

# 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 March 1, 2009

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	59
Bible Class	139
11:00 a.m. Service	134
Total Worship	193
Evening Worship	n/a
Mid-week	86

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.77	\$38,054.16
Actual	\$ 4,940.46	\$38,328.96
Diff.	+\$ 183.69	+\$ 274.80
Restricted Income		\$470.00

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Matt Jamison**. A week ago last Wednesday night, Frieda Lock had a flat tire on her car in the parking lot. Matt graciously volunteered to change it for her despite the cold, damp weather and not only that, he followed her all the way home to be sure she made it home safely. What a great example this young man is to all of us. *Thank you, Matt! What you did meant a lot to Frieda and inspires all of us to be the servants we need to be.*

## 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.

## Wild Game Dinner

The 2009 wild game dinner is March 21<sup>st</sup> 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. 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 21<sup>st</sup> at Lapeer Church of Christ.

## Baptism

We rejoice that **Cheyenna Chamberlin** was baptized into Christ by Chase Pratt last Sunday morning. Cheyenna is the granddaughter of Ruth Arnold and daughter of Glen and Patty Chamberlin. *May God bless you, Cheyenna as you begin your new life with Him!*

# The Shepherd's Staff

## Celebrate!

Tonight is *Celebration!* Our brothers and sisters meet for the sole purpose of recalling God's blessings on our congregation in 2008. Let us take a moment to see if there is an extension of Celebration. Have you ever had a special meal, got dressed up, used the china dishes, rolled up the napkins in a ribbon, made a sinful dessert, turned on relaxing background music and declared Celebration for your family at your house?

Think about assigning every family member to recall a blessing that happened in 2008. Oh I forgot, light the candles. We all live in abundance in comparison, but do we talk about our blessings as a family? This could become an annual tradition, (a little like the Jewish Passover.)

Our children see us as role models quite often as they shape their lives and future. Do you think this would be something you would like them to do for their families? Do you think it is a good idea for our children to see us celebrate and praise God for our blessings? Think about this suggestion and maybe we could share the experience at the congregation's Celebration next year.

Bob Norton  
For the Elders

## Thank You

*"Dear Brothers and Sisters, I want to thank each one of you for your prayers and cards of encouragement. Your expressions of love touched my heart and your prayers have gone up to our Lord as a sweet smelling fragrance and He has blessed me with healing."*

Sharrin Baird

*"My family and I would like to thank you all for the prayers and kind words of the passing of my mother. I would like to extend our thanks to Kent for taking the time to come to the hospital and spend some time with my dad and mom to talk and pray. That meant a lot. I would also like to thank those that came to represent the Lapeer Church of Christ at the funeral home. My family has been very touched by all. God bless and Thank you!"*

The Rich English Family

## College Age/Young Adults

Calling all college age/young adults - you are invited to a special meeting on Sunday, March 22 at 9:45 a.m. in the 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.

## 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.**

### Food Drive

During the month of March, *Curves* of Lapeer will participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Marriage Conference

Hunters Creek Community Church in Metamora will be presenting a marriage conference to discover and apply Biblical Solutions for resolving marital and personal conflicts. It begins today and lasts through Friday evening. For more information go to: [www.hccclapeer.org](http://www.hccclapeer.org) or call 664-6037. (This is a non-Church of Christ sponsored event.)

### Fix-n-Mix Day

Michigan Christian Youth Camp is going to have a "Fix-n-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](mailto:mcyc@mcyc.org) or Bill Shelton at ( 7 3 4 ) 6 9 2 - 5 6 9 3 o r [wshelton@wowway.com](mailto:wshelton@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](http://www.rc.edu) for more information.

### Card Night

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

### Congratulations

We congratulate **Rebecca Wright**, who was chosen by the Oddfellows organization, along with 11 other young people, to represent the state of Michigan at the United Nations Pilgrimage Tour this summer. She will spend 14 days with other young people from around the world, visiting the United Nations in New York and touring historical destinations along the east coast and Canada. *Congratulations, Rebecca! We're proud of you!!*

### Metro Bible Lectureships

The annual lectureships will be hosted by the Parkside congregation and will be held tomorrow through Friday, at the Royal Oak Church of Christ. Information about this year's lectureship can be found at [www.metrodetroitbiblelectureship.com](http://www.metrodetroitbiblelectureship.com) or check the flyer posted on the bulletin board near the café area.

### Coins for Campers

MCYC never wants money or lack thereof to be the reason for a child not coming to camp. With that in mind, throughout the year they have individuals, churches and families making gifts to their Camp Scholarship Fund, which has blessed many youth throughout their 55-year history. "Coins for Campers" is a way for more families, groups, and youth to participate in helping keep their Scholarship Fund viable. Grab a can at home...a soup can, coffee can or a garbage can. Fill this can up during the months of March and April and then send your donation to MCYC 820 N. Lapeer George Rd., Attica, MI 48412 by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Your donation will make it possible for a child to come to summer camp and "Be Transformed." (Romans 12.2)

# TEENS

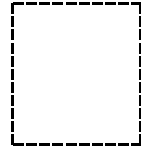
### Mission Trip

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 committee members.

### God's Helping Hands

We will be going to God's Helping Hands on Saturday, March 21 for their annual Easter Shopping Day. They will need lots of help distributing items for Easter gifts to those in need. We will leave the building at 9 a.m. and return approx. 3:00 p.m. Be sure to sign up if you plan to join us.

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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**

**Mary Lou Rost**

Mary Lou has been struggling with health problems and could use our prayers.

**Ben Jamison**

Ben has been in Lapeer Regional Hospital with blood clots in his leg. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Sharon White**

Please pray for Michelle Edgette's mother, Sharon, who fell last weekend and had to undergo hip surgery last Sunday.

**Betsy's Aunt**

Please pray for Betsy Sornig's aunt who is in the hospital with several health complication.

**Betty Piacentini**

Please pray for Cheryl Booth's mother, Betty, who has been diagnosed with cancer in her lung and liver. She has been in Lapeer Regional Hospital this weekend undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

**Fred Sword**

Please pray for Fred, a friend of Ruth Arnold and Cari Mihalovich, who has been in the hospital the last few weeks after suffering mini-strokes. He is not doing well and needs our prayers.

**Jon Tegart**

We rejoice that Jim Sornig's brother-in-law, Jon received results from his recent PET scan and it showed no signs of cancer! He will have additional tests in 6 months to keep an eye on the lesions he has on his liver.

**Beverly Hartwig**

Please pray for Beverly, a neighbor of Brian and Penny Crowley, who suffered a heart attack and is in Genesys Hospital.

**Maxie Reynolds**

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

**Ron Auger**

Ron, a teacher at Lapeer Vo-Tech who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis, was placed on life support last Thursday. He and his wife, a teacher at Imlay City Schools, have two children, ages 8 and 4. Please keep them all in your prayers.

**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, 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**

- Penny Crowley . . . . . March 11
- Eric Nettles . . . . . March 11
- Don Jamison . . . . . March 12
- Sue Ball . . . . . March 13
- Ashleyn Sparks . . . . . March 14
- Brandon Pretty . . . . . March 17

**ANNIVERSARIES**

None

**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"
- March 28 . Card night at Bahan's
- 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. . . . . *Celebration!*

**Wednesday . . . . . Bob Norton**

# ***Celebration 2009***

**THIS SUNDAY**

**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

***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.**

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.