett**. Cliff and Margaret were the highest bidders at our quilt auction at Celebration last Sunday, and then turned around and had it put back on the auction block. **Scott and Candy Wright** were then the highest bidders and we thank both Cliff and Margaret and Scott and Candy for their generosity. The \$570.00 raised will go toward our teens mission trip to New York City this Summer.

**Teachers Needed**

We are in need of teachers for the following classes beginning in March.  
**Sunday** - 2/3 year old class  
**Wednesday** - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade class  
 Please contact Don Jamison.

**Refrigerator**

The refrigerator in the kitchen is a community refrigerator and everyone is allowed to use it. Just be sure that everyone understands, if you use it, please mark your food using a label that is located on the refrigerator or use the marker to specify who it belongs to. The soup kitchen does not want to take someone else's food or assume that it is ours to use, so please label it. If there are any questions or concerns, please see Katy Weiss. Thank you!

**Canned Food Drive**

The Curves of Lapeer is having their annual canned food drive. Food collected will stay in the Lapeer area and part of it will be distributed to our pantry. Donations can be taken to Curves at 69 W. Nepeasing St., downtown Lapeer. Call them at 664-4909 if you have any questions.

**Phone Campaign**

The Shults Lewis annual phone campaign was held here last weekend. Thanks to the work of the callers and those who gave so generously, more than \$46,000 was raised. *Thank you to all our members who participated.*

**The Shepherd's Staff**

**SCRIPTURE THEME**

As those of you who were at Celebration already know, the elders chose for this year's theme scripture Matthew 5:16 - *"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

In Exodus 34:29 we read about Moses on his return from Mount Sinai and the fact that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. Moses was not aware, at first, that his face had the light of the Lord radiating from it, but all those that saw him could see the light of the Lord in him.

As Christians, we too should have the light of the Lord radiating from us whether we are at work, school, the grocery store, the gym or any other place we go, including our home. People around us should see Jesus in us through our positive attitude, willingness to help others in need, and the lack of foul language and course joking. Christians should be the people bringing others together, not driving a wedge between them. We should be the hardest working, most trusted employees in our company. Those that have accepted the forgiveness of the Lord should be the first to forgive others. We should treat every person we meet, no matter what their status in life, with the same love and kindness God has shown us. When we become this person, the people in our life will see the light of our Lord and be drawn to Him through our example.

Now, let's go out and become spotlights to all those we meet!

Dave Wright  
 For the Elders

**Benevolence Need**

If anyone has a benevolent need or is in need of food, please contact Ron or Katy Weiss, Bob or Paula Garrett or Rich or Faye Overton. We are able to assist you.

**God's Helping Hands**

GHH's will be having their Easter shopping "Focus Saturday" on Saturday, March 20. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the bulletin board near the café area.

**New Directory**

A draft copy of the updated directory is on the table in the lobby. We ask that each family look at their page, as well as the email list page and college student page, and correct any errors or changes that need to be made. Feel free to write the corrections on your page. Once the corrections have been made, we plan to distribute the directory to each family. However, a binder and the alphabetical index pages are not included. We recommend you get a 1 1/2" binder, and the index pages are optional.

## Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower to honor **Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks** on Tuesday, April 6. Peggy and her husband live in San Diego where Jeff is stationed in the military, and we are thankful she will be able to come home before the birth of the baby so we can shower her with gifts! If you would like to help with the shower, please contact Freda Wright as soon as possible.

Peggy is having a girl. She is registered at Walmart and Baby's 'R Us. Her nursery is done in Winnie the Pooh. In place of a card for your gift, Peggy is asking for your favorite children's book. Jeff will be deployed sometime between August and January and Peggy plans to have him record bedtime stories for the baby while he is gone so she will still recognize his voice when he returns home. So, the books would be a perfect gift for them to use.

## Preteens

The preteens are having a family potluck and egg hunt Sunday, March 28 after the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring plenty of food for your family (plus extra), an empty basket or bag to collect eggs, and join us for a fun time together. Contact Donna Kurschat for more information on what you can do to help.

## Marriage Encounter

The Trenton Church of Christ is hosting a Marriage Encounter weekend at the Comfort Suites Hotel in Southgate, MI. The cost of the weekend retreat is \$200.00 which includes 2 nights at Comfort Suites, meals, and program materials. The date is May 14 to 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration deadline is April 25<sup>th</sup>. Dale and Patty French and Jerry and Rita Brackney will be the presenting couples. Brochures are in Jerry Brackney's mailbox in the office.

## Celebration

We had an incredible day together last Sunday at our annual Celebration as we honored God for the blessings we received in 2009 as a congregation. The day was filled with inspiration, thankfulness, looking at our vision for the future, discussing our 2010 scripture theme, and honoring our new members and our members who received special recognition.

This year's awards went to:

Inspiration of the Year:

Watson and Aldena Burgess

Teen of the Year:

Rebecca Wright

Servant of the Year:

Katy Weiss

Our desserts were great, as always.

This year's winners:

Most Beautiful dessert:

Faith Grimshaw

Most Creative: Bob Norton

Best Cookie: Peggy Schofield

Best Cake: Edie Bahan

Best Pudding: Robin Dillard

Best Chocolate: Katy Weiss

Best Pie/Fruit: Diana Cox

## Thank You

*"Thank you all for your kindness at Celebration last week. It really touched my heart. I don't know what I would have done without you all over these last several months. I love you all so much."*

Aldena Burgess

## Garage Sale

Are you getting ready to clean out those closets? the basement? the garage? If so, don't throw those unwanted items away. Save them for a garage sale the teens will be having the weekend of June 17-19. (The location will be announced just prior to the sale.) All funds raised in the sale will go toward our teen mission trip to New York City. We ask that you please hold on to your items until the week of the sale and don't drop them off at the church building. Thank you!

## Dinner Theater

MCYC presents "A night in the Bible" Dinner Theater. Featuring Middle Eastern (American style) cuisine, photos available with Bible Characters, and a memorable spiritual experience. Saturday, March 27 at 6 PM. Early ticket purchase \$20 available on line or by phoning the camp at (810) 664-8040. Tickets at the door \$25. You won't want to miss this!

## Pie Sale

The teens will be selling delicious ready-to-bake apple pies and dutch apple pies. Price: \$9.00 each. Pick up will be the Sunday prior to Easter (March 28.) Orders can be placed on the order sheet on the bulletin board in the café area.

## Lapeer Blood Drives

Thursday, March 18

Trinity United Meth. Church

1:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30

Lapeer Regional Medical Center

11:a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

# Teens

## Pie Fundraiser

We will be making pies March 26-27. Chase has pie order sheets - so be sure to pick one up from him today. Please remember, only those who help on March 26-27 will be eligible to receive funds to their mission trip account.

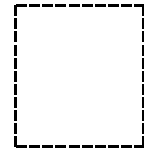
## Illuminate Youth Rally

For those who are going to Illuminate, we will be meeting at the church building at 7:00 am next Saturday, March 20th so we can leave on time to make it to the church. If you don't have a Permission to Travel/Treat form on file, you need to get one to have a parent fill it out before we go.

## 7/10

This Friday is our "7/10". Join us any time from 7:00-10:00 p.m. for an evening of fun and fellowship. Bob and Paula Garrett are chaperoning.

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## MINISTRIES

**A ministry to meet everyone's needs and a ministry for everyone to be involved in.**

*Adult Worship* ..... *Kent Hoggatt*  
*Audio/Visual* ..... *Jim Sornig*  
*Benevolence* ..... *Ron & Katy Weiss*  
*Bereavement Dinners & Meals on Wheels* . . . *Ladies*  
*Bible Hour* ..... *Kent Hoggatt*  
*Bridal/Baby Showers* ..... *Ladies*  
*Building Interior* ..... *Dave Wright*  
*Bulletin Boards* ..... *Paula Garrett*  
*C.I.A. (Christians In Action)* ..... *Jack Slater*  
*Counseling & Mission Outreach* ..... *Steve Ennis*  
*Education* ..... *Don Jamison*  
*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* .....  
*Pre-Teens (12 years - under)* ..... *Committee*  
*Secret Sister* ..... *Donna Kurschat*  
*Soup Kitchen* ..... *Ron & Katy Weiss*  
*Teens* ..... *Chase Pratt, Jim Sornig / Committee*  
*World Bible School* ..... *Brian Crowley*  
*Young at Heart* ..... *Jerry Brackney*

**Weekly  
Prayer List**

**Stefan Sauter**

We rejoice that Stefan, the boyfriend of Rebecca Wright, is now home from the physical rehabilitation center following his accident last July. He has been in the rehab center for four months and was able to come home sooner than expected. He will continue physical therapy at home for four weeks and is doing very well.

**Chase, Paula and Freda**

Please keep Chase Pratt, Paula Garrett and Freda Wright in your prayers as they travel back from New York City today. They went there to look at the teen mission trip sites.

**Don Johnson**

Sherrie White's father, Don Johnson, is in ICU at Genesys Hospital, suffering with complications from diabetes. Please keep him in your prayers, as well as Sherrie as she also cares for her mother while her dad is ill.

**Helen Zalowski**

Please keep J.W. Cox's sister, Helen, in your prayers. She was recently diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing surgery in the near future.

**Karen Suminski**

Please pray for Katy Weiss' sister, Karen, who has a pre-cancerous thyroid and will need to have it removed. She is waiting for a surgery date.

**Family of Ron Warner**

Michelle Smith asks us to pray for the family of Ron Warner, the stepfather of a close friend in Florida who passed away last Sunday after suffering a heart attack.

**Grandma Huffman**

Natalie Taylor, asks us to pray for her grandmother, who fell over the weekend and broke her hip. She underwent surgery on Monday.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks, Stacy (Eddings) Stach, and Rachael Craig (triplets).

Remember those who are looking for work: Deborah Gale and Michelle Smith.

Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

Cliff & Margaret Whitsett, Loreina Adkins, Sharon White, June Pigg, Don Berkheiser, Charlene Garrett, Bonnie Elrod, Don Berkheiser, Crystal Keeley, John Warner, Sarah Frank, Rich Overton, Ed Sornig, Don Tivy, Frieda Lock, Don Haddix, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Sherrie White's parents, Sue Johnson, Cyndi Pratt, Thelma Hoggatt, Mamie Gentry.

Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones Recently

Aldena Burgess, Tammy Porter, Bonnie Elrod.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Thank God for the blessings our congregation received in 2009!

**Schedule of Speakers**

Today:  
 This morning- Caleb July  
 This evening - Brian Crowley

Next Sunday:  
 a.m. - Joe Patrico

**BIRTHDAYS**

Rich Overton . . . . . March 18  
 Grace Weiss . . . . . March 19  
 Katie Boren . . . . . March 19  
 Carol Speirs . . . . . March 20  
 Janyce Woodard . . . March 21


**ANNIVERSARIES**

Steve & Kelly Richards . . . . .  
 . . . . . March 18

Shepherd's Care

**This Weeks Schedule**

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



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
- Jimmy Cox
- 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

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