



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 February 22, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	55
Bible Class	126
11:00 a.m. Service	120
Total Worship	175
Evening Worship	n/a
Mid-week	73

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.77	\$33,297.39
Actual	\$ 5,956.45	\$33,388.50
Diff.	+\$ 1,199.68	+\$ 91.11
Restricted Income		\$177.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Dennis Hall**. Dennis drove the moving van for the Skelly/Knox family when they moved to Kentucky last weekend. *Thank you Dennis for going this for them. We know they appreciated it and we know God will bless you for your willingness to help!!*

Phone Campaign

The annual Shults-Lewis phone campaign will be held here at our building beginning today through March 10. We encourage you to volunteer to make phone calls for an hour or more during any of the scheduled days and/or please consider what you can donate to Shults-Lewis this year.

Wild Game Dinner

The 2009 wild game dinner is March 21st at 6 p.m. and everyone is invited. The dinner is free, just bring a wild game dish to pass, or if you're not a hunter but enjoy wild game, bring your favorite dessert dish. This event is intended for the whole family (spouses and children.) Also, this dinner is a fantastic opportunity to introduce hunting buddies, work friends, neighbors, or relatives to get to know the Lapeer Church of Christ family in a less formal atmosphere. There will also be games to keep the kids entertained. So, don't be afraid to take a walk on the "wild" side, come to the Wild Game Dinner March 21st at Lapeer Church of Christ.

Teachers Needed

We are in need of 2 teachers for the Spring quarter. See Don Jamison TODAY if you are available to help in these classes:

1st Grade 2nd Grade

Also, Don Jamison has the Bible school material for the Spring quarter. If you are teaching a class, be sure to see him today.

The Shepherd's Staff

I Praise God for Your Service

I am excited about the number of people involved in the various ministries of the church. We are a church that puts our faith into action. The way you have responded to the needs of the Kirkpatrick and Nelms families with food, helping Dave each morning and night in and out of bed and now staying with Dave and Niki during the morning, evening and night, is just outstanding.

Also the number of people who teach Bible classes, help with fellowships, soup kitchen, benevolent needs, building and grounds maintenance, calling and visiting people. The list goes on and on with good works such as helping with the Shults-Lewis phone campaign, working at MCYC, God's Helping Hands or Love In the Name of Christ and helping and supporting their fund raisers.

If you are not involved in a ministry, pick one that interests you and contact the ministry leader to help them.

On a personal note, as many of you know, Rita and I will be leaving March 11 for Knoxville, TN to teach a nine week Parent/Teen class at the Arlington Church of Christ. While down there, we are planning to visit the Lloyds, Lekki's and others in TN. Plus we will be able to see our son Mark and his wife Christine and their six children. We will also be attending the Lads to Leaders Convention to watch three of our grandchildren compete.

We will be back in May to attend the high school graduation of our oldest grandchild, Katelyn, and we will then leave for Texas to attend Rita's family reunion. On the way down, we plan to visit Annette Scheu-Hyer and on the way back we will visit Burnis Griffith and Janice Brannon. We plan to be back in mid June.

Please remember to support the annual Shults-Lewis phone campaign with any amount you can.

We Love You, Jerry and Rita

March Blood Drives to Be Held in Lapeer

Monday - March 2

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

Thursday - March 19

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

Tuesday, March 31

Lapeer Regional Medical Center
11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Cookies Needed

We have been asked to provide cookies for the Red Cross Blood Drive at Calvary Bible Church on Wednesday, May 4. Cookies can be dropped off here at the building on May 3. They will be needing at least 30 dozen, as donors have increased!! Also, we are looking for someone to coordinate this effort. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Susan Hall as soon as possible.

Pantry Food Needed

Our food pantry is in need of the following items. These items can be put in the box next to the Secret Sister table:

- Peanut Butter Jelly
- Soup (any kind) Cereal (any kind)

Mowing

For the past decade or so one member has meticulously groomed the grass surrounding the church (other members have mowed the volleyball field and the playground.) Maybe you haven't noticed what a good job this person has done, but Al Montgomery has showed up every Saturday morning after driving a truck cross-country all week to mow grass for approximately two and a half hours. If you get a chance, thank Al for doing such a great job. Also, one person pointed out that if each male member of the church took a turn to cut the grass, no one would mow twice in a period of five years. On that note we do need members to help with the grass cutting duties since Al is looking to take a breather. Contact Steve Kurschat if you are interested in helping.

Baptism

Mike Dinnan was baptized last Tuesday night after the Adventures in Christian Living class!! We are so excited that Mike has decided to devote his life to Christ!

Also, we wanted to be sure to pass along the address for our new sister in Christ (baptized on February 18.)

Alexis French
3124 Pratt Lane
Attica, MI 48412

Food Drive

During the month of March, *Curves* of Lapeer will participate in the 11th Annual *Curves* Food Drive to benefit local food banks. Collectively, over the past five years, nearly 50 million pounds of food were distributed to local communities all over the world. Those wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items at *Curves* Monday through Friday during business hours throughout the month of March. For more information call 664-4099. All food collected will benefit Lapeer County.

Help Needed for the Kirkpatrick's

Niki is in need of someone to stay with her so she is not alone with David, as it is difficult for her to care for him alone at times. If you are available any time during the following hours please contact Sara at (810) 730-5113. Niki would like to request at least one male to be there if possible in case she needs help with lifting, etc., but couples and/or women are also needed and would be appreciated. If you cannot stay the entire time – please don't let that stop you from helping. Arrangements can be made for whatever will fit your schedule.

Times needed:

8:15 a.m. - 12 noon (Hospice caretakers leave promptly at 8:15 – so please arrive before then if possible)

Also, if you are scheduled to bring food, please be aware that there are more people now coming and going at the house so it would be great if you could prepare enough food for the possibility of 4-6 people. In addition, feel free to come in and visit when you bring food. It's very uplifting for Niki, Sara and Kevin to have the opportunity to talk to those who are delivering the food. They thank everyone for the food and all the help they have received. It has been a great blessing.

Fix-n-Mix Day

Michigan Christian Youth Camp is going to have a "Fix -- Mix Day" on May 2 at 9:00 a.m. to help clean up the camp and visit with friends. Whether you can use a chain saw or clean a window, they have things for everyone to do. Come out to camp, visit with friends while helping them rally together for a great summer camp in 2009. Lunch will be provided to all volunteers. You can also come out and help serve lunch. Call or e-mail Kevin at 810-664-8040 or mcyc@mcyc.org or Bill Shelton at (734) 692-5693 or wtshelton@wowway.com for more information. This is a great service project for youth groups and families!

38th Annual Partnership Dinner

The annual dinner to benefit Rochester College will be held on April 4, 2009. David Ramsey, a Christian financial advisor and well-known media personality, will be the guest speaker. Cost: \$125 per person. Contact Kent Hoggatt or Bob Norton for tickets. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board near the café area or call (248) 218-2020 or go online at www.rc.edu for more information.

Metro Bible Lectureships

The annual lectureships will be hosted by the Parkside congregation and will be held March 9th - 13th at the Royal Oak Church of Christ. Information about this year's lectureship can be found at

www.metrodetroitbiblelectureship.com or check the flyer posted on the bulletin board near the café area.

TEENS

Mission Trip

We will be going to West Branch, Rogers City and Gaylord, Michigan this summer for our mission trip. The dates are July 18-25. **If you plan to go with us, we MUST know!!! Please sign up as soon as possible so we can begin making our plans for the bus, housing, etc.** If you have any questions about the trip, be sure to see one of the teen parent committee members.

Sign Up Sheets

Parents - be sure to sign up on the sign up sheets located outside the teen room for several events scheduled for the next few months.

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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/Chase Pratt*
World Bible School *Brian Crowley*
Young at Heart *Jerry Brackney*

**Prayer List
and those who need
encouragement**

Cari Mihalovich

Cari had an appointment at the Cleveland Clinic last weekend and will be having surgery at the end of March.

Millie Jamison

We rejoice that Millie is not experiencing a problem with her eye, but rather a problem with the new lens made for her glasses.

Anita Sharpe

Please pray for Anita, who came forward last Sunday asking for our prayers to help her though the struggles she is having in her life.

Ernie Maness

Please pray for Ernie, a member of the Royal Oak congregation, and friend of many of our members. He had surgery last Wednesday to have his bladder and prostate removed after it was discovered he had cancer.

Sharrin Baird

Sharrin underwent a mastectomy last Tuesday and doctors feel the cancer has not spread to her lymph nodes, nor will she need chemotherapy or radiation therapy. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Ashley Hunt

Please pray for Ashley, the granddaughter of Larry & Brenda Messenger. She is having complications with her pregnancy and her baby is due in 7 weeks. She has been placed on complete bed rest.

Emily Irwin

Please pray for Larry & Brenda's niece, Emily. She was scheduled to undergo surgery on her shoulder recently in Houston, Texas, but the surgery was postponed and she has traveled to Nebraska to see a specialist for pain.

Patrick Green

Carol Speirs asks us to pray for Patrick, a friend of a friend, who fell off his roof and suffered several injuries, including a head injury. He is 50 years old and has 6 children.

Jon Tegart

Please keep Jim Sornig's brother-in-law, Jon in your prayers. He has been diagnosed with cancer in his liver and had a PET scan last week to determine how extensive the cancer is.

Roxie Reynolds

Please pray for Roxie, the step-mother of Yvonne Ogar. She is gravely ill.

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

Remember those who are looking for work: Carol Speirs, Steve Borst, Deborah Gale, and Michelle Smith.

Remember those who need to continually be in our prayers: Louise McCarthy, Joshua Quinlan, Yvonne Ogar, Loreina Adkins, Sherrie White's parents, Virginia Edwards, Margaret Whitsett, Sue Johnson, Janice Brannon, The Hall & Raper Family, The Kirkpatrick/Nelms families, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, 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
- Niles Czekiel
- Richard R. Cole

BIRTHDAYS

- Rita Brackney March 4
- Steve Richards March 4
- Adam Wright March 5
- Cliff Whitsett March 5
- Isaac Dillard March 6
- Mike McPhail March 6
- Dennis Hall March 6
- Jim Sornig March 7
- Kim Thompson March 7
- Bridgette Groomes March 8
- Kathy Dillard March 8
- Ania Meyer March 10

ANNIVERSARIES

- Rick & Kellie Hueter March 8

EVENTS

- March 1-10 Shults Lewis
Phone Campaign
- March 8 *Celebration!*
- March 9-13 Metro Lectureships
- March 21 Wild Game Dinner
- GHH's "Focus Saturday"
- April 4 Partnership Dinner
- May 2 MCYC Fix-n-Mix Day

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule:

Today:

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

Celebration 2009

Next Sunday, March 8

Location:

The Lodge at Michigan Christian Youth Camp
820 N. Lake George Rd.
Attica, Michigan

**Join us as we celebrate God's blessings
for our congregation from the year 2008**

Schedule:

4:30 p.m.
Fellowship & Social Time
5:00 p.m.
Dinner will be served
5:45 p.m.
Congregational meeting
8:00 p.m.
Dismissal

Cost for dinner:

\$10.00 (adults & teens 12 yrs +)
\$ 5.00 for children under 12

***We will be having our annual dessert contest so get those recipes out
and get ready to prepare those delicious dishes!!***

Babysitting will be provided.

Stop by the table in the lobby today to make your reservations for dinner. Payments for your meal can be made to any of the elders, or you can put your payment in the contribution plate. Please mark that it is for Celebration.

We encourage you to join us for this great opportunity to praise God together in a special way as a congregation of God's people.