

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 November 16, 2008

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	54
Bible Class	150
11:00 a.m. Service	149
Total Worship	203
Evening Worship	n/a
Mid-week	n/a

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,751.05	\$213,797.25
Actual	\$ 4,950.83	\$210,088.57
Diff.	+\$ 199.78	-\$ 3,708.68
Land Pledges		\$80.00
Missions		\$90.00
Other Restricted Income		\$180.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Carol Speirs, Katy Weiss, and Michelle & Kristina Smith** for volunteering at God's Helping Hands on Saturday, November 15. They were able to help 350 families with Christmas gifts and food. A new record was set for the number of people who were helped. People started lining up at 6:30 p.m. the night before. It is truly amazing that people are willing to stay in their cold cars and wait outside for things that most of us take for granted, like Christmas gifts. The day was a huge success and it wouldn't have been without the willingness and sacrifice that many volunteers chose to give, including the volunteers from our congregation. *Thank you ladies! God will surely bless you for your service!!*

Journey to Bethlehem

MCYC invites everyone to join them in a "Journey to Bethlehem" hay ride on Thursday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec 5 and also Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13. This is a fund raiser event that focuses on a journey from the birth of Christ through the resurrection via a hay wagon ride. Cost: \$5.00 per person. Please see Susan Bishop if you have any questions or would like to help.

Gingerbread Days

MCYC will be having "Gingerbread Days" on Saturday, December 6, 13 and 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.

The Shepherd's Staff

A THANKFUL SPIRIT

"When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you." Deut. 8:10

The Thanksgiving season often relates to eating a great meal, relaxing with your family, watching football and maybe a little hunting. How great it is that our forefathers set a day aside to simply give thanks for our blessings from God. As we gather together for Thanksgiving, take a few moments for each family member and guest to express their thanks for a blessing. It is a blessing for our children to see us expressing heartfelt thanks and then for each child to share what they are thankful for.

Yes, things are difficult for many right now as we struggle with the effects of the recession. But remember that we are so blessed as a nation, as a congregation, and as Christians. As the thought is expressed in the verse above; *"Praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you."* Then praise God for the great land you are going to! I am thankful for each member in our congregation and all the encouragement and support I feel from you.

Bob Norton
For the Elders

Christian Chronicle Article

Be sure to check the bulletin board for the article about our Soup Kitchen in a recent edition of "The Christian Chronicle." You can also read it online at www.christianchronicle.org

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Savannah & Alex Bracken, Breanna Mihalovich and Daniel Sornig**, all 8th graders who were recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. *Great job everyone! We're proud of you!!*

This Wednesday

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will not be having Soup Kitchen or Bible classes this Wednesday. We will be having a Thanksgiving devotional at 7:00 p.m.

Preteens

Join us at the church building on Saturday, December 13 for a "Christmas Cookie Bake." Be sure to see the sign up sheet for more information and sign up today if you plan to join us!

Birth

Congratulations to former member, Holly (Aikman) Warner and her husband, Phillip. They are the proud parents of a little boy, **Aiden Davis**, who was born Thursday, November 20. He weighed 7 lb. 2 ounces and was 20" long. Grandma Bonnie Aikman is very excited!! Phillip and Holly's address:

6931 Amberly Village Drive
Cordova, Tennessee 38018

Adult Christmas Party

Our potluck feast will begin at 6:00 p.m. sharp on Saturday, December 6th at the church building. The talent show begins at 7:00 p.m. We have several new acts appearing so there will be fun for all. Make sure you invite your friends, neighbors, line up your babysitters and be ready to have a great night of fellowship. We are still in need of individuals to take care of the sound, videotape, help decorate, set up for the meal, and put up the curtain for the talent show. See Marge Norton as soon as possible if you can help or if you have any questions. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you will be attending.

Farewell

"To our dear friends and brothers and sisters at Lapeer, Thank you for all the years of serving with you side by side and the friendships developed. We believe at this time in our lives we need to move on to another place of worship. We will still look forward to seeing you on various occasions. We know you want what's best for us, and with much time and prayer, we believe we're doing what we need to do right now. We love you all."

God bless you,
Dale & Patty French

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Bob and Marge Norton**. Bob's sister-in-law, Terri, passed away unexpected last Friday. Please keep the Norton family in your prayers.

Also, **Larry Conklin**, one of our brothers in prison, found out recently his son, David, passed away. We know Larry could use our love and encouragement. If you'd like to send a card, please be sure to put only your first name and the church address for your return address to:

Larry Conklin #174497
Cooper St. Correctional Facility
3100 Cooper St.
Jackson, MI 49201

THANK YOU!

"Thank you to everyone who volunteered and purchased tickets for the MCYC Steak Dinner. It was a huge success with the numbers staying the same as last year. Even with the economy in turmoil, so many people still come through for the camp and we are so appreciative and thankful. Thank you all again and God bless." –Ron & Katy Weiss

Dear Church Family,

"Thank you so very, very much for the Sunshine basket. It truly brightened my day, as well as the entire family. David, Sara, Kevin, Jake, Hayley-Kate, and I enjoyed opening all your thoughtful gifts and reading the encouraging notes. Thank you so much for the delicious chocolates, cocoa, jams, the choir angel candle holder, the beautiful stationery and pens, the inspirational books, the dish towels including the handmade dishcloth and doily, hand lotions, manicuring supplies, candles, and stamps. Also, thank you so much for the gift that was way too big to be put in the basket and that is all the volunteers who have helped us in so many ways, everything from watching over David many, many times, taking out our trash each week, keeping our lawn mowed so beautifully, and doing a huge amount of yard work in the spring and fall. There are no words to tell you just how grateful we are for all your help. Another gift that could not be seen or held in the Sunshine basket were all the prayers you have said on David's and our family's behalf. The power of prayer has been seen and felt in David's life as well as the entire family. God has been very gracious and merciful to us, and we thank you for remembering us in prayer and humbly ask you to please continue to do so. Thank you again for such a huge amount of sunshine in a basket too small to truly hold all the gifts you have given us."

--Niki Kirkpatrick

"Thank you to everyone who made pumpkin bread, pumpkin bars, etc. on behalf of our teen group for the bake sale to benefit MCYC during the Steak Dinner!" –Jamesa McCarthy

Special thanks to the preteens – *"Thank you to each preteen who served at the Young at Heart Banquet on Friday night, November 14. The tables were elegantly decorated, the food was delicious and the waiters and waitresses attended our every need. We all appreciate your servanthood spirits and thank you for a wonderful evening.*

A heartfelt thank you also to all you moms and dads who prepared the food and made it even possible for your preteens to serve. A special thank you to Donna Kurschat for organizing the evening."

We love all of you,
–The Young at Heart Group

Secret Sisters

Ladies, our Revelation Dinner is quickly approaching. The date is set for Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m.

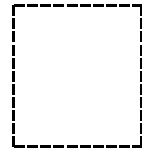
Please sign up if you plan to attend and let us know what you would like to bring for our meal. The sign up sheet is posted on the ladies bulletin board.

We would love for **all** the ladies 18 years and older to please join us in this fun ministry. Whether you are new to this or a seasoned participant, we have plenty of room for everyone. All you have to do is take a minute of your time each month to drop your Secret Sister an encouraging note - simple as that!

More details can be provided if you are interested and I truly encourage all ladies to please join! Times are tough everywhere, for everyone, so what a better time than now to join and be supportive, uplifting and encouraging to a friend - your friend - your Secret Sister!

-Donna Kurschat

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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

James Thompson

James has been in Lapeer Regional hospital undergoing tests. Please keep him in your prayers.

Steve Ennis

Steve has been sick the last couple weeks and we know he would appreciate our prayers.

Jean Peano

Jean is now home from the hospital and doing well.

Debbie Caldwell

Please pray for Debbie, the daughter of Emit and Loreina Adkins. She is undergoing tests.

Dennis Kalbfleisch

Also pray for Dennis, the son-in-law of Emit and Loreina Adkins. He is also undergoing tests.

Family of Ed Harris

Please pray for the family of Ed Harris, the Detroit firefighter and father of six killed in an early morning fire last weekend. He is a good friend of Helen Lekki's son and nephew, who is also a Detroit fireman. His funeral was held on Friday.

Virginia Edwards

Please pray for Penny Crowley's mom, Virginia, who suffered a collapsed lung last week. She is doing better and showing signs of improvement.

Friends of Lauren Weiss

Lauren asks us to pray for two of her teachers and her best friend's mother, who are expecting babies.

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: 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

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. Dave Wright

Wednesday Bob Norton

BIRTHDAYS

Lynn Edwards Nov 26
Jacalynn Pung Nov 27
Bob Garrett Nov 30
Mel Coburn Dec 1

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Betsy Sornig . . . Nov 26

EVENTS

Nov 23 . . . Final Day for "Sack
The Pulpit"
Dec 4-5 Journey to
Bethlehem - MCYC
Dec 6 . . Adult Christmas Party
Dec 6, 13, 20 . . . Gingerbread
Days at MCYC
Dec 13-14 Journey to
Bethlehem - MCYC



*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise. Give
thanks to him and praise his name"*
— Psalms 100:4

