



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 June 14, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	66
Bible Class	150
11:00 a.m. Service	157
Total Worship	223
Evening Worship	54
Mid-week	79

Finances

Weekly Year-to-date

Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 109,405.29
Actual	\$ 5,585.61	\$ 107,210.18
Diff.	+\$ 828.87	-\$ 2,195.11
Other Restricted Income		\$84.11
China Bibles		\$ 5.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Bill Speirs** who has taken on the responsibility of changing our sign in the front of the building. Bill will do a great job sharing verses and inspirational sayings to the thousands of people who drive by our building every day. *Thank you, Bill! We really appreciate you!!*

Softball Schedule

This week's schedule:

Men

Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Free Methodist field

Women

Tomorrow 7:30 p.m. Our field

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Our field

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 15th through November 10th. 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.

ACL Reunion

There will be a reunion for ALL former participants in ACL THIS Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. here at the church building. Please sign up TODAY on the sign up sheet near the café if you plan to attend.

Pool Table

Mark & Kathy have a pool table for sale. Please contact them for more information if interested.

Baptism

We rejoice that **Brandon Cooney** was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning! *God bless you Brandon as you begin a new life in Christ!*

Card Night

The next card night will be held at Warren & Lynn Edwards on Saturday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m.

The Shepherd's Staff

Is Living According to God's Will Really That Difficult?

Many people say they can't be a Christian because there are too many "rules" and it makes life too complicated. Now, we know that no one is perfect or can live a perfect life, but let's examine where life's complications really come from.

God's plan would have one man and one woman married for life. If we were able to stay with this plan, we wouldn't have arguments over whose house the kids will live in, who gets the kids for this or that holiday, our kids wouldn't worry about mom and dad getting along and not making a scene at their family or school events, etc.

God's plan would have us reserve sex for a husband and wife, not for a boyfriend or girlfriend, not for your neighbor or coworker or for recreation at a party. If we went according to God's plan, we wouldn't have teen pregnancies, mothers that didn't know who fathered their child, kids that didn't know who dad was, etc. We wouldn't have abortion clinics or the political battles that go with them. We wouldn't have as many men abandoning their children because they weren't ready to be a dad.

God's plan tells us not to be drunkards. Just think what this would stop and what a difference this would make in the world we live in if we stayed with this plan. No one would be killed by a drunk driver, no one would be losing their job for being drunk on the job. There would be no drunken brawls at sporting events. The domestic disturbance calls at the police department would drop dramatically.

God tells us not to covet our neighbors things. Wow, this is a tough one! If we could master this one, we wouldn't have to keep up with the Jones' and spend more than we could afford. We would have to lock up the things we own so that someone who coveted it couldn't steal it.

God would have us love our neighbor as our self. If we could master this one, neighbors wouldn't fight over stupid things like "you shouldn't park your car in front of my house"; "don't let your tree grow into my yard"; "don't let your grass clippings get on my driveway", etc. Instead, we would be helping our neighbors with work around their house and checking on them when they were sick or had a need, etc.

When you look at the facts, we can see it is not God's plan that has failed, it is US who have failed to follow God's plan. Let's strive every day to understand more fully God's plan for us and put it into action so the world can see just how uncomplicated a Christian life can be. The more we study the Bible, we will understand what God's plan is. So, whether it be in a personal daily Bible study, in a Bible class, hearing it in a sermon or studying with a friend, we will find out that living according to God's will is really filled with blessings and not as difficult as the world wants us to believe it is.

Dave Wright
For the Elders

Graduation Open Houses

Zack McCarthy 2-6 p.m.

Next Saturday, June 27

At his home

(Please sign up on the Class of '09 bulletin board in the lobby if you plan to attend)

Susan Dillard

Saturday, July 11 2-5 p.m.

At her home

VBS WISH LIST

If you have the following items we could borrow or can help in any of the areas listed below, please contact Katy Weiss.

BUG FOGGER

This is needed every evening for the game area so the children don't get bit by mosquitoes. We will purchase the liquid refill.

WORKERS FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Incentives Coordinator
- Time Keeper
- Daily Clean up Crew
- Clean up Crew

Coordinator for the Friday after VBS

- Pre-school Coordinator

Car Wash

Stop by the Tractor Supply Store on M-21 in Lapeer next Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. to get your car washed by our teens. Any donations received will go towards the teen mission trip in July.

Nursery

A new sign up sheet has been posted on the ladies bulletin board for nursery duty for the next few months. Please sign up today!

Addition to Military List

This week we have added **Darren Whatling**, the grandson of Peggy Schofield and Dallas Mozader to our military prayer list. He is in the Navy and is currently stationed in Chicago.

The Meyer Family

We are thankful that **Angie and Ania Meyer** made it to Florida safely to be reunited with Todd who has been working and living in Florida these last few months. However, their transmission went out just as they entered the city where their new home is located and they literally coasted into the driveway. They thank everyone for their prayers so they were able to make it all the way there safely! Continue to remember them in your prayers as they settle into this new chapter of their lives and that Angie will be able to find a job soon. Their address:

5 Sparrow Path
Crawfordville, FL 32327

Aaron's Birthday

Aaron Jamison has been missing family and friends. His birthday is July 1st and he will still be in boot camp. We know he would enjoy receiving cards for his birthday. It takes one week for him to receive mail, so if you would like to send him a card please mail it by this Wednesday, June 24th and have it in a white envelope with nothing but the addresses on the envelope.

Recruit Jamison, Aaron G.
2nd Bn Hotel Co. Plt. 2162
36001 Midway Ave.
San Diego, CA 92140-2162

Congratulations!

We congratulate **Allison Garrett** and **Andrew Carson** who were married last Saturday, June 13. Allison and Andrew will be living in Jackson, Tennessee.

Young at Heart

Please come to a Tropical or Hawaiian Luau and game night Tuesday, July 14 here at the church building from 6:00 p.m. to ?. Dress tropical or Hawaiian if you have any of the such attire! The sign up list is on the bulletin board. Come and have a fun-filled evening with us.

TEENS

Mission Trip Classes

Our Mission Trip is approaching quickly, and we still have a lot to get done before we leave. Among the top priorities are our preparation classes. These classes are intended to inform you of what to expect on the trip, prepare our VBS lessons and materials, and get us off on the right foot as we approach this trip as a unified team. Everyone going on the trip is expected to attend all sessions.

- **Sunday June 28th**
- **Sunday July 12th**

All classes will take place at the church building at **1:00pm**.

Mission Trip Cost

The cost is \$100 per person. This will be due at the final prep class on **July 12th**. This cost includes housing, transportation, meals and activities for the week. Spending money is not included. We will be holding fundraisers to help you bring the cost down, but you must help with the fundraiser in order to get the credit.

Car Wash

We are having a car wash next Saturday June 27 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Tractor Supply Store in Lapeer (on M-21 next to McDonald's). We encourage ALL the teens to attend, especially those going on mission trip. We will be done in plenty of time to go to Zack McCarthy's open house - so please join us!! Everyone is asked to bring a 5 gallon bucket, rags to wash with, old towels and your parents! *(Yes, we need their help too!! The more people we have the more cars we can wash!!)* Money raised will go towards our mission trip and those going on the trip who attend will receive credit towards their account. **BE SURE TO SIGN UP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND!**

Soup Kitchen

The teens are hosting the soup kitchen **THIS** Wednesday.

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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

Watson Burgess

Watson spent a few days in the hospital week with fluid in his legs.

Marge Norton

Marge continues to have problems with her foot which has been bothering her since her fall in April. She had an MRI last Thursday and has temporarily stopped her physical therapy.

Odes Church

Odes had an MRI for spots on his lungs and doctors feel they are small enough to not be concerned about. They will continue to monitor him.

Jim Verbison

Jim will be undergoing tests later this month and asks for our prayers.

Ashley Edgette

Ashley will have surgery this Thursday to have her gall bladder removed.

Chip Edgette

Chip is undergoing tests and would appreciate our prayers.

Virginia Edwards

Please pray for Penny Crowley's mom. She has been in the hospital with breathing problems.

Kelly Richards

Kelly will undergo neck surgery at Royal Oak Beaumont tomorrow.

Treva

Treva, who attends our soup kitchen on a regular basis and had surgery last Friday for cancer.

Deb Thomas

Deb asks us to pray that God will help her with forgiving her ex-husband for abuse to herself and her children.

Janice Brannon

Janice will be having a biopsy tomorrow. Please keep her in your prayers that she will receive good results.

Bill Martin

Doctors have discovered a mass and Bill will be undergoing surgery tomorrow at Genesys Hospital. Bill is a friend of Jerry & Rita whose wife Kathy passed away last year from cancer.

GeriAnn LaBrie & April

GeriAnn, the daughter of John & Judy Belasco (from the West Branch congregation), has been diagnosed with melanoma on her arm and will need to under a second surgery for it in the near future. Doctors are also testing her lymph nodes to be sure the cancer hasn't spread. Also, her daughter April has had two suspicious spots removed from her skin.

Bill Perkins

Bill has suffered a couple small heart attacks and is in the hospital. He is the father of a co-worker of Michelle Edgette and has been on our prayers list.

Sharon White

Michelle Edgette's mother has left Suncrest Medical Facility and returned to her assisted-living home in Imlay City.

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.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Brandon Cooney - Recent Baptism
Jerry & Rita Brackney - back from their travels over the last two months and are thankful to be home safe and without any car problems.

Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

Niki Kirkpatrick, 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.

BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Pratt June 23
Jamie Peplinski June 24
Ron Weiss June 27
Joel Dillard June 27
Jason Hook II June 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Duane & Anita Sharpe...June 24
Emit & Loreina Adkins...June 26
John & Helen Lekki . . . June 29



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
- Darren Whatley
- 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

Those Who Lost Loved Ones Recently

Jason Hook, Rich English, Warren Edwards, Cheryl Booth, Mike & Tina Dinnan, Niki Kirkpatrick, Sara & Kevin Nelms, Debi Hoggatt, Bruce Nettles.

Shepherd's Care
This Weeks Schedule:

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