



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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2008 Scripture Theme

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

Romans 12:11

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 January 4, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	39
Bible Class	130
11:00 a.m. Service	143
Total Worship	182
Evening Worship	74
Mid-week	95

Finances

Weekly Year-to-date

Budget	\$ 4,756.77	\$ 4,756.77
Actual	\$ 5,510.44	\$ 5,510.44
Diff.	+\$ 753.67	+\$ 753.67
Additional Restricted Income		.. \$1,400.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Jack Slater and crew** who are working hard to make our new "café" area available for us to use. This is a great area for our members to fellowship, especially on Sunday mornings and we encourage you to sit down, have a cup of coffee and donut, and spend time getting to know your brothers and sisters in Christ. *Thank you Jack, and to all those who helped to make this possible for us!*

FHU Chorus

The Freed-Hardeman Chorus (featuring our own Aaron Jamison) will be here in concert this evening. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for an abbreviated worship service, followed by the concert.

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart will be having a game night and Hawaiian Luau on Friday, January 30, 2009. Dress Hawaiian if you have any of the Hawaiian attire! This will be held at the church building from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come and have a fun-filled evening with us. The sign up list is posted on the bulletin board.

Adventures! In Christian Living

January 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. there will be an informational meeting regarding the upcoming ACL class. This will be less than two hours and will be an exciting time. Please set aside this date, this could very well change your life as it has for so many others. Alumni members are encouraged to come and share their experiences as alumni and consider retaking the class. See Bob or Marge Norton with any questions.

Thank You

"We would like to say thank you to the person who gave us gifts for Christmas. We really appreciated them." Etta Hubbard and Pat Cox

The Shepherd's Staff

As we start into a new year of service to the Lord, we should take time to evaluate our lives to see how we can improve our personal relationship with God.

This is also a good time to consider how we can make our worship time together more uplifting for ourselves and the others worshipping with us. The main reason for us coming together to worship God is to uplift one another and build up our relationship with God and one another. I think sometimes we get too comfortable with "church" and we forget why we are here. I know I am guilty of this. I find myself thinking about things I need to do or people I need to talk to when I should be focused on God.

As a congregation, we need to make a point to enter our worship service to God prepared to sing out when it is time, listen intently when the lesson is being taught and listening closely when we are praying. We can't expect to come away uplifted and strengthened if we spend our time together writing notes to one another, talking to the person next to us or unnecessarily going in and out of the service. Not only will we not grow from the service but we may distract others and cause them to lose focus.

Our God gave us his Son and I believe we should be able to give Him our undivided attention and our strength and emotion in our song service to Him.

Let's make 2009 the year we make our worship service more reverent to God and more uplifting to those we worship with.

Dave Wright
For the Elders

Camp Applications

Staff employment and volunteer applications for 2009 Summer Camp are available. They can be found in the wall boxes located outside the teen room. Jobs available: counselor, Staff Life Director, Waterfront Director, lifeguard, kitchen staff, crafts assistants, outdoor crew, Recreational Director and assistants, wrangler and media technician. More information can also be found at www.mcy.org.

Drop Box

If you have any communication for Freda, would like to give someone a private note, need to give your contribution or make a payment for an event, a locked drop box has been placed just inside the door of the main office for your convenience. It will be checked on Monday and Thursday each week.

MDYC Concert

We will be blessed to have the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus perform at our congregation next Sunday evening. **(Our evening service will begin at 5:30 p.m.)** We will be providing a meal for them that afternoon. Please sign up for the items you would be able to help prepare. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board next to the entrance of the educational wing. Please see Judy Goodin or Jamesa McCarthy if you have any questions.

Baptism

We rejoice that **Jeffrey Smith** was baptized last Sunday evening, January 4, by Ron Weiss. Jeffrey is the son of Michelle Smith and has been studying with Ron and his son, Noah. *May God bless you Jeffrey, as you begin your new life in Him!*

2008 Contribution Records

For those of you who gave your offerings in contribution envelopes, your statements of contribution are ready. They are in envelopes on the table in the foyer. The envelopes will have your social security number or name. If your envelope is not there, contact the church office. For anyone who needs a written contribution statement from the church but did not use the envelope system, bring in your cancelled checks along with your social security number and give it to Jerry Brackney. He will add up your checks and give you a signed statement for the total contribution.

2009 Contribution Records

If anyone wants to give by social security and/or contribution envelope and have a statement provided by the church at the end of the year, please use the blank envelopes on the table in the lobby. Please put on the outside of the envelope your social security number or name, the date and the amount inside the envelope. Please note: the church does not keep track of individual checks given, only those given in our contribution envelopes. Thank you for giving to the Glory of God!

Books and Tapes Needed

Jenny Diehl is putting together a box of Christian books, materials, CD's, tapes, inspirational music, etc. to send to her former German foreign exchange student who is now living in the Netherlands. If you have any that you no longer need and would be willing to donate, please contact Jenny as soon as possible so she can get the box prepared for shipping very soon. This will be a great encouragement to this girl who has no family or friends who are members of the church. Also, if you know if a Church of Christ in southern Holland or northern France or Belgium, please contact Jenny right away at (810) 245-3794. Thank you!

Love, In the Name of Christ Update

At the Board of Directors meeting of Love, INC, we received the number of calls and number of adults and children helped during 2008. In 2007, we had around 4000 phone calls for help. In 2008, we had over 8,000 phone calls for help.

The 8,000 phone calls represented helping around 7,000 adults and 6,000 children. The clients were referred to Love, INC by various churches, individuals, the newspaper and agencies. In turn, Love, INC documents the needs and then finds churches and agencies to meet the needs. Needs met included food, clothes, utilities, rent, medical, housing, parenting classes, budgeting classes, cooking classes, and spiritual needs.

If you have been helping with the Lapeer Church of Christ Land Fund payments that are now paid off, please consider switching your monthly gift to Love, INC. We have to increase the hours of our two part time employees to keep up with the demand of helping people in need. If you did not participate in the Land Fund, please help Love, INC, a non-profit 501C3 registered agency.

Because our part time paid staff is over-whelmed, Love, INC is also asking for volunteers to help us in the following areas:

- Property Support Volunteer
- Office Support Volunteer
- Intake Support Volunteer

Jerry Brackney has job descriptions available for each of these positions. You set the hours you can work that best suits you. Training will be provided. Please consider volunteering a few hours a week or month. You will be blessed and will be blessing those in need.

Missing

Youth Bible Hour is missing a large notepad with the words to their songs. If you have seen it or borrowed it, please contact Susan Bishop as soon as possible. Thank you!

Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower for Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks this Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. Peggy is registered at Walmart, Kohl's and Bed, Bath & Beyond. We would like to request gift cards and/or non-breakable items, as Peggy will be returning home to California with the gifts. Also, everyone is asked to bring their favorite recipes with them (especially a main dish.) We plan to use them in an activity that evening. Please contact Paula Garrett or Kathy Dillard if you would like to help with the shower.

Teen Committee

We are in need of four new members for our teen committee. If anyone in the congregation has an interest in serving on the committee, please contact one of the elders no later than next Sunday, January 18. A list of what is expected of the committee members is posted on the teen bulletin board outside the teen room.

TEENS

Eastern Michigan Food Bank

Join us NEXT Saturday for a trip to the Eastern Michigan Food Bank in Flint from 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. BE SURE TO SIGN UP ON THE TEEN BULLETIN BOARD TODAY IF YOU PLAN TO GO WITH US (we will also need adult chaperones.) We will be helping by stocking shelves, cleaning, etc. (This is a great community service project for those who need points for school.) We will be meeting at the building at 8:30 a.m. and will be returning around 12:30 p.m. Our congregation will earn money toward food at the food bank for every person who works, so it's important we have as many there as possible so we can stock up our shelves for our soup kitchen and benevolence ministries.

Parents Meeting

There will be an important meeting for the parents of teens on Sunday, February 8 at 12:00 noon.

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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
World Bible School Brian Crowley
Young at Heart Jerry Brackney

**Prayer List
and those who need
encouragement**

Dave Kirkpatrick

Dave has been suffering seizures and underwent tests last Tuesday to determine if doctors need to change his medication or if there is anything else they need to do to stop them.

Heather Briggs

Please pray for Heather as she prepares to move to Huntington Beach, California this Thursday. Pray for safe travel and that God will guide her decisions.

Earl Hall

Please keep Dennis' father in your prayers as he deals with shingles.

Larry Pollet and Jeff Farley

Judy Church asks us to pray for Larry Pollet, the father of her son-in-law who is suffering from lung cancer; and also her nephew Jeff, who has back problems.

Anita Reese

Rich Overton's sister asks us to pray for her friend, Anita, who has a rare type of cancer. She recently completed cancer treatments and is hoping that her body has responded so no further treatment is necessary.

Geneva Breezee's Father

Geneva's 82 year old father has been diagnosed with cancer and just completed his first round of treatments. Doctors are now trying to determine what the next step will be. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

Remember those who are looking for work: Carol Speirs, Steve Borst, Sandy Duckworth, Deborah Gale, Jennifer Herron, Michelle Smith, and Kris Pratt.

Remember those who need to continually be in our prayers: Sherrie White's parents, Virginia Edwards, Margaret Whitsett, Sue Johnson, Janice Brannon, Rich Overton, The Hall & Raper Family, The Kirkpatrick/Nelms families, Cyndi Pratt, Todd & Angie Meyer (house to sell), Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Marlow Herron, Betty Piacentini, Mamie Gentry.



Please pray for **our leaders and the men and women in the armed forces.**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome to you!



Welcome!

We hope our worship is meaningful and inspirational to you.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about us, we encourage you to ask any of our members and we will be glad to help you. You can also speak to our minister today or contact him at the church office any time during the week.

Please come back and visit with us again soon!!

BIRTHDAYS

Rich Sparks Jan 14
 Gubby Cox Jan 14
 Ron Hueter Jan 14
 Prissilla Lewis Jan 16
 Don Haddix Jan 17
 Sharon Schafer Jan 17
 Heather Briggs Jan 18
 Brian Skelly Jan 20

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeff & Susan Bishop Jan 16
 Don & Shirley Haddix . . . Jan 19

EVENTS

Jan 11 Breakfast for congregation provided by teens 8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
 FHU Chorus concert 6 p.m.
 Jan 15 Wedding Shower for Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks
 Jan 17 Teens - Work at Eastern MI Food Bank 9am-12 noon
 Jan 18 MDYC Chorus concert 6 p.m.
 Jan 29 ACL Introduction Class
 Jan 30 Young at Heart Luau & Game Night 5-8:00 p.m.

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule:

Today:
 8:30 a.m. Jerry Brackney
 Bible Class Dave Wright
 11:00 a.m. Jack Slater
 6:00 p.m. Dave Wright
Wednesday Dave Wright