

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

OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

Statistics for March 15, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	57
Bible Class	n/a
11:00 a.m. Service	157
Total Worship	214
Evening Worship	45
Mid-week	n/a

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$47,567.67
Actual	\$ 5,290.10	\$47,315.94
Diff.	+\$ 533.36	-\$ 251.73
Restricted Income		\$16.76

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor everyone who has helped the Kirkpatrick family over the last several months. This includes those who helped with the care of Dave, prepared food for the family, took care of things around their house, and those who showed support through their encouragement and prayers. A special honor is given to those who helped prepare the building for the family visitation on Friday and those who prepared and served food for the funeral dinner yesterday. *Thank you everyone!*

Kevin-a-Thon

The annual Kevin-a-thon to benefit God's Helping Hands will be held April 25. Contact GHH's at (248) 852-7400 if you would like to participate. Katy Weiss will not be able to participate this year, but she be taking donations.

Pantry Food Needed

Thank you to everyone who brought in the food items to restock our pantry! The following items are what we have a current need for. These items can be put in the box next to the Secret Sister table:

Desserts Soups Snacks

College Age/Young Adults

Calling all college age/young adults - you are invited to a special meeting this morning at 9:45 a.m. in a classroom at the rear of the auditorium. Please join us as we make plans for a new Bible class and other events. Contact Dave Wright if you have any questions.

VBS

Mark your calendars for our VBS this summer. It will be held August 2-5 from 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. (until 9:00 p.m. on August 5.)

The Shepherd's Staff

From Birth to Death

This week our thoughts and prayers were especially with the Kirkpatrick family. Words seem so weak and leave us feeling bankrupt when we attempt to express ourselves.

I am especially helped today with my God given "helper" to express some poignant words from a interesting perspective. Here is how Debi expressed some of her thoughts using an analogy of birth into eternity:

"The family is exhausted. Niki, especially, has experienced a less recognized kind of labor and delivery. As the process of dying weaned Dave from this life, Niki has felt the rhythm of alternately staying close enough to care for his every need, and of letting go. On Monday, she felt the sadness of realizing that he had moved beyond her ability to do anything for him. That intense pain, that final tearing, signaled that her labor was almost done, and it was time for our Father to step in and catch him as he entered eternity. This week, another kind of labor and delivery will take place that will again cause us to stand in awe, hold our breath. Like last week, the family will gather to give strength, support, and love to the new family member that arrives to carry on."

Now we'll have an opportunity again to help a family bring a child up in the Lord. It's our blessing to join with parents on a significant trust and be about instilling the Lord's message in their lives.

We pray for all our families as they transition from birth to death and everything in-between. It's a comfort to know that our Lord is there in life and will usher us into an eternity with him as well!

Kent Hoggatt
For the Elders

VBS Meeting

A VBS meeting will be held today at 9:45 a.m. in a classroom located behind the auditorium. Everyone is welcome!

Wild Game Dinner

The Wild Game Dinner was postponed last Saturday due to the funeral dinner. Please watch the bulletin for details of the new date to be rescheduled soon.

Seniors

If you are graduating this year and did NOT receive a letter from the church office in the mail recently, please contact Freda Wright as soon as possible. Thank you!

New Deacons

We will soon be appointing new deacons. The following four men have been put up for your consideration. Please read I Timothy 3:8-13 as you consider these men and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the elders and discuss it with them.

- Ron Weiss - Benevolence
- Steve Kurschat - Grounds
- Terry McCarthy - Missions
- Jim Sornig - Teen Ministry

Email Address Change

Please make the following change in your email address book:

Debi Hoggatt -
dkhoggatt@yahoo.com

Births

We rejoice that **Rachel (French) Heemer** and her husband had a baby girl last Wednesday, March 18. Sydney Maxine was 4 lb. 8 oz. She was born a few weeks early after Rachel suffered some complications with her pregnancy, but we rejoice that Rachel had a safe and healthy deliver and she and Sydney are both doing fine.

Also, we rejoice that God answered our prayers on behalf of the **Ashley**, the granddaughter of Larry & Brenda Messenger. She delivered a healthy baby girl on Monday named **Annie Ruth**. Annie weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. Great-grandparents Larry & Brenda are very excited!!

Kiwanis Kapers

The annual Kiwanis Kapers show will take place on April 1-4. The Wednesday and Thursday night shows begin at 7:00 p.m. and the Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$8.00. Tickets can be purchased at Perkins Flowers & Garden in Lapeer. If you would like to go with a group from our congregation to the Thursday evening performance, please sign up on the bulletin board located near the café area. Ben Jamison will be picking up reserved seat tickets for anyone who would like to go with our group Thursday night, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Niki Kirkpatrick, Sara and Kevin Nelms** and their family on the passing of Dave Kirkpatrick. Our brother, Dave (KP) passed away last Monday evening. His funeral was held yesterday. Memorial donations can be made to "**Katie's Wings**", P.O. Box 458, Metamora, MI 48445. **Katie's Wings** is a non-profit organization founded by the Kirkpatrick family in memory of their daughter, Katie, which provides assistance to local people dealing with cancer by offering products and services through **Katies Spa** in Lapeer.

God's Helping Hands

The teens will be going to work at God's Helping Hands on Saturday, April 4. They will be taking clothing donations, so please bring your donations and place them in the coatroom area before April 4. If you would like a receipt for your clothing donation, please let Chase Pratt know so he can be sure you receive a tax exempt slip. Please contact Chase Pratt or Katy Weiss if you have any questions.

Thank You

"I'd like to take a moment to thank all those who expressed their love, care and concern for myself and my family in regards to the loss of my mother. Whether it was a phone call, a card sent, a kind word or a hug, each expression of sympathy is very much appreciated. Thanks to those who visited my mother in the hospital and prayed for her while there. To Jamesa McCarthy, thank you not only for coming to the hospital but for bringing the paperwork we needed, it so greatly helped us in dealing with the legal issues we faced. To Curt and Shawn Whitsett and Larry and Brenda Messenger, words cannot express how grateful we are for all that you did, thank you so much for your constant support. As difficult as this has been it helps knowing that there are so many who are there for comfort and support. Thank you."

Sincerely and with love,
Cheryl Booth and family

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.

Card Night

The next card night will take place at Tim and Edie Bahan's next Saturday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Ladies

A bridal shower will be held for Allison Garrett on Sunday afternoon, April 19. If you would like to help with the shower, or provide food, please contact Judy Goodin or Robin Nettles as soon as possible. Thank you!

Chaperone Needed

We are in need of a male chaperone for the teens "7/10" next Friday evening. Please sign up on the teen bulletin board today if you are available.

Teens

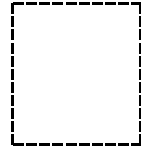
Mission Trip

The dates for this year's mission trip are July 18-25. **If you plan to go with us, we MUST know!!! Please sign up by TODAY so we can begin making our plans for the bus, housing, etc.** It's going to be a fantastic trip and we know you won't want to miss it. If you have any questions about the trip, be sure to see contact Chase or one of the committee members.

God's Helping Hands

We will be taking a group to God's Helping Hands on Saturday, April 4. We will be working during their regular open hours rather than a Focus Saturday such as the day we were planning to go. This will give us a better look at the day to day ministry that goes on there. We would be most likely sorting through and hanging clothes, filling food orders, and arranging inventory. We will also be delivering a load of clothing donations from our congregation. Contact Chase Pratt if you have any questions.

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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 will undergo a heart procedure at the Cleveland Clinic tomorrow. We pray that the surgery will go well and it will be successful.

Al Ranken

Please pray for Al, the father of Angie Meyer and Marcia Anderson. Al has been in Lapeer Regional Hospital in ICU after suffering a stroke last week.

Kelsie Hall

Jenny Diehl asks us to pray for her niece, Kelsie, who has a severe infection after undergoing surgery 3 months ago. Kelsie is a college student who received a soccer and academic scholarship, and now faces the possibility of losing a limb.

Sharon White

Michelle Edgette's mother, Sharon White, had some set-backs with her health and remains in Lapeer Regional Hospital. She will be moving to another health care facility when doctors feel she is able to be transferred. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Robert Delong

Please pray for Robert, the husband of a co-worker of Michelle Edgette. He has been diagnosed with cancer and will be having surgery tomorrow.

Ben Jamison's Family

Please pray for Ben's sister who is in the hospital in Indianapolis, and his brother-in-law who is also in the hospital in Cincinnati.

Sydney Gavin

Please pray for 6 year old Sydney, a friend of the Hook family, who is suffering from leukemia.

Mary Hall

Please pray for Mary, Brenda Messenger's mother, who fell last week. She was badly bruised, but fortunately she didn't break any bones or suffer other injuries.

Michelle Edgette's Co-worker

Please pray for Michelle's co-worker, who is also the daughter of Bill Perkins who has been on our prayer list. She is undergoing tests for health concerns.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers:

Misty Hoggatt, Julie Hoggatt (Kent's sister-in-law), Rachel Pratt, 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, 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 Family, The Kirkpatrick/Nelms families, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, 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

Shannon GoodinMarch 28
 Judy Church March 28
 Lauren Peplinski March 28
 Kae Ci Kile March 29
 Frank Willyard March 30
 Jessica Edgette March 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Linda Verbison . . . March 25

EVENTS

March 28 . Card night at Bahan's
 April 4 Partnership Dinner
 Teens- GHH's Workday
 May 2 MCYC Fix-n-Mix Day

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule:

Today:

8:30 a.m. Dave Wright
 Bible Class Dave Wright
 11:00 a.m. Bob Norton
 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Dave Wright