

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:

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| 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:

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| Bible Classes | 7:00 p.m. |
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2008 Scripture Theme

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

Romans 12:11

MINISTERS

Pulpit

Kent Hoggatt

Family

Jerry Brackney

SHEPHERDS

Jerry Brackney

Kent Hoggatt

Bob Norton

Jack Slater

Dave Wright

DEACONS

Don Jamison

OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

Statistics for December 7, 2008

Attendance

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| 8:30 a.m. Service | 37 |
| Bible Class | 117 |
| 11:00 a.m. Service | n/a |
| Total Worship | n/a |
| Evening Worship | n/a |
| Mid-week | 91 |

Finances

| | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Year-to-date</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Budget | \$ 4,751.05 | \$228,050.40 |
| Actual | \$ 4,317.98 | \$222,082.74 |
| Diff. | -\$ 433.07 | -\$ 5,967.66 |
| Land Pledges | | \$120.00 |
| Other Restricted Income | | \$136.00 |

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor all those in the congregation who helped Michigan Christian Youth Camp with their recent fund raiser "Journey to Bethlehem." This was an awesome experience for those who were able to go through it and it wouldn't have happened without everyone's help. We especially honor **Jeff & Susan Bishop** for the countless hours of work and preparation they did to help put it all together. *Thank you everyone!!*

Gingerbread Days

MCYC will be having their final "Gingerbread Day" next Saturday, December 20 from 1-5 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person and includes a pre-assembled Gingerbread house and all decorating supplies. Bring your sled and enjoy an afternoon sledding and sipping hot chocolate once your decorating is one! Call the camp at 664-8040 or email them a mcyc@mcyc.org to reserve your spot.

Wednesday Nights

Please note that we will not be meeting Wednesday night, December 24. Also, on Wednesday, December 31 we will not be meeting but invite you to join in on the fun at Michigan Christian Youth Camp. Several events are planned for the evening, include a concert from the Tumbleweeds. Contact the camp at (810) 664-8040 if you have any questions.

FHU Chorus

The Freed-Hardeman Chorus (featuring our own Aaron Jamison) will be here in concert on Sunday evening, January 11. We are in need of families/individuals to house approximately 50 students that night and bring them back to the building Monday morning by 7:30 a.m.. Please contact Don or Tracy Jamison if you are available to house one or more students.

The Shepherd's Staff

SHEPHERD'S CARE

Shepherd's Care is something we put into place a few years ago. It makes one of the elders available most times that the church meets. The idea is to ensure that as Shepherds we are readily available to all. It allows us to interact with any who would desire prayer or advice, wants to express concerns or has any other need. If there is a concern we can research, follow up and share with all of the elders, we will do so if that is appropriate.

We hope that all will benefit because of this opportunity. If you feel you would rather meet with all the elders we ask that you would start by taking advantage of Shepherd's Care. If you feel more at ease with putting your concerns in writing and would like to give it to any elder, that's all right, but we ask that it always be signed. We appreciate any suggestions or concerns but all good communication is two way. Without knowing where written information originates, it is impossible for us to follow up. We have put Shepherd's Care into effect in hope that we can always be in touch with and serve the congregation in a way that is in accordance to God's word and best serves His Kingdom. Thank you for your consideration.

For the Elders
Jack Slater

Ladies

Ladies, the 2009 lists for help needed for various works are posted on the Ladies bulletin board. Please look over the lists and sign up for the items you would like to help with.

ACL Classes

We will begin the "Adventures in Christian Living" self-improvement classes in January. The ACL course is designed to help people discover and use more of their God-given talents and abilities. More details coming soon...

Farewell

*"Hi my friends,
I just wanted to say thank you for everything you've done for me all these years. You have given me inspiration for what I wanted in a spiritual life. If it wasn't for you and God steering me in my life and being there for me through my times of hardship, I'm not sure what would have happened.*

I am moving on to a different church closer to my home. Community Christian Church is where I will be going. I will be joining a choir there and Bible Study, so I'm pretty excited. I just wanted to say, please don't forget about me on special occasions. If the weather is not bad, I'm there! You are my family and my friends and we are just a phone call away."

I'll miss you, God bless,

Kelly Russell

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to former member **LaFonda Overton**, whose father passed away last week. Her address:

Box 5914

San Angelo, TX 76904

Congratulations

Steve Kurschat took his Certified Appraiser License exam recently. Usually 70% of those who take the test fail it the first time, but Steve did great and passed it on his first try! *We're proud of you, Steve!!*

Email Address

Please add the following email changes to your address book:

Brian Crowley

stormriderbc@yahoo.com

Dave & Niki Kirkpatrick

kp.niki@yahoo.com

Holiday Ornaments

The benevolence ministry is selling paper "Holiday Ornaments" for \$1.00. For every \$1.00 sold, we receive \$14.00 in food at the Eastern Michigan Food Bank. This food helps us feed our community through our food pantry, our members and helps us to purchase food for our Soup Kitchen. This sale is running until the end of December. If you are interested in purchasing any or wish to help us sell, please contact me. Thank you for your endless support and have a blessed holiday!

-Katy Weiss

Ladies Night Out

Ladies, if you are available to join us for a ladies night out tomorrow and would like to meet at The Farmhouse Restaurant in Lapeer for dinner at 7:00 p.m. please contact Susan Hall today.



Teens

Eastern Michigan Food Bank

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 17. We are planning a trip to the Eastern Michigan Food Bank in Flint from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to help them stock shelves, clean, etc. (This is a great community service project for those who need points for school.) Our congregation will earn money towards food at the food bank for every person who works, so it's important we have as many there as possible so we can stock up our shelves for our soup kitchen and benevolence ministries.

Collection for Presents

Don't forget - today is our last day to contribute money to purchase Christmas gifts from the teens. If you don't give your money in class today, be sure to give it to one of the teachers this morning. Thank you!

Holiday Lunch

The teens are invited to lunch at The Blind Fish restaurant in Lapeer next Sunday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. (This is for our teens only, no guests please.) Parents are asked to drop their teens off at the restaurant and pick them up afterwards. We will be making reservations, so please sign up on the sign up sheet in the teen room if you know you can join us. Parents are asked to pick up their teens at 3:00 p.m. (see below.)

Caroling

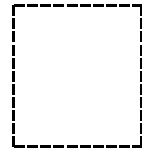
Following the teen lunch next week, we will be going caroling to deliver presents. We have been collecting money every Sunday over the last several weeks and we will be delivering the presents we purchase with the money as we go Christmas caroling. **We encourage the whole family to go caroling with us and ask parents to pick up their teens at the Blind Fish at 3:00 p.m. and join us for the fun!**

7/10

This Friday (Dec. 19) is our "7/10". All teens are encouraged to stop by the teen room anytime from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. for fun and fellowship. Pizza will be served and we will be having a Holiday celebration next week as well. Chaperones will be Brian Skelly and Michelle Smith.



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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
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
 Don & Tracy Jamison
Library Tina Dinnan
Marriage and Family .. Jerry & Rita Brackney
Missions Terry McCarthy
Nursery Debi Hoggatt
Office Freda Wright
Preaching and Teaching Kent Hoggatt
Pre-Teens (12 years - under) Committee
Secret Sister Donna Kurschat
Soup Kitchen Various Members
Teens Parent Committee
World Bible School Brian Crowley
Young at Heart Jerry Brackney

**Prayer List
and those who need
encouragement**

Marge Norton
Please keep Marge in your prayers. She has been sick with a bad case of bronchitis.


Sue Johnson
Please pray for Burnis Griffith's sister, Sue, who is struggling with cancer. She has reached a point where she is now on morphine for pain.

Margaret Feltner
Please pray for Margaret, friend of the Bahan's and known by many in our congregation. She had hip replacement surgery last week. She is now home and doing well.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Julie Hoggatt (Kent's sister-in-law), Rachel Pratt, Rachel (French) Heemer, Darcy Seguin and Sara Nelms.

Remember those who are looking for work: Steve Borst, Sandy Duckworth, Deborah Gale, Jennifer Herron, Michelle Smith, and Kris Pratt.

Remember those who need to continually be in our prayers: Margaret Whitsett, Janice Brannon, Rich Overton, The Hall & Raper Family, The Kirkpatrick/Nelms families, Bob Graham, Cyndi Pratt, Todd & Angie Meyer (house to sell), Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Marlow Herron, Betty Piacentini, Mamie Gentry.

 Please pray for our leaders and the men and women in the armed forces.:

- Joe Abbey
- Derek Dietrich
- Ryan Clark
- Sam Wood
- Ben Houtekier
- Chip Atkinson
- Max Slater
- Curtis McCoy
- Stephen Kang
- Jim Lish
- Jeff Farwell
- Bill Rogers
- Tim Smith
- Allan Moor
- Jeff Sparks
- Mark Terry
- Brian Wood
- Jim Tingay
- Pat Keenan
- Justin Cooney
- Mike Dix
- Andy Zwack
- Joshua Tilley
- Scott Stugill
- Casey Kern
- D.J. Belcher
- Chris Crow
- Brad Willett
- Matthew Messenger
- Mike Overby
- Andrew Ellis

BIRTHDAYS

- Jim Hueter December 19
 Amy Hook December 20
 Sara Nelms December 21
 Bonnie Elrod . . . December 22

ANNIVERSARIES

Odes & Judy Church . Dec 19

EVENTS

- Dec 20 Gingerbread Days at MCYC
 Dec 21 Teens - Lunch & Christmas Caroling
 Dec 31 New Years Part y at MCYC
 Jan 11 Congregational Breakfast FHU Chorus
 Jan 18 MDYC Concert
 Jan 21 Teens work at Food Bank 9am - 12 pm

Shepherd's Care
This Weeks Schedule:

- Today:**
 8:30 a.m. Jack Slater
 Bible Class Jerry Brackney
 11:00 a.m. Bob Norton
 6:00 p.m. Dave Wright
Wednesday Bob Norton

A Special Invitation

Everyone is cordially invited to join us for breakfast

Sunday, January 11
8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Lapeer Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

A delicious breakfast will be prepared by Jeff Booth and crew and will be served by our teens as a special gift to you!

We encourage you to invite your family and friends to join us.

