



# 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

### 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 December 6, 2009

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	50
Bible Class	143
11:00 a.m. Service	149
Total Worship	199
Evening Worship	62
Mid-week	68

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 223,567.05
Actual	\$ 4,316.99	\$ 218,202.28
Diff.	-\$ 439.75	\$ 5,364.77
China Bibles		\$20.00
Other Restricted Income		\$0.00

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### Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Edie Bahan**. Edie made the beautiful valances for our newly remodeled fellowship hall. She did a great job making them, despite the pain from her arthritis, and she and her husband Tim worked last Monday to put them up. *Thank you so much Edie for putting the finishing touch to our fellowship hall! It looks great!!*

### Television Show

The Church of Christ weekly television show *"In Search of the Lords' Way"* can currently be seen on the following channels:

DirecTV - Sunday, 7:30 a.m.  
Channel 364

Dish TV - Sunday, 7:30 a.m.  
Channel 259

### Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Tammy Porter**, whose father Lloyd Murphy, passed away last Wednesday in Atlanta, Michigan. Tammy has been visiting regularly with us for several months and we need to surround her with our love and encouragement. Her address:

1442 W. Ridgeview Dr.  
Lapeer, MI 48446

Also, **Terry McCarthy's** uncle Gene passed away in Sparta, Tennessee last Thursday. Terry's mother, Louise, traveled to Tennessee for the funeral and she is not in good health. Please keep her in your prayers, as well as the rest of the family during this time of grief.

### Baptism

We rejoice that **Doug Czerniakowski** was baptized on Friday, December 4. *We're so happy for you Doug and the decision you have made to become a child of God!*

## The Shepherd's Staff

### *LetsSayThanks.com*

As Christmas approaches we look for the right gifts to show our love to others. Christ is mentioned frequently, especially as Christians want Christ in Christmas, not Happy Holidays. We often donate so others will have something for Christmas and sharing makes us feel good about ourselves. When we pause to think how richly God has blessed each of us, and then think of the vast numbers of those who have so little in comparison, we should be thankful for our blessings and verbalize that to God.

We live in a free and abundant society in America and that is not free. Many have paid the price for our freedom and are paying now as we read this. Our military men and women would love to be home celebrating Christmas with their families and friends. Instead they have chosen to serve as protectors of our freedom and the freedom of the inhabitants of the land they are serving in.

Xerox is providing a wonderful service to our military personnel. They have a website -- [www.LetsSayThanks.com](http://www.LetsSayThanks.com). When you go to that site you can select a card and a message which they will send to a military person expressing your thanks for their service. Each of your family members could forward a card and that would make for great dinner conversation.

The elders and their families wish you a joy filled Christmas season as you express and experience love for each other.

Bob and Marge Norton

### New Pictorial Directory

We are beginning work on a new pictorial directory and ask that each family submit an updated family picture to the office. Please email a picture to the church office or put it on a CD and place it in Freda's mailbox in the office.

You can also put a picture in Freda's mailbox and we will scan it. Please note whether you'd like it returned after we scan it, otherwise, we would like to keep it for our files.

If you prefer to have your picture taken, we have posted a sign up sheet on the café bulletin board for an appointment to have your picture taken, either before or after Bible class on Sunday mornings through December 20. Debra Slocum will be taking the pictures for us, but you must sign up for a designated time so she knows how many to be prepared for. Thank you!

### Minister Candidate

The minister candidate we had scheduled to come here at the beginning of January has accepted a job at another congregation. Stay tuned for a date when we will be scheduling another candidate to come speak to us.

### Duplex For Rent

Jim and Linda Verbison have a one-bedroom duplex in the Rochester area for rent. Rent is \$550/month and the Verbison's which includes the water bill. All appliances, including a washer and dryer are included. Parking is right behind the unit. Please contact them if you or someone you know may be interested in renting.

### Lapeer Blood Drives

Tuesday, December 29  
Lapeer Regional Medical Center  
11:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

### Food Needed

We need members to sign up for a dish of food you can prepare for our Soup Kitchen for December 30. Please sign up on the refrigerator in the kitchen for the item you'd like to bring. The items can be brought at any time during the day on Dec. 30.

### Ladies

Rita Brackney will be spending the next few weeks in Tennessee to help Mark and Christine after the birth of their new baby. In her absence, Tammy Edwards will be selling Rita's famous hand cream. Be sure to see Tammy today if you'd like to order some for yourself or for Christmas gifts!

### Journey to Bethlehem

Tonight is the final night for MCYC's 2nd Annual "Journey to Bethlehem" It will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Experience a hay ride through the life of Jesus Christ. Come join the fun and share a memory that will build your faith.

### Car Needed

John Dyer's brother is in need of a car to help him get back and forth to his college classes. If you have a car you'd like to donate, please contact Jerry Brackney as soon as possible..

<b>Schedule of Speakers</b>
<u>Today:</u> This morning - Jeff Booth Tonight - Ron Weiss
<u>Next Sunday:</u> a.m. - Steve July

<b>Shepherd's Care</b>
<b>This Weeks Schedule</b>
<u>Today:</u> 8:30 a.m. . . . . Jack Slater Bible Class Jerry Brackney 11:00 a.m . . . . Bob Norton 6:00 p.m . . . . Bob Norton
<u>Wed.</u> . . . . . Jack Slater

# Teens

### Christmas Jug

We have started collecting money in our annual Christmas Jug in the teen room. All money collected will be used to buy Christmas presents for families who could use an extra blessing this Christmas. It doesn't take much to do a whole lot of good. **NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR FINAL WEEK OF COLLECTION!!**

### 7-10

Join us in the teen room next Friday, December 18 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. We'll be playing video games, board games, cards, and having pizza!! Eric and Tammy Edwards will be chaperoning. Invite your friends!! **Parents - we need chaperones!! Please sign up as soon as possible if you are available.**

### All Night Bowling

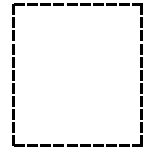
Parents - if you are interested in coordinating an all-night bowling event for our teens, please contact Chase Pratt as soon as possible. This is always a fun event for our teens and chaperones!

### Holiday Lunch

Jim and Betsy Sornig would like to spread some holiday cheer and are offering to take the youth group out to lunch again this year. Next Sunday, December 20th, all teens are invited to lunch at the Blind Fish restaurant after morning services. This is an event for our group members and last year's graduates only. Please do not bring outside friends.



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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 .....  
Bruce & Robin Nettles

Library ..... Tina Dinnan

Marriage and Family ..... Jerry & Rita Brackney

Missions ..... Terry McCarthy

Nursery .....

Office ..... Freda Wright

Preaching and Teaching .....

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**

**Jamesa McCarthy**

Jamesa had a procedure last Tuesday to try to remove a kidney stone but the procedure was not successful. Doctors will attempt to remove the kidney stone again this week. Please keep her in your prayers that the procedure will work and she will be feeling better soon.

**Carol**

Brian and Penny Crowley ask us to pray for a friend, Carol, who will begin chemotherapy treatments next week for cancer.

**Wynter Shilling**

Please pray for Wynter, a friend of Lauren Weiss, who is scheduled for surgery to have steel rods placed in his back.

**John Warner**

Don and Marcie Anderson ask us to pray for John, a 16-year old friend who received word last week that his cancer has returned and is also now in his bone. He will be undergoing treatments at U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Lloyd Running**

Ethel Sawgle's brother, had artery surgery on his neck last Tuesday. We pray that the surgery was successful and that he will recuperate quickly.

**Chuck White**

Please keep Chuck, Art White's cousin, in your prayers. His wife passed away last week and his brother passed away last month.

**Vickie Jones**

Please pray for Kim Thompson's sister Vickie and her husband, as they are having extreme difficulties dealing with his mother who has Alzheimer's.

**April & Her Daughter**

Kim Thompson's niece, April, is expecting. Merissa, her daughter who had shaken baby syndrome, is in the hospital with dehydration. Please keep them both in your prayers.

**Lori Caudill**

Please pray for Kim Thompson's friend, Lori, who will be having surgery this Wednesday to have cancerous tissue removed from her thyroid.

**Dale DeVerney**

Please keep Dale, the minister of the Rogers City congregation in your prayers. He underwent angioplasty surgery last week after suffering from heart problems.

**Dan and Mary Luxton**

Please pray for Dan Luxton, the brother-in-law of Bill and Carol Speirs. He has suffered a stroke. Also keep his wife Mary in your prayers as she cares for him.

**The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers:** Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks, Stacy (Eddings) Stach, Rachael Craig (triplets), Jeanette (Seth) Anderson and April (Kim Thompson's niece).

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



**Please pray for our leaders and the men and women in the armed forces, especially those listed below who are family/loved ones of our members:**

- Chip Atkinson
- Jeff Sparks
- Darren Whatling
- Justin Cooney
- Brad Willett
- Niles Czekiel
- Matt Messenger
- David Wells
- Aaron Jamison
- Iain & Robert Lee
- Scott Haddix
- Andrew Plumb
- Mike Dix
- Will Bartlett
- Bill Rogers
- Mike Overby

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Jim Hueter . . . . . Dec 19
- Amy Hook . . . . . Dec 20
- Sara Nelms . . . . . Dec 21

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Jim & Sharon Hueter . . Dec 16
- Odes and Judy Church . Dec 19
- Dennis & Donna Carter Dec 21

**Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement**

James Thompson, Aldena Burgess, Stefan Sauter, Rich Overton, Ed Sornig, Don Tivy, Frieda Lock, Margaret Whitsett, Marge Norton, Sharon White, Don Haddix, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Sherrie White's parents, Janice Brannon, Sue Johnson, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.

**Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones**

Sharon Hueter, Ruth Kegerreis and Aldena Burgess.

**Praise and Thanksgiving**

Doug Czerniakowski was baptized last weekend!

**Continue to pray daily for our minister search**