



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 13, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	55
Bible Class	117
11:00 a.m. Service	111
Total Worship	166
Evening Worship	48
Mid-week	n/a

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 228,323.79
Actual	\$ 3,429.76	\$ 221,632.04
Diff.	-\$ 1,326.98	\$ 6,691.75
China Bibles		\$25.00
Other Restricted Income		\$120.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Susan Bishop and crew**. Susan worked countless hours to help with Michigan Christian Youth Camp's "Journey to Bethlehem." She did a great job organizing and carrying-out this fantastic program. She also had help from many of our members who served as actors, worked on props, etc. *Thank you Susan and all your helpers for making it such a special weekend for people to learn about Christ!*

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

New Pictorial Directory

Today is the final day to have your individual or family picture taken for our directory. Debra Slocum will be taking pictures near the coat room area before and after Bible class. You can also email a picture of you and/or your family or give one to Freda. We will start organizing the new directory after the beginning of the year, so please get your picture to us as soon as possible. Thank you!

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.

The Shepherd's Staff

Encouragement Time

"He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

I Thessalonians 5:10-11

The elders always strive for us all to build up and encourage each other in the congregation and in doing so, would like to give the opportunity for you to share how God has worked or is working in your life. We feel that there are a lot of inspiring and uplifting stories of God's work among us that need to be shared. We feel that by sharing them, we can draw closer to each other and be uplifted.

We encourage you to publicly share your story on a Sunday morning during both worship services. We want to know how God has worked in your life or has answered your prayers or the prayers of others on your behalf.

To participate, please see one of the elders for him to review what you have written and to schedule a time for it to be read. We encourage you to read it yourself, or if you prefer, one of the elders can read it for you. Ladies, we encourage you to participate by writing your story and giving it to one of the elders to read publicly, or have another man (your husband or a male member) read it for you.

The elders wish each and every one of you a blessed holiday season!

The Elders

Lapeer Blood Drive

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

Soup Kitchen Food

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 it any time during the day on Dec. 30.

Ladies

Rita Brackney will be in Tennessee this week 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!

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.

Schedule of Speakers

Today:
 This morning - Steve July
 Tonight - Jim Sornig
Next Sunday:
 a.m. - Don Jamison

Love INC Update

During the month of November, Love INC received 1,023 calls and were able to assist 828 adults and 769 children. Please continue to pray for this organization and the work they are doing in our community.

Benevolence

The Weiss' are away on vacation and during their absence they ask that if you have a benevolent need or know of someone with a benevolent need, please contact Bob or Paula Garrett. Thank you!

Card Party

There will be a card party for all adults on New Year's Eve at Larry and Brenda Messenger's, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share. Meat will be provided. All adults in the congregation are welcome. If you don't play cards, it doesn't matter, come and enjoy the food and fellowship with us!

Birth

Congratulations to Jerry and Rita Brackney who are grandparents again! Their son Mark and his wife Christine welcomed **Luke Christian Brackney** last Friday, December 11. He weighed 9 lb. 1 oz. and was 22" long. Mom and baby are doing fine.

Sympathy

Freddie Wheeler, the mother of former member Barry Wheeler, passed away last week. Barry's parents lived close to him in Missouri. In recent months Barry has also lost his only brother and now his mother. A couple of years ago around Thanksgiving, Barry and Lynette lost their daughter Lauren in a tragic auto accident. Please keep the Wheeler family in your prayers. Their address:
 713 N. Ward St.
 Stockton, MO 65785-8508

Men of the Congregation

We encourage all the men in the congregation to fill out the Sunday Worship Participation Survey insert in today's bulletin. Please give the completed form to Chase Pratt or place in the white box located on the table in the lobby.

New Year's Eve Party

Michigan Christian Youth Camp will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party from 8:00 p.m. - midnight. There will be snacks, games, movies, video games, and a special devotional. Cost: **FREE!** All families are encouraged to attend and spend time in fun and fellowship with others.

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule

Today:
 8:30 a.m. Jack Slater
 Bible Class . . . Jack Slater
 11:00 a.m . . . Bob Norton
 6:00 p.m Dave Wright
Wed. Dave Wright

Teens

Christmas Jug

Today is the final day to deposit 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.

Soup Kitchen

The teens will be hosting the soup kitchen on Wednesday, December 30th. Please try to arrive by 4:00 if you are planning on helping. Also, check the sign-up sheet in the kitchen to volunteer to bring in food items for our teen soup kitchen days every month.

Parents' Meeting

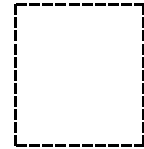
We will be having a meeting for all parents of teens after 2nd service on Sunday, January 10th. Among the topics of discussion will be events we would like to see happen in 2010 and the announcement of the location of this year's mission trip. Lunch will be provided.

Burger King Office Hours Change

Until the end of the year, there will be a change to the time of Burger King office hours. Chase will still be at the Burger King in Lapeer every Thursday, but the time frame will be shortened to 3:30 to 5:00. Everything else is the same. We will just be ending earlier.



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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 will have a procedure this Wednesday to remove a kidney stone. Please keep her in your prayers that the procedure will work and she will be feeling better soon.

Stefan Sauter

Please keep Stefan, the boyfriend of Rebecca Wright in your prayers. He is scheduled to have surgery this Wednesday in Germany to have a portion of his skull replaced, which occurred as a result of a severe head injury in an accident last July. He is doing very well and doctors are hoping that once the surgery is completed, he will continue to excel in his recovery.

Carol

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

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.

Sarah Frank

Please keep Sarah, the mother of Don and Marcie Anderson's daughter-in-law (Jeannette) in your prayers. Sarah has a spot on her lung and is undergoing tests.

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 was scheduled to have surgery today to have cancerous tissue removed from her thyroid.

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: 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

Continue to pray daily for our minister search

BIRTHDAYS

- Bonnie Elrod Dec 21
- Margaret Whitsett Dec 25
- Jim Woodard Dec 25
- Phil Dillard Dec 27
- Kendall Whitsett Dec 28

ANNIVERSARIES

- Lyle & Diane Danforth . . Dec 25
- Doug & Kim Czerniakowski Dec 28

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, Aldena Burgess and Tammy Porter.

Praise and Thanksgiving

We are thankful for the many blessings we receive, especially for our Lord, Jesus Christ!