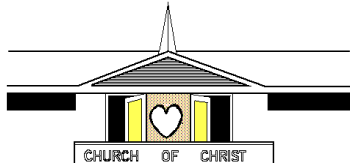


January 4, 2009



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 December 28, 2008

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	26
Bible Class	n/a
11:00 a.m. Service	n/a
Total Worship	n/a
Evening Worship	43
Mid-week	n/a

Finances

Weekly Year-to-date

Budget	\$ 4,751.05	\$242,303.55
Actual	\$ 3,249.05	\$233,366.83
Diff.	-\$ 1,502.00	-\$ 8,936.72
Land Pledges		\$70.00
Other Restricted Income		\$0.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Bob Norton and Ron Weiss**. Bob filled in for Kent last Sunday morning and presented a lesson on "Don't Let Anyone Take Your Blessings Away." Ron Weiss filled in for Kent Sunday evening and talked to us about what it means to have Jesus as our "Great Physician." *We thank you both, Bob and Ron for sharing your thoughts with us and filling in for Kent. You both did a great job!*

FHU Chorus

The Freed-Hardeman Chorus (featuring our own Aaron Jamison) will be here in concert next Sunday evening, January 11.

A Special Invitation

Everyone is invited to join us for breakfast NEXT Sunday, January 11 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. A delicious breakfast will be prepared by Jeff Booth and crew and will be served by our teens as a special gift to you! We encourage you to invite your family and friends to join us!

Ladies

Ladies, the 2009 lists for help needed for various works are posted on the Ladies bulletin board. Please look over the lists and sign up for the items you would like to help with.

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.

The Shepherd's Staff

What Does the Near Year Hold?

Man has always wanted to know the future. Many claims are made, various methods have been tried. Failure, however, is the result.

Adolf Hitler predicted that his Third Reich would last 1,000 years. He was off by 988. George Custer forecasted that there would be only 300 Indians over the hill. He missed by 2800%. The captain of the Titanic, Edward J. Smith, predicted that his ship would never sink. He was almost right. It only sank once. Thomas Malthus predicted that the population of the world was growing so fast that we'd all drive each other crazy by the end of the nineteenth century. He was wrong. It didn't happen until last year!

The only accurate source of information about the future is God. He tells us some things that are to come that we need to know. However, some things will be unknown until the end. God's Word will stand the test of time. *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away."* Luke 21:33

Decide today to dedicate yourself to learning about the certainty of events of the future. Believe what we are told in the Bible and trust God for the rest.

Kent Hoggatt
For the Elders

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.

MDYC Concert

We will be blessed to have the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus perform at our congregation Sunday evening, January 18. We will be providing a meal for them that afternoon and need your help! 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.

Phone Number Change

Please make the following change in your directory page or pick up a label from the directory bulletin board:

Jim & Linda Verbison
(810) 678-2176

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! The sign up list is posted on the bulletin board. This will be held at the church building from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come and have a fun-filled evening with us.

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, friends, etc. 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!

Baptism

We rejoice that **Noah Weiss** was baptized last Sunday evening, December 28, by his dad, Ron. May God bless you Noah, as you begin your life anew in Him!

Workshop

The Church of Christ Care Center is hosting a seminar on Tuesday, January 13 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The topic for the seminar is "Maintain Your Brain" presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Call 1-800-272-3900 for more information or to make your reservation.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Upcoming Blood Drives for the Lapeer area:

Monday, January 5

Calvary Bible Church
10:00 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 7

Lapeer West High School Library
12:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13

Trinity United Methodist Church
1:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Job Opportunity

Valley Christian Academy is seeking a teacher for the 1st/2nd grade class beginning second semester (begins January 20, 2009.) For more information please contact Sam Pace at the school office - (810) 742-4500.

Snowbirds

Bob & Lora Jones have left to spend the winter months in Texas. Their address:

401 W. Lincoln St.
Inverness Condos Unit 114
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Christian College Choral Festival

You are invited to attend this wonderful event at the Rochester Church of Christ next Saturday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. This is a great opportunity to hear over 300 singers from Crowley's Ridge College (Paragould, AR), Faulkner University (Montgomery, AL), Fred-Hardeman University (Henderson, TN), Harding University (Searcy, AR), Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN), Ohio Valley University (Vienna, WV) and Rochester College (Rochester, MI). Guest conductor is Dr. Jonathan Reed. All choruses will perform individually as well as together.

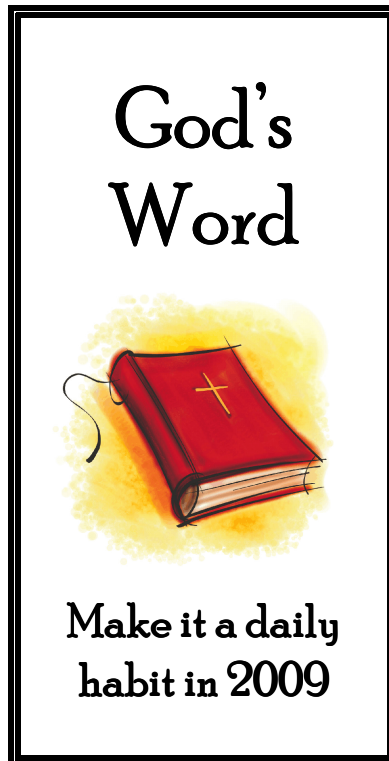
TEENS

Next Sunday

Be sure to join us next Sunday as we prepare and serve breakfast for the congregation. If you would like to help prepare the food or help set up the eating area, please arrive between 7:00-7:30 a.m. We will begin serving at 8:30 and are counting on your help! Contact Jeff Booth if you have any questions.

Eastern Michigan Food Bank

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 17. We are planning a trip to the Eastern Michigan Food Bank in Flint from 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. to help them stock shelves, clean, etc. (This is a great community service project for those who need points for school.) We will be meeting 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.



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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

Cliff Whitsett

Cliff was in Troy Beaumont Hospital last weekend with flu-like symptoms but came home on Monday. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Daniel Sornig

Daniel was scheduled to undergo outpatient surgery last week. However, it has been postponed.

Johnathan Ogar

Please remember Carl and Yvonne's grandson, Johnathan in your prayers. He had a snowmobile accident recently and broke his leg.

Sherry White's Parents

Please keep Sherry and her parents in your prayers. Her father recently suffered the loss of both of his legs from diabetes and Sherry's mother is suffering from dementia. Sherry is caring for them both and could use our encouragement.

Virginia Edwards

Please keep Penny Crowley's mother, Virginia in your prayers. She is in ICU at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital as she deals with continued problems with her lungs.

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:

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.:

- 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

If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome to you! 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

Julie Seguin Jan 11
Raegan Whitsett Jan 12
Breanna Mihalovich Jan 13
Taylor Mihalovich Jan 13
Ashley Lewis Jan 13

ANNIVERSARIES

None

EVENTS

Jan 11 Breakfast for congregation provided by teens 8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
. FHU Chorus concert 6 p.m.
Jan 18 MDYC Chorus concert 6 p.m.
Jan 21 Teens - Work at Eastern MI Food Bank 9am-12 noon
Jan 30 Young at Heart Luau & Game Night 5-8:00 p.m.

Shepherd's Care
This Weeks Schedule:

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