



# 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 May 31, 2009

### Attendance

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| 8:30 a.m. Service  | 52  |
| Bible Class        | n/a |
| 11:00 a.m. Service | 171 |
| Total Worship      | 223 |
| Evening Worship    | 46  |
| Mid-week           | 72  |

### Finances

|                   | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Year-to-date</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Budget            | \$ 4,756.74   | \$ 99,891.81        |
| Actual            | \$ 4,464.05   | \$ 95,880.10        |
| Diff.             | - \$ 292.69   | -\$ 4,011.71        |
| Restricted Income |               | \$ 34.90            |

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **those who came out last Saturday** to work at our "Block Party" to rebuild the outside wall at the rear of the auditorium and to replace the block around our well. It looks great! *Thank you all for your hard work and the time you devoted!!*

## Softball Schedule

This week's schedule:

### Men

Thursday, June 11 7:30 p.m.  
Free Methodist field

### Women

Monday, June 8 6:00 p.m.  
Our field  
Thursday, June 11 7:30 p.m.  
Our field

## Graduation Open Houses

Some of the graduates have sign up sheets on their table in the lobby. Please sign up if you plan to attend their open house. Thank you!

**Erin Booth** 12-5 p.m.  
Next Sunday, June 14  
Mayfield Township Hall

**Amy Jamison**  
Saturday, June 20 1-5 p.m.  
Lapeer church bldg.

**Andrew Sornig** 1-5 p.m.  
Saturday, June 20  
At his home

**Zack McCarthy** 2-6 p.m.  
Saturday, June 27  
At his home

**Susan Dillard**  
Saturday, July 11 2-5 p.m.  
At her home

# The Shepherd's Staff

## Divorce Rates

I want to share with you part of a newsletter I received from Shults-Lewis Family Institute. The Barna Group put out the following Divorce Rates:

### By Geographic Area

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| South & Midwest: | 27% |
| West:            | 26% |
| Northeast:       | 19% |

### By Faith Groups

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Non-denominational  | 34% |
| Baptist             | 29% |
| Mainline Protestant | 25% |
| Mormon              | 24% |
| Catholic            | 21% |
| Lutheran            | 21% |

The Bible in Matthew 15:19 identifies unmarried couples living together as sexual immorality. The following information talks about how cohabiting is risky. The source: The National Marriage Project Rutgers. The State University of New Jersey [marriage@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:marriage@rci.rutgers.edu)

"By 1997, the total number of unmarried couples in America topped 4 million, up from less than half a million in 1960. Today over half of all first marriages begin with cohabitation, compared to virtually none earlier in the century. Could there be a connection between the skyrocketing divorce rates of the 1970s and the rise in cohabitation?"

Risk to children: 1) Fully three quarters of children born to cohabiting parents will see their parents split up before they reach age sixteen; about a third of children born to married parents face a similar fate. 2) Children in unmarried households are more likely to be abused than kids in intact families, especially if mom is living with a man, not the children's father. 3) Unmarried couples tend to have lower incomes and fewer of them inherit wealth than do married couples.

Risk to couples: Did you know...couples who live together before marrying are more likely to divorce than couples who do not cohabit?

You know when God tells us not to do something, it is to protect us and our children from heartache, abuse, poverty and losing our soul.

Jerry Brackney  
For the Elders

### Phone Number Changes

The Windsor family will only be using their cell phones now instead of their home phone. Please add these numbers in your directory:

- Jeff - (989) 225-0224
- Shelly - (810) 886-1159
- Josh - (989) 225-0223
- Bobby- (989) 415-6462

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> through November 10. 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 on Tuesday evening, June 23 at 7:00 p.m. here at the church building. Please sign up on the sign up sheet near the café if you plan to attend.

### Baptisms

We rejoice that **Hannah Sornig**, daughter of Jim & Betsy Sornig, was baptized into Christ on Sunday, May 24, by her dad Jim.

We also rejoice that **Virgil Lewis**, the father of Kirk Lewis, was baptized into Christ last Wednesday night (June 3) by Kent Hoggatt.

*May God bless you both as you begin your life anew in Him!*

### VBS WISH LIST

It's time to start putting together supplies for our Vacation Bible School.

If you have the following item 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.

#### WORKS FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Incentives Coordinator
- Time Keeper
- Daily Clean up Crew
- Clean up Crew Coordinator for the Friday after VBS
- Pre-school Coordinator

### Horse Ride & Hay Ride

Michigan Christian Youth Camp will be having a Father/Daughter Horse Ride and Hay Ride Saturday, June 20 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Contact the camp at (810) 664-8040 for more information.

### *Shepherd's Care*

#### **This Weeks Schedule:**

#### **Today:**

- 8:30 a.m. . . . . Jack Slater
- Bible Class . . . . . Kent Hoggatt
- 11:00 a.m. . . . . Bob Norton
- 6:00 p.m. . . . . Dave Wright
- Wednesday** . . . . . Jack Slater

### VBS Meeting

There will be a VBS Committee meeting on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m.

# 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. There will be four class sessions that will last between an hour and two hours. 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 four sessions.** Here are the dates for the classes:

- **Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>**
- **Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>**
- **Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>**

All classes will take place at the church building at **1:00 p.m.** MCYC workers will be able to attend. Kevin has agreed to let you arrive late on these days.

Please try to make whatever arrangements necessary to attend. Contact Chase Pratt with any questions.

### Mission Trip Cost

Now that most of the logistics are in place, the cost for the Mission Trip has been set. The cost is \$100 per person. This will be due at the final prep class on July 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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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* ..... Jim Sornig / Committee  
*World Bible School* ..... Brian Crowley  
*Young at Heart* ..... Jerry Brackney

Weekly  
Prayer List

**Carson Seguin**

Carson, the newborn son of Jesse and Darcy Seguin (grandson of Jeff & Susan Bishop) remains in the hospital but continues to improve daily. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

**Niki Kirkpatrick**

Niki has been diagnosed with a herniated disc in her neck and is currently undergoing physical therapy. Please pray that surgery will not be necessary.

**Lisa & Nelson Greenier**

Please pray for Lisa and Nelson, a couple from the Petosky Church of Christ. They are both new Christians and recently had triplets. After the delivery, Lisa had to undergo surgery and now has a collapsed lung. The triplets are now at home, but Lisa remains in the hospital. The church in Petosky has hired 2 people to help with the triplets during the daytime and members of the church are helping throughout the night time hours. Please keep Lisa, Nelson and the babies in your prayers.

**Luther Warren**

Please pray for Luther, the father of Geneva Breezee. He had surgery recently after breaking his hip. He also has other health complications but we are thankful he was able to breath on his own after being taken off the ventilator last week following the surgery.

**Bob Walker**

Rick Duckworth's brother-in-law, Bob Walker was admitted to the hospital last weekend due to a brain seizure. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Deb Thomas**

Deb Thomas, who visits with us frequently and is the sister of former member Guy Groomes, asks us to pray for her health. Her address: 1657 Cadillac Court Lapeer, MI 48446

**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 and Christine Brackney.

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joe Abbey</li> <li>• Derek Dietrich</li> <li>• Ryan Clark</li> <li>• Sam Wood</li> <li>• Ben Houtekier</li> <li>• Chip Atkinson</li> <li>• Max Slater</li> <li>• Curtis McCoy</li> <li>• Stephen Kang</li> <li>• Jim Lish</li> <li>• Jeff Farwell</li> <li>• Bill Rogers</li> <li>• Tim Smith</li> <li>• Allan Moor</li> <li>• Jeff Sparks</li> <li>• Mark Terry</li> <li>• Brian Wood</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Tingay</li> <li>• Pat Keenan</li> <li>• Justin Cooney</li> <li>• Mike Dix</li> <li>• Andy Zwack</li> <li>• Scott Stugill</li> <li>• Casey Kern</li> <li>• D.J. Belcher</li> <li>• Chris Crow</li> <li>• Brad Willett</li> <li>• Matthew Messenger</li> <li>• Mike Overby</li> <li>• Andrew Ellis</li> <li>• Niles Czekiel</li> <li>• Richard R. Cole</li> <li>• Aaron Jamison</li> <li>• Damian Salmond</li> </ul> |
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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.

Praise and  
Thanksgiving

**Don Wright** - recent test results show no cancer.

**Louise McCarthy** (Terry's mother) - she is now home and continues to show improvement.

**Janice Brannon** - does not have to undergo brain surgery.

## BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Booth . . . . . June 9  
 Robin Dillard . . . . . June 10  
 Marcie Anderson . . . . June 10  
 Duane William Sharpe June 10  
 Jamesa McCarthy . . . June 11  
 Jacqueline Richards . . June 13  
 Adam Garrett . . . . . June 14

## ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Susan Hall . . June 10

## EVENTS

June 14 . . . . . Erin Booth's  
   Open House  
 June 20 . . . . . Amy Jamison's  
   Open House  
 . Andrew Sornig's Open House  
 . . . . . MCYC Daddy/Daughter  
   Hay Ride & Horseback Ride  
 June 27 . . . . . Zack McCarthy's  
   Open House  
 July 11 . . . . . Susan Dillard's  
   Open House

## Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

Emit Adkins, Don Haddix, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Yvonne Ogar, Loreina Adkins, Sherrie White's parents, Virginia Edwards, Margaret Whitsett, Sue Johnson, Janice Brannon, The Hall & Raper Families, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.