



# 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

Jim Sornig

Ron Weiss

## OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

## Statistics for August 16, 2009

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	63
Bible Class	n/a
11:00 a.m. Service	174
Total Worship	237
Evening Worship	32
Mid-week	89

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 147,459.21
Actual	\$ 4,289.47	\$ 140,438.98
Diff.	-\$ 467.27	-\$ 7,020.23
China Bibles		\$10.00
Other Restricted Income		\$10.00

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **all of our members who helped around the building after our flood on Sunday, August 9.** God has blessed us with people who are always willing to volunteer their help when needed and we appreciate all of you who helped in so many ways. We are very grateful!!

## ACL Class

Mark your calendars! There will be an information class on Tuesday, September 8 for a new *Adventures in Christian Living* class. The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from September 15<sup>th</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the café area if you are interested in taking the class. See Bob or Marge Norton for more information.

## Young at Heart

There will be a Young at Heart Picnic at Tim & Edie Bahan's next Saturday, August 29 at 2:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs.

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to J.W. Cox and Jim Cox and their families. Greg Cox, J.W.'s nephew (Jim's cousin), passed away last Tuesday. Greg had been suffering from Huntington's Disease, but passed away from cancer.

## Ride Needed

Watson and Aldena Burgess have moved to an assisted living facility in Davison. If you are available to pick them up for Sunday morning services, please contact Kent as soon as possible. Their address:

Sterling House of Davison  
432 E. Clark  
Davison, MI 48423  
Phone: (810) 834-2291

## Borrow

Jason and Amy Hook would like to borrow a roto-tiller that can be pulled behind a tractor. They only need to use it for one day. Please contact them at (989) 795-2368 if you have one available. Thank you!

# The Shepherd's Staff

Hebrews 13:17-18 *"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way."*

As your Shepherds we need your confidence and encouragement. If we are to be Godly Christian leaders we should make decisions that are best for the flock. At times some may not agree with those decisions but as an eldership we must try to make decisions that are in the best interest of all and that will further the cause of Christ in the Church and the community. We will always try to communicate our plans and intentions on major decisions. We will not continue to function under a two step decision making process, where we make a decision and then change it because some disagree. We sincerely apologize for allowing this two step policy to occur at times in the past.

We always desire your input. That is one of the reasons why we implemented Shepherds Care. Shepherds Care is a time during every service and Bible study that a posted elder is available for prayer concerns, questions, or anything you may have on your mind.

As it says in Hebrews 13:18 *"Pray for us, **your elders**. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way."*

Your Elders

## Thank You

*"A very special "thank you" to all the ladies who helped with the food preparation for the funeral dinner last Saturday. EVERYONE was so willing to help and many initiated wanting to be a part of supporting the Weiss family at this very sad time. Susan Bishop, Robin Dillard, and Erin Sherrill were instrumental in making the dinner a very special one through their willingness to set-up, serve, and clean-up at the dinner. It is so encouraging to be a part of a group of women who are always so ready to help and serve others even before they are asked."* Paula Garrett

## Card Party

This month's card party will be held at Phil and Robin Dillard's next Saturday, August 29 at 5:30 p.m.

## MDYC Tryouts

Auditions for the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus will be held at the Northeast Church of Christ in Eastpointe, MI on Saturday, Sept. 12. If you or someone you know may be interested, please call Karen Sorensen at (734) 546-2058 between August 24 and September 11 to schedule an appointment for an audition.

## Appreciation Potluck

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, September 13 at 12:00 p.m. to show our appreciation to Kent and Debi Hoggatt. The church will be supplying the meat for the meal and everyone is asked to bring salads, vegetables and desserts. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Dillard or Freda Wright.

### Parenting Class

*Growing Kids God's Way* is a parenting class designed for ages 18 months to 12 years of age. It is a 19 week class. This parenting class will be offered on Sundays from 8:30am to 10:45am. The class will begin on Sunday, September 13 and go to February 28, which will be our banquet.

We will not be having classes on September 27, November 8, and November 29, (Thanksgiving weekend) and December 27 or January 3, (Holidays).

The cost of the workbooks is \$21.00 each, which can be paid out. Each parent will need their own workbook. The classes will be held in the church library.

Any questions or to sign up for the information class, please talk to Jerry or Rita Brackney or call Jerry at 810-441-7575 or Rita at 810-542-0205. The information class will be on Sunday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the church library.

### VBS Wrap Up Meeting

Everyone is invited to join us for a VBS meeting on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 9:45 a.m. in one of the classrooms behind the auditorium. This is open to anyone who wants to share positive or negative comments about our VBS, and to also share new ideas for next year.

### Baptism

We rejoice that **Christy Schafer**, the daughter of Sharon Schafer, was baptized into Christ last Wednesday afternoon by Kent Hoggatt. *May God bless you, Christy, as you begin a new life in Christ!*

### Teachers Needed

We need the following teachers for the Fall quarter, beginning Wed., Sept. 2 (Sun. Sept.6.)

#### Sunday -

- 2 year old class
- 5 year old/Kindergarten class
- 3rd/4th grade

#### Wednesday -

- 3 & 4 year old class
- 5 year old/Kindergarten class
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class

Please contact Don Jamison if you are available to teach.

### Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes

We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 30 at 12:30 p.m. Please sign the sheet (posted by drinking fountain) if you plan to attend. If you have been involved with Lads or Leaderettes in the past, we would like your input on getting started and running. We will be looking for teachers to help lead our young people and ideas on how to have a successful program. Contact Bruce Nettles with any questions.

### Worship Coordinator

We are happy to announce that Chase Pratt has agreed to function as our worship coordinator through the end of the year. He will continue to keep the youth ministry as his primary task but will also be working closely with our elders in worship planning. We ask all worship leaders to help Chase in this new assignment. As questions arise please communicate with Chase or one of the elders. - The Elders

### Attention Ladies!

**New Class** - Erin Sherrill will be teaching a ladies class on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 16. The class will be studying from the book "A Woman After God's Own Heart" by Elizabeth George. Please sign up on the ladies bulletin board if you are interested in attending the class and indicate if you have a copy of the book. If you don't, a copy will be provided for you at the first class. Contact Erin with any questions.

**This week**- ladies, you are invited to a special class in the fellowship hall THIS Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Sharon Schafer has invited a friend to introduce us to "Ten Herbs from the Bible." Invite your friends!

**Yahoo! Group** - if you would like to be a part of our ladies Yahoo! group and receive prayer requests, inspirational emails, get to know one another better, etc. please contact **S h e l l y W i n d s o r** at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LCo fCLadies/>

### College Students

Please be sure to email the church office or write down your address for Freda so we can have it on file.

# Teens

#### Soup Kitchen

The teens are hosting the soup kitchen THIS Wednesday. Please join us - we need your help!

#### Guys' Night Out

Gentlemen, your attention please. We will be having a Guys' Night Out at the church building NEXT Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be an all-night celebration of video games, guy movies, food cooked by flame, and all things masculine except male pattern baldness (no offense, Jim). Talk to Chase today if you have questions.

#### Girl's Night In (as written by Rachel Pratt)

That's right ladies - this is Rachel, not Chase. Betsy and I thought that if the boys can have a night out, then we can have a night in. This will take place NEXT Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> after the football game at Lapeer East. It will be at my place because I've kicked Chase out for the night. Get ready for a fun night of watching chick flicks, playing awesome games, eating yummy fondue, and having a devotional that's strong enough for a man but pH balanced for a woman. Contact me if you have any questions.

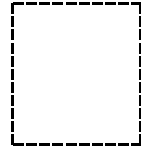
#### Teen-led Worship

The teen boys will be leading the worship service next Sunday. Guys - talk to Jim about what you can do to help.

#### Theatre With a Lasting Impression

On Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> our church will be welcoming Christian actor Curt Cloninger. Curt travels all over the country performing for churches and organizations with his shows that present a fresh side of Jesus through both humor and moving drama. Curt has agreed to take a large pay cut in order to perform for us, and we are lucky to have him. We hope you will all be here and invite a friend or two. It should be a fun night.

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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 . . . . . Ladies

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 . . . . . Jim Sornig / Committee

World Bible School . . . . . Brian Crowley

Young at Heart . . . . . Jerry Brackney

**Weekly Prayer List**

**Niki Kirkpatrick**

Niki continues to suffer from pain in her neck and her dog passed away recently, which has been difficult for her. Please keep her in your prayers and let us all be an encouragement to her.

**Watson & Aldena Burgess**

Watson and Aldena are now in an assisted living residence in Davison. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

**Margaret Whitsett**

Margaret is now home from the hospital. Continue to keep her in your prayers as she recuperates from pneumonia.

**Ed Sornig**

Ed, the father of Jim, has four infections in the area around the leg he had amputated recently. He underwent two surgeries last week and is expected to remain in St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac for a couple more weeks. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

**Judy Messenger**

Judy, the sister in law of Larry Messenger, had knee surgery for the second time recently. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

**John Cappell**

Please pray for John, the son-in-law of Bonnie Elrod, who underwent brain surgery. He is now home from the hospital and will begin radiation treatments this week.

**Don Davies**

Don has been in Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc with pneumonia in both lungs. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Louie Fisher**

Bob Garrett asks us to pray for his friend Louie in California, who underwent a procedure on his heart.

**Norton Family**

Please pray for Bob & Kathy Norton and their family as they move to Milwaukee. They are traveling there today and are still looking for a home. We pray that they will be settled as soon as possible, especially before the children start school. Keep Bob and Marge in your prayers too, as we know this is a difficult time for them.

**Kathleen Torres**

Please pray for Kathleen, the 34 year old cousin of Katy Weiss, who recently found out she has ovarian cancer. She had surgery to have it removed and will undergo chemotherapy treatments. Kathleen lives in Naperville, Illinois.

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

**The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers:** Rachel Tanis, Misty Hoggatt, Jeanette (Seth) Anderson and Christine Brackney.

**Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement**

Stefan Sauter, Frieda Lock, Janice Brannon, Marge Norton, Sharon White, Lisa & Nelson Greenier & triplets, Emit & Loreina Adkins, Don Haddix, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Yvonne Ogar, Sherrie White's parents, Margaret Whitsett, Sue Johnson, The Hall & Raper Families, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.

**Those Who Lost Loved Ones Recently**

Jason Hook, Warren Edwards, Cheryl Booth, Mike & Tina Dinnan, Niki Kirkpatrick, Sara & Kevin Nelms, Bruce Nettles, Geneva Breezee, Penny Crowley, Rich Overton, Ruthann Cox, the Weiss family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving**

Margaret Whitsett is home from the hospital. Thankful for those willing to help with the funeral dinner for the Weiss family recently.



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
- Curtis McCoy
- Stephen Kang
- Jim Lish
- Jeff Farwell
- Bill Rogers
- Tim Smith
- Allan Moor
- Jeff Sparks
- Mark Terry
- Brian Wood
- Darren Whatling
- Will Bartlett
- 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
- Aaron Jamison
- Damian Salmond

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Brianna Booth . . . . . August 26
- Jeff Bishop . . . . . August 27
- Megan Swain . . . . . August 28
- Loreina Adkins . . . . . August 30

**ANNIVERSARIES**

None

***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. . . . . Jack Slater
- Wednesday** . . . . . Bob Norton