



# 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

Kent Hoggatt

### Family

Jerry Brackney

## SHEPHERDS

Jerry Brackney  
Kent Hoggatt  
Bob Norton  
Jack Slater  
Dave Wright

## DEACONS

Don Jamison  
Steve Kurschat  
Terry McCarthy  
Ron Weiss

## OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

## Statistics for April 19, 2009

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	69
Bible Class	119
11:00 a.m. Service	176
Total Worship	245
Evening Worship	57
Mid-week	85

### Finances

#### Weekly Year-to-date

Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$66,594.63
Actual	\$ n/a	\$ n/a
Diff.	- \$ n/a	-\$ 2,217.02
Restricted Income	n/a	n/a

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor  
**J.W. Cox.** J.W.

worked at the building last week to stop a leak in our roof. We are thankful to have J.W. share his talent to help us maintain our building so we can use it to glorify God. Thank you, J.W.!

## Pantry Food Needed

The following items are needed for our pantry. Please place them in the box next to the Secret Sister table:

Desserts Soups Snacks



## Softball

Men - if you are interested in playing for our men's softball team this year, please

contact Bruce Nettles as soon as possible. Our next practice is this Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. on our field.

Ladies - if you are interested in playing for our ladies softball team, please contact Betsy Sornig or Ruthann Cox as soon as possible.

## A cappella Concert

Everyone is invited to an a capella concert featuring *Brotherhood* with *Breadbox* and *Music Ministry* next Saturday, May 2 from 5-8 p.m. at the Oakland Church of Christ in Southfield. No admission charge - freewill offering. See the flyer posted near the café lobby for more information.

## Can You Help?

We need volunteers to help with mowing the lawn at the church building this summer. Please signup on the grounds bulletin board or talk to Steve Kurschat if you have questions.

# The Shepherd's Staff

## Opportunities

The following numbers are close to the actual, but I rounded them slightly to make the math simple.

### Population

Lapeer County - 90,000

City of Lapeer - 9,000

Number of churches in Lapeer County - 90

According to Dr. Flavil Yeakley (Harding University) in his publication "Good News And Bad News" 25% of all Protestant congregations in the United States and Canada are fewer than 35 people in attendance at their largest weekly worship assembly, and one half average fewer than 75.

I asked several people, and many thought that the average church attendance in Lapeer County was 100 or less. In order to involve everyone in the population in Lapeer County in a church home, each existing church would need to average 1,000 people.

Matthew 9:37 "Then he said to his disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."*

Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Lapeer, and in all Lapeer County and Michigan, and to the ends of the earth."* (JSV - Jack Slater Version.)

This means when you are at work or school or shopping or wherever 9 out of 10 people you come in contact with do not attend church on a regular basis, look for the opportunities and let the Spirit work through you.

Jack Slater  
 For the Elders

## College Graduates

If you are graduating this semester, please contact Freda as soon as possible to let her know where you are graduating from and information about your degree. You can email her at

[lapeercoc@charterinternet.com](mailto:lapeercoc@charterinternet.com) or call the office at (810) 664-1611.

## Southern Reunion

There will be a southern reunion for all former Michigan Christian Youth Camp workers and attendees next Saturday, May 2 at the Goodpasture School in Nashville, TN. If you know of family or friends who live in the south and may want to attend, we encourage you to contact them with the information. Please contact Jerry Brackney at (810) 441-7575 if you have any questions.

### Care Center Workshop

“Managing Medications”

This Tuesday, April 28, 2009

6:30pm—8:00pm

#### Workshop Location:

Church of Christ Assisted Living  
23561 15 Mile Road, 3rd Floor  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

They are located on 15 Mile Road, just west of Harper, off I-94, use exit 234-B. Everyone is invited. No registration needed.

#### Workshop Description

eTelRx Pharmacy is a comprehensive long-term care pharmacy provider. It's founders have more than 20 years experience providing pharmaceutical services to nursing homes, acute care settings and assisted living facilities. Please join us as we discuss major drug interactions, vitamin interactions, side effects, and nutrition in regards to medications and seniors with Consultant Pharmacist, Judy Lemaux from eTelRx.

### Early Bird Special

Michigan Christian Youth Camp's Early Bird special is winding down. Next Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the last day to receive last year's rate for Summer Camp 2009. They have various plans to assist in raising funds, and partial and full scholarships that can help. Call for details - (810) 664-8040 or check out their website at [www.mcy.org](http://www.mcy.org). Applications are available online.

### Fix and Mix Day

It's been a long winter and the camp needs help to prepare for Summer Camp '09. Join them next Saturday for their "Fix-n-Mix Day". You don't need skills, just a huge heart to help! Please contact the camp at (810) 664-8040 or [mcyc@mcyc.org](mailto:mcyc@mcyc.org) or on Facebook if you have any questions. They will be there all day working on various projects and any help you can give will be appreciated.

### Mission Trip Committee

The committee will be meeting today at 4:00 p.m. in the teen room.

### Potluck

Next Sunday is our monthly potluck. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. We encourage everyone to bring plenty of food to feed your family, plus extra for our guests.

### Annual Work Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16 for our annual spring work day around the church building. The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. Come all day, or stay and work as long as you can - it will be great to have you here to share in the fun and work as we spruce up around the outside of the building.

## Teens

#### Soup Kitchen

The teens will be hosting the soup kitchen this Wednesday. Please make plans to join us.

#### Senior Banquet

Mark your calendars for our Senior Banquet - Friday, May 15. We encourage all the teens to come and celebrate with our Seniors!!

#### Fix and Mix Day

We encourage the teens to go to the MCYC Fix and Mix Day next Saturday! There's plenty to do and we know how talented all of you are - let's put that talent to work and help the camp get ready for the summer season.



### Bees Outsmart Scientists

Scientists have long recognized that bees are intelligent creatures. Many believe that this intelligence is the product of millions of years of natural selection. But the extremely fast learning ability of the bee puts in doubt the millions of years and instead shows the hand of the Creator.

Researchers at Princeton University decided to find out whether bees were smart enough to find their food course if food was moved. The researchers moved the prime food source fifty meters farther from the hive. It took the bees less than one minute to locate the moved food source. The men then moved the food source another fifty meters away. The bees still took less than a minute to find the food source. Two more moves, each a precise fifty meters, produced the same results.

However, the bees had also been studying the researchers. Before the researchers could move the food another fifty meters, they found the bees had discovered the pattern and were already waiting at the new location!

God is our Creator and has clearly left evidence of His handiwork—His fingerprints—in the creation itself. For those who have eyes to see, this fills us with wonder, and yes, with love for the Creator God, who first loved us.

*“And God said, Let the earth bring forth the.....creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.”*

— Genesis 1:24

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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/Chase Pratt  
*World Bible School* ..... Brian Crowley  
*Young at Heart* ..... Jerry Brackney

**Prayer List  
and Those Who Need  
Encouragement**

**Ashley Edgette**

Ashley's recent blood work shows that she still has mono. She will also need to have her gall bladder removed, but doctors feel it can wait until after the end of the school year. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

**James Bratton**

Please keep James, the son-in-law of Bob & Paula Garrett (and husband of Kelli) in your prayers. Doctors have discovered a mass behind his knee and he has been referred to an orthopedic surgeon. He will undergo surgery this week for a biopsy.

**Jared Luxton**

Continue to pray for the 17 year old nephew of Carol and William Speirs. Doctors are unsure what is wrong with him. He became ill with a rash and received steroids. However, he now has a lot of pain and is unable to use his hands or walk.

**Alan Thompson**

Alan Thompson, a friend and coworkers of Rich Overton, is having serious complications related to diabetes. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

**Remember those who need to continually be in our prayers:** Don Haddix, Louise McCarthy, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Yvonne Ogar, Loreina Adkins, Sherrie White's parents, Virginia Edwards, Margaret Whitsett, Sue Johnson, Janice Brannon, The Hall & Raper Family, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.

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



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
- Niles Czekiel
- Richard R. Cole



*“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”*

*1 Peter 1:18-19*

**BIRTHDAYS**

Kay Davis . . . . . April 29  
 Miranda Czerniakowski . . . May 1  
 Kyle English . . . . . May 1  
 Allison Garrett . . . . . May 4  
 Justine Anderson . . . . . May 5  
 Jack Boren . . . . . May 5  
 Caden Whitsett . . . . . May 5

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Jeff & Shelly Windsor . . . . May 2

**EVENTS**

Today . . . . . Teen Mission Trip  
 Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.  
 May 2 . . . . . MCYC Fix-n-Mix Day  
 May 15 . . . . . Senior Banquet  
 May 16 . . . . . Annual Work Day

***Shepherd's Care***

**This Weeks Schedule:**

**Today:**

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

**Wednesday . . . . . Dave Wright**

