

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 22, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	64
Bible Class	159
11:00 a.m. Service	176
Total Worship	240
Evening Worship	32
Mid-week	82

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$52,324.41
Actual	\$ 4,788.45	\$52,104.39
Diff.	+\$ 31.71	-\$ 220.02
Restricted Income		\$260.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Jeff Bishop and Pat Herron.**

Jeff and Pat have put many, many hours of work into designing our new website. They did an awesome job and because of their work we are all able to communicate better with one another, share ideas, prayer requests, news, etc. as a congregation. We are also able to reach the community because the website tells about us as a congregation of God's people. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to check it out and sign up to be on the forum. Go to www.lapeerchurchofchrist.com.

Thank you Jeff and Pat - your talent and hard work is a blessing for us all!!

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 new class on Sunday mornings. Please join us today in one of the classrooms at the rear of the auditorium.

VBS Workers Needed

Next Sunday we will be handing out VBS volunteer forms for our 2009 VBS which will be held August 2-5. The forms will have a list of various jobs we need help with. Please pray about it this week and sign up next Sunday for the area(s) you would like to help with.

Congratulations

We congratulate **Aaron Jamison**, who was accepted as a member of the U.S. Marine Band last week. He will be leaving on Sunday, April 19 to go to San Diego for boot camp. *Congratulations Aaron, we are really proud of you!!*

The Shepherd's Staff

God Smiles When We Trust

In a devotional series, Rick Warren discusses the Bible passages that inspire him the most. Today's devotional is based on this passage:

"By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see, and acted on what he was told. As a result, Noah became intimate with God." (Hebrews 11:7)

Imagine this scene: One day God comes to Noah and says, "I'm disappointed in human beings. In the entire world, no one but you thinks about me. But Noah, when I look at you, I start smiling. I'm pleased with your life, so I'm going to flood the world and start over with you and your family. I want you to build a giant ship that will save you and the animals."

There were three problems that could have caused Noah to doubt:

- First, Noah had never seen rain because prior to the flood God irrigated the earth from the ground up. (Genesis 2:5-6)
- Second, Noah lived hundreds of miles from the nearest ocean. Even if he could learn to build a ship, how would he get it to water?
- Third, there was the problem of rounding up all the animals and then caring for them.

But Noah didn't complain or make excuses. He trusted God completely, and that made God smile.

Trusting God completely means having faith that God knows what is best for your life. You expect him to keep his promises, help you with problems, and do the impossible when necessary.

The Bible says, *"He takes pleasure in those who honor him, in those who trust in his constant love."* (Psalm 147:11)

It took Noah 120 years to build the ark, I imagine he faced many discouraging days. With no sign of rain year after year, he was probably criticized as a "crazy man who thinks God speaks to him." I imagine Noah's children were often embarrassed by the giant ship being built in their front yard, yet Noah kept on trusting God.

In what areas of your life do you need to trust God completely?

Trusting is an act of worship. Just as parents are pleased when children trust them, your faith makes God happy. The Bible says *"Without faith it is impossible to please God."* (Hebrews 11:6)

(Written by Rick Warren)

In the last few days we have all been challenged by the three deaths touching our lives, Dave Kirkpatrick, Chris Cole and suddenly Mitch Dinnan. We have had our faith tested and now we must ask, "Do I trust God, really trust God?" Our mutual love has so many hands reaching out to comfort and help. However, we probably have a lot of "whys" running through our minds. Know that God knows so much we don't and we, like Noah, must trust God. He knows us intimately and His master eternal plan includes each of us. God has a big picture we can't see or grasp but He is reaching out His hand to comfort and help us continue our walk with Him. I praise God for each of you and I'm so proud of the helping hands you reach out to others.

Bob Norton
For the Elders

ACL Banquet

Those who have completed the *Adventures in Christian Living* course will be celebrating their graduation this Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join them for a special dinner and program. Please contact Bob or Marge Norton **today** if you would like to attend. Tickets for the dinner are \$9.00 per person.

Justin Cooney

We are so happy that Justin Cooney is home on leave until April 8. However he will be leaving next month to go to Afghanistan. Let's shower him with love and encouragement while he is with us these next two weeks.

Wild Game Dinner

The 2009 wild game dinner has been rescheduled for **NEXT Saturday, April 4** 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 April 4 at Lapeer Church of Christ.

Egg Hunt

Families - join us next Sunday and invite your friends as we have our annual Egg Hunt following our monthly potluck. Children from pre-school through the 6th grade are invited to participate. Be sure to bring a bag or basket to collect eggs and dress for outdoors (weather permitting.)

Ladies

A bridal shower will be held for Allison Garrett on Sunday afternoon, April 19 at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to help with the shower, or provide food, please contact Judy Goodin or Robin Nettles. Allison is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

Babysitter Available

Sonya Boren babysits in her home and is available to care for two more children. If you have a need for a babysitter, please call her at (810) 678-2063 or her cell (810) 602-9484.

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

Kiwanis Kapers

The annual Kiwanis Kapers show will take place this Wednesday through Saturday. Tickets are \$8.00 and can be purchased from Ben Jamison today. 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 has reserved seat tickets for anyone who would like to go with our group Thursday night, so be sure to sign up today.

38th Annual Partnership Dinner

The annual dinner to benefit Rochester College will be held next Saturday. 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.

Birth

We rejoice with Kevin and Sara Nelms on the birth of their baby daughter, **Sadielyn Suzette** who was born last Tuesday, March 24. She weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. and was 20" long. Mom and baby are doing great!

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Mike & Tina Dinnan and their family on the sudden death of their son **Mitch Dinnan**, who passed away unexpectedly last Saturday morning in Colorado. His funeral was held last Thursday at the Bristol Road Church of Christ. Memorial contributions can be made to the family to set up a memorial fund in Mitch's memory to support amateur boxing.

Also, former Lapeer church "charter" member **Thelma Green** passed away in Tennessee last Sunday. She was 97 years old.

Clothing Donations

The teens will be going to work at God's Helping Hands next Saturday. They will be taking clothing donations, so please bring your donations and place them in the coatroom area before next Saturday. 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.

Teens

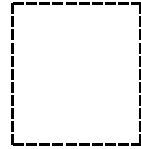
God's Helping Hands

We will be taking a group to God's Helping Hands next 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. **Please sign up on the teen bulletin board TODAY if you plan to go with us!!**

Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 18 for our workday to clean up a two mile stretch of M-24 from Coulter Road to Norway Lake Road. The Lapeer teens have adopted this area of the road to keep clean. More details coming soon....

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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 a successful heart procedure at the Cleveland Clinic last Monday. The surgery took approximately 5 hours and doctors took care of the problem with her heart, plus fixed another unexpected problem they found. Cari is doing well and feels good.

Ashley Edgette

Ashley has been diagnosed with mono and is also undergoing tests for abdominal pain she has been experiencing recently. Please keep her in your prayers.

Tammy Edwards

Tammy was suffering from chest pains last week which doctors determined was caused from a pulled muscle in her chest. The pain caused her to have a problem with high blood pressure. We are thankful she is going to be okay, and we pray she will heal quickly so her blood pressure can be kept under control.

Al Ranken

Al, the father of Angie Meyer and Marcia Anderson is now home after spending a week in the hospital after suffering a stroke. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Sharon White

Michelle Edgette's mother, Sharon White, has been transferred to Suncrest Medical Facility. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Family of Fred Sword

Please pray for the family of Fred Sword who passed away last Sunday after suffering mini-strokes recently. Fred was a friend of Cari Mihalovich and Ruth Arnold and had been on our prayer list.

Sydney Gavin

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

Roscoe Church

Please pray for Roscoe, the brother of Otis Church. He has myeloma cancer and his kidneys are failing. He is now on dialysis. Doctors had to stop his chemotherapy treatments until they are able to get his kidneys functioning again.

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

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: Don Haddix, 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, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.



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

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| • Joe Abbey | • Brian Wood |
| • Derek Dietrich | • Jim Tingay |
| • Ryan Clark | • Pat Keenan |
| • Sam Wood | • Justin Cooney |
| • Ben Houtekier | • Mike Dix |
| • Chip Atkinson | • Andy Zwack |
| • Max Slater | • Scott Stugill |
| • Curtis McCoy | • Casey Kern |
| • Stephen Kang | • D.J. Belcher |
| • Jim Lish | • Chris Crow |
| • Jeff Farwell | • Brad Willett |
| • Bill Rogers | • Matthew Messenger |
| • Tim Smith | • Mike Overby |
| • Allan Moor | • Andrew Ellis |
| • Jeff Sparks | • Niles Czekiel |
| • Mark Terry | • Richard R. Cole |

BIRTHDAYS

- Brandon Hall April 2
- Madison Whitsett April 3
- Duane Sharpe April 3
- Marge Norton April 4
- Jack Slater April 5
- Shelly Windsor April 5
- April Tummins April 7

ANNIVERSARIES

- Mike & Tina Dinnan April 7

EVENTS

- April 4 Partnership Dinner
-Teens- GHH's Workday
- Wild Game Dinner
- April 5 Monthly Potluck & Egg Hunt
- April 18 Teens - Clean up on M-24
- April 19 Wedding Shower for Allison Garrett
- May 2 MCYC Fix-n-Mix Day
- May 15 Senior Banquet
- May 16 Annual Work Day

Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule:

Today:

- 8:30 a.m.
- Bible Class
- 11:00 a.m. Dave Wright
- :00 p.m. Bob Norton
- Wednesday Dave Wright**