



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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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 14, 2008

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	64
Bible Class	157
11:00 a.m. Service	170
Total Worship	234
Evening Worship	n/a
Mid-week	77

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,751.05	\$232,801.45
Actual	\$ 4,541.41	\$226,624.15
Diff.	-\$ 209.64	-\$ 6,177.30
Land Pledges		\$85.00
Other Restricted Income		\$152.89

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Donna Kurschat.**

Donna does a great job coordinating our Secret Sister ministry. She made our recent Secret Sister Revelation Party beautiful and very special. If you are not a Secret Sister and would like to be, it's not too late - just see Donna today!!! It's a great way for the ladies to encourage one another throughout the year. Donna does a great job keeping everyone's Secret Sister a true secret and surprise to us all until our party every December. *Thank you, Donna!!!*

Wednesday Nights

Please note that we will not be meeting or having Soup Kitchen this Wednesday night, December 24. We will also not be having Soup Kitchen or meeting on Wednesday, December 31 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.

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 the students that night and bring them back to the building Monday morning.

Please contact Don or Tracy Jamison if you are available to house one or more students.

A Special Invitation

Everyone is invited to join us for breakfast Sunday, January 11 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the 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!

The Shepherd's Staff

CHRISTMAS

It seems like every year the word "Christmas" gets more and more political. Some insist emphatically "*This is when Jesus was born and should be celebrated.*" Others say our approach should be "*Have nothing to do with any of this.*"

It would likely be easier to prove that Jesus Christ was NOT born on December 25th, than that he was. So with this in mind should we set out to prove something to our friends?

Apparently, even the names of the days of the week could be traced back to pagan gods of methodology. If that is the case, should we go on a campaign to change the names of all the days of the week?

I believe we are called to a much higher calling than just changing public policy.

If the world today wants to remember a special day as holy, we have a real opportunity to show our love to God and share Him with others! Many of you may have guests with you today, or if you are a guest, you may have joined us because this is a special time of the year to celebrate.

We practice and consider every Lord's day as holy. The apostle Paul says in Romans 12:1 that "*we should present our bodies as a living sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is our worship.*" We can respond to God daily with our bodies and worship him because he is worthy of worship every day. Every day, including December 25th is holy.

In Romans 14:5-6 Paul acknowledges that some will celebrate one day over another. Let's give thanks in every day.

We are glad that you are all here to worship with us today. We, as a congregational family will praise God for his matchless gift of Jesus."

Kent Hoggatt
For the Elders

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.

Card Party

The next card party will be held at Larry & Brenda Messenger's on Wednesday, December 31 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a potluck meal.

Camp Applications

Staff employment and volunteer applications for 2009 Summer Camp are available. They can be found in the wall boxes located outside the teen room. Jobs available: counselor, Staff Life Director, Waterfront Director, lifeguard, kitchen staff, crafts assistants, outdoor crew, Recreational Director and assistants, wrangler and media technician. More information can also be found at www.mccyc.org.

If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm



welcome to you! We hope our worship is meaningful and inspirational to you. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about us, we encourage you to ask any of our members and we will be glad to help you. You can also speak to our minister today or contact him at the church office any time during the week. Please come back and visit with us again soon!!

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 and members through our food pantry and purchases 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 Katy Weiss.

Adventures! In Christian Living

January 29, 2009 at 7:00pm there will be an informational meeting regarding the upcoming ACL class. This will be less than two hours and will be an exciting time. Please set aside this date, this could very well change your life as it has for so many others. Alumni members are encouraged to come and share their experiences as alumni and consider retaking the class. See Bob or Marge Norton with any questions.

Michigan Christian Youth Camp is having a New Years Eve Celebration at the Lodge. Snacks



and drinks are provided. They will be having live entertainment from the *Tumbleweeds!* A \$2 charge per family will go to cover the costs for the evening. Board games, card games, dominos, Wii and more! Contact the camp at (810) 664-8040 if you have any questions.

Lost and Found

Just a reminder that our lost and found box is now located in the church office. We periodically throw away items or donate items to God's Helping Hands after they have been there for several weeks. However, we don't want to do so if it's something you have been missing, so we encourage you to see if there is anything that belongs to you.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **April Tummins** whose sister, Jo, passed away last week in Tennessee. Jo was diagnosed with cancer two weeks ago and was given one year to live. However, God had different plans. Please keep April in your prayers as she deals with this sudden loss of her sister.

TEENS

Mark Your Calendars

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.

Let The Magic Begin

Written By Bobbie Kimmel

It's almost Christmas once again. It's about time for Santa's magic to begin.

The trees will be all aglow. The halls will be decked with holly and mistletoe.

It's almost Christmas once again. It's about time for Santa's magic to begin.

The cookies and candies are getting made. Mama's getting ready for that special day.

It's almost Christmas once again. It's about time for Santa's magic to begin.

The snow is now beginning to fall, adding to the magic for us all.

The memories and traditions we share today, will last for generations along the way.

It's almost Christmas once again, Let the magic begin.



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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

Marge continues to struggle with bronchitis and has been undergoing tests. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Les Barr's Family

Larissa Barr asks us to pray for her brother, Les, who will meet with a surgeon December 23. We are praying that a matching donor can be quickly found for him. Also, Larissa asks us to pray for her former spouse and his wife, that they might follow God's will.

Tina Edgette

Chip and Michelle Edgette ask us to pray for their sister-in-law Tina who underwent major surgery last Tuesday.

Delores Betcher

Ruth Kegerreis asks us to pray for her friend Delores who has been losing her eyesight and was recently told that she has cancer. Delores' son passed away last year and she now asks that her faith and trust in the Lord will be restored as she deals with the cancer and the loss of her son.

Ruth also shares a praise and thanksgiving story with us. She is thankful that the Lord took her friend, Sarah home to be with Him recently. Sarah kept her faith when a grandson disappeared, not to be found. This year brought many health problems, including surgery and chemotherapy and her faith and trust in Him remained strong.

Barb Uebbing

Helen Lekki asks us to pray for her daughter-in-law's mother, Barb, who is suffering from cirrhosis of the liver and is not doing well.

Joshua Tilley

We are happy to report that Joshua Tilley, one of the soldiers we have been praying for, came home three weeks ago. God answered our prayers and kept him safe.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers:

Julie Hoggatt (Kent's sister-in-law), Rachel Pratt, Rachel (French) Heemer and Sara Nelms.

Remember those who are looking for work:

Carol Speirs, 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, Sue Johnson, Janice Brannon, Rich Overton, The Hall & Raper Family, The Kirkpatrick/Nelms families, Cyndi Pratt, Todd & Angie Meyer (house to sell), Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Marlow Herron, Betty Piacentini, Mamie Gentry.

Shepherd's Care
This Weeks Schedule:
Today:
8:30 a.m. Jerry Brackney
Bible Class Jack Slater
11:00 a.m. Dave Wright
6:00 p.m. Bob Norton
Wednesday Not meeting

 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
- Scott Stugill
- Casey Kern
- D.J. Belcher
- Chris Crow
- Brad Willett
- Matthew Messenger
- Mike Overby
- Andrew Ellis

BIRTHDAYS

Gabby Barr-Sonoda Dec 24
Margaret Whitsett Dec 25
Jim Woodard Dec 25
Phil Dillard Dec 27
Kendall Whitsett Dec 28
Rick Duckworth Dec 29

ANNIVERSARIES

Lyle & Diane Danforth
Dec. 25
Doug & Kim Czerniakowski
Dec. 28

EVENTS

Today Teens - Lunch
Dec. 31 Card Party
at the Messenger's 6:30 pm
. MCYC New Year's Eve Party
Jan 21 Teens - Work at
Eastern MI Food Bank
9am-12 noon