



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

OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

Statistics for March 29, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	35
Bible Class	n/a
11:00 a.m. Service	170
Total Worship	205
Evening Worship	n/a
Mid-week	84

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$57,081.15
Actual	\$ 3,462.78	\$55,567.17
Diff.	-\$ 1,293.96	-\$ 1,513.98
Restricted Income		\$10.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Gary Beadle**. Gary noticed a metal chair in our fellowship hall that was broken and he took it home and fixed it for us. *Thank you, Gary, for your willingness to do this for us and using your talent to take care of what God has blessed us with!*

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

VBS Workers Needed

Beginning today we will be handing out VBS volunteer forms for our 2009 VBS which will be held August 2-5. The forms will have a list of various jobs to be done before and during VBS. Please sign up for the area(s) you would like to help with.

Egg Hunt

Everyone is welcome to join us after our potluck this afternoon for our annual Egg Hunt. Children from pre-school through the 6th grade are invited to participate. Children are asked to bring a bag or basket to collect eggs.

Bridal Shower

A bridal shower will be held for Allison Garrett on Sunday afternoon, April 19 at 12:30 p.m. **If you would like to help with the shower, or provide food, please contact Judy Goodin or Robin Nettles.** Allison is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Also, Allison would love to have copies of your favorite recipes. Please write down some of your recipes on the recipe cards which are available on the ladies bulletin board and bring them with you to the shower.

The Shepherd's Staff

LOVE IS KIND

I Corinthians 13:4

In Michigan, soon it will be that time of year again when they invade the premises. They turn a well landscaped yard into a nightmare. They stick out like sore thumbs. Fertilizer tries to kill them. Children love to pick them. But they are next to impossible to get rid of. Yes, we are talking about dandelions, those annoying yellow flowered weeds that we are now seeing in Knoxville. But I am always reminded that dandelions can actually be a gift of love.

When David, Mark and John were toddlers, they would proudly bring to their mom bouquets of freshly picked dandelions. These bouquets were expressions of gratitude, love, and kindness. What many might perceive as a weed, a child considered a beautiful flower which needed to be gently picked and delivered to someone very special.

There are many lessons we can learn from the picking of weeds. First, the **value**. Something which might be of no value to one person might be worth plenty to someone else. The child did not see a weed but a creation of God waiting to be set on display for all to behold. When Rita received this gift of a weed, she would not act appalled taking the gift and throwing it in the trash. Rather, it was placed in a glass or a cup, placed on the kitchen window sill as a reminder of their love until they became so wilted they had to be thrown out.

Second, the **motive**. The thought behind the gift of the weed is what truly mattered. Jesus says the kingdom of heaven belongs to children (Matthew 19:14). Little children, for the most part, have pure motives. They give not expecting in return. They love to give gifts, to express thanksgiving for what you have done for them. Little children are like pets, loyal even if treated badly. They crave acceptance and love. And they spontaneously give without thought due to a pure heart.

Third, the **heart**. God says we demonstrate unconditional love through kindness. Children seem to know when you are having a bad day or need some cheering up. Their outstretched arms demonstrate their love and trust in mom and dad.

I thank God for the lessons children teach us each day. I hope we can learn from their examples as we show kindness to those around us.

Jerry Brackney
For the Elders

Babysitter Available

Sonya Boren babysits in her home and is available to care for two more children. If you have a need for a babysitter, please call her at (810) 678-2063 or her cell (810) 602-9484.

High School Seniors

If you are graduating this year please don't forget to turn in your questionnaire, pictures and song to Freda today. Thank you!

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 or call the office at (810) 664-1611.

College Age/Young Adults

Calling all college age/young adults - you are invited to a new class on Sunday mornings. Please join us today in one of the classrooms at the rear of the auditorium.

Care Center Workshop

"Managing Medications"
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.

God's Favorite

The Rochester College Theater Department is presenting Neil Simon's "God's Favorite" April 16-19. "God's Favorite" is a "serious" comedy, retelling the biblical story of Job in a contemporary setting. Reservations should be made as early as possible by calling the college at (248) 218-2149 or emailing the department at theatre@rc.edu. Ticket prices are \$8 for students, alumni, seniors and associates, and \$10 for adults. A special group rate of \$7 per person is available for groups of 10 or more with advance reservations. See the flyer on the café bulletin board for more information.

Bible Teacher's Workshop

The Walled Lake Church of Christ is hosting a Bible Teacher's Workshop on Saturday, April 18. The following topics will be offered:

Teaching the Bible through Geography, Teaching using Visuals, Teaching grades 4-6 with Songs and Games, Using "Blacklite" to Enhance Discussion and Research & Resources for Teaching Adults. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the first session begins at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:00 - 11:55 a.m. A brief devotional will take place at 2:00 p.m. with the day ending at 2:15 p.m. Come when you can and leave when you need to. There is no charge and lunch will be provided. No pre-registration is necessary, although a call to the church office would be appreciated the week prior to the workshop to give them a tentative number of those planning to attend. Contact the church at (248) 624-4600.



Justin Cooney

We are so happy that Justin Cooney is home on leave until this Wednesday. He will be leaving later this month to go to Afghanistan. Let's shower him with love and encouragement while he is with us this week.

New Deacons

We will soon be appointing new deacons. The following four men have been put up for your consideration. Please read I Timothy 3:8-13 as you consider these men and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the elders and discuss it with them.

- Ron Weiss - Benevolence
- Steve Kurschat - Grounds
- Terry McCarthy - Missions
- Jim Sornig - Teen Ministry

Teens

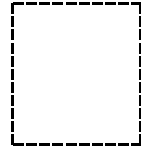
Adopt-A-Highway

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 18 for our workday to clean up a two mile stretch of M-24 from Coulter Road to Norway Lake Road. The Lapeer teens have adopted this area of the road to keep clean. More details coming soon....

7/10

We are still in need of chaperones for next Friday's "7/10". Please sign up on the teen bulletin board if you are available.

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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**

Marge Norton

Marge is undergoing tests and would appreciate our prayers.

Ashley Edgette

Continue to keep Ashley in your prayers as she recuperates from mono.

Larissa Barr

Larissa thanks God for all the changes occurring in her life and asks us to pray that her family will be encouraged and flourish in these changes.

Bobby Doman

Please pray for Bobby, the grandson of Helen Lekki. He is in the hospital with a staph infection as a result of a recent sports injury.

Chris White

Please pray for Chris, the 29 year old son of a friend of Larry Messenger, who has been diagnosed with cancer in his lower intestine. He is undergoing tests to determine what course of treatment is needed.

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), Rachel Pratt, 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

Adventures in Christian Living

Tuesday evening was the final session of Adventures in Christian Living. This was the Awards Banquet as the members completing the class received their certificates. What an exciting night as our members shared their progress during the nine week class. As each member shared the changes in their lives they were cheered and encouraged by their classmates. The members diligently listened to their CDs daily and practiced the weekly assignment and they reported immediate results. In nine weeks these special people changed their lives for the better. The bond between the classmates is heart-warming.

The class vote Margaret Feltner as the most improved. Marge and I are so encouraged and enthused by this class and their success. We thank Freda Wright who created and produced the special materials, Judy Slater and all who furnished treats, Erin Sherrill and Tim Bahan who ably assisted and Donna Kurschat and her family who prepared a feast for the banquet. Also, thank you to our guests who added excitement to our banquet.

Another ACL class is tentatively planned for this fall.

BOY DO WE FEEL GREAT!
Bob & Marge Norton

BIRTHDAYS

- Emily Boren April 11
- Ben Montgomery April 12
- Sonya Boren April 13

ANNIVERSARIES

- Frank & Linda Willyard . . . April 9

EVENTS

- Today Monthly Potluck & Egg Hunt
- April 18 Teens - Clean up on M-24
- April 19 ... Wedding Shower for Allison Garrett
- 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** Bob Norton