

# 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

## OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

## Statistics for April 26, 2009

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	65
Bible Class	137
11:00 a.m. Service	144
Total Worship	209
Evening Worship	34
Mid-week	76

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$76,108.11
Actual	\$ 4,476.31	\$73,834.25
Diff.	- \$ 280.43	-\$ 2,273.86
Restricted Income		\$50.00

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **those who open their homes for our monthly card night.** Several of our members meet once a month to play euchre and have fun and fellowship together. Many of them have opened their homes for the fellowships, making it easier for everyone attending each month and the fellowship more fun! If you haven't been to a card night and would like to attend, please come anytime. They are usually held the on a Saturday evening at the end of each month. If you don't have to play cards, please come and join in on the fun and fellowship. *Thank you everyone! Your hospitality is a benefit for all those who attend!!*

## Pantry Food Needed

The following items are needed for our pantry. Please place them in the box next to the Secret Sister table:

Desserts    Soups    Snacks

## Annual Work Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16 for our annual spring work day around the church building. The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. Come all day or stay as long as you can. It will be great to have you here to share in the fun and work as we spruce up around the outside of the building.

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Debi Hoggatt and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Don Staats. Don passed away from brain cancer last Sunday night in Ohio.

## Potluck

Today is our monthly potluck. If you are visiting with us today, please stay and join us for lunch after the 11:00 a.m. service. We'd love to have the opportunity to get to know you better!

# The Shepherd's Staff

## Spiritual Growth

As we are in Tennessee and worshiping at the Arlington Church of Christ, our thoughts and prayers are with you all back home at Lapeer.

This past week they started a series of studies both in their Bible classes and also the sermons centered on developing Christ-likeness. The following is an adaptation of our son Mark's bulletin article this past Sunday.

*"How do we continue to grow? We need to get still before God, for that is often when He speaks to us. How? He speaks to us a number of ways. It often happens through His Word. Have you read the same passage many times but never noticed a particular word or meaning? Have you ever thought the sermon was directed at you? God's Spirit often gives us just what we need to hear. God also speaks through a loving friend or the example of someone we deeply respect. He even speaks through bitter disappointment. We must also mention the importance of the Holy Spirit in God speaking to us.*

*The believer is "controlled by the Spirit" (John 7:37-39), so they can "live by the Spirit" (John 14:16-18), be "led by the Spirit" (Romans 8:9), to "keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16-26), and to "pray in the Spirit on all occasions" (Eph. 6:18).*

*But how do I find time to grow spiritually? A big way is to make worship and Bible study a priority. There are also times built into your day, apart from specific times in a formal Bible study or worship gathering, for you to take advantage of:*

- *Drive time is valuable. Instead of listening to talk radio or music, turn the radio off and pray, or listen to the Bible on tape.*
- *While exercising. This could be a good time to pray or to read some good books.*
- *Mowing or working. Some are able to listen to an ipod while working. You can download Christian music, sermons, or the Bible to listen to while you work.*
- *Before bedtime or in the morning. Begin or end the day with the Lord."*

Jerry Brackney  
For the Elders

## Senior Banquet

Everyone in the congregation is invited to join us on Friday, May 15 for our annual Senior Banquet. We will be honoring our Class of 2009 Seniors and a very special night is planned to share in their accomplishments. If you plan to join us, please sign up on the sign up sheet located near the café area, and let us know what food item you could bring for our dinner. Thank you!

## Baby Shower



There will be a baby shower for Rachel Pratt to celebrate the birth of her son, Jared Seth, on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. There is a sign up sheet posted on the ladies bulletin board and we ask you to please sign up if you plan to attend. There is also a list of items Rachel needs for baby Jared on the ladies bulletin board. In lieu of a card for the top of your gift, we'd like to recommend you purchase a small children's book and address it to Jared, from you! This will be a special gift for him and we know Chase and Rachel will appreciate having it to read to him.

## Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be having a blood drive tomorrow at the Calvary Bible Church in Lapeer from 10:00 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. If you volunteered to bring cookies for the blood drive, please bring them to our church building by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, or you can drop them off at the Calvary Bible church building by 9:30 a.m. Thank you!!

## MCYC Family Retreat

Michigan Christian Youth Camp invites everyone to attend their Family Retreat, Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25. For more information to go [www.mcy.org](http://www.mcy.org).

## Our Men in the Military

**Justin Cooney** is now serving in Afghanistan. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. His address:

Justin Cooney  
8th ESB Supt Co HE PLT  
Unit 73684 FP  
FPO AE 09510-3684  
You can also text him at  
(248) 760-3849

**Aaron Jamison** is in Marine boot camp, is doing well and misses everyone. He wanted to pass along his address, but we ask that you only send positive notes (NO packages) *without* pictures, drawings, etc. on the letter or envelopes because he might receive unwanted attention from his drill instructors for any correspondence he receives while he is there.

Recruit Jamison, Aaron G.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Hotel Co. Plt. 2162  
36001 Midway Ave. C/S/Z  
San Diego, CA 92140-2162

Congratulations to **Niles Czekiel** who graduated from boot camp last week. He will be going to jump school at Ft. Benning, Georgia for the next several weeks. We'll be sure to pass along an address for him as soon as we receive it.

# Teens

## Senior Banquet

Mark your calendars for our Senior Banquet - Friday, May 15. We encourage all the teens to come and celebrate with our Seniors!!

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Join us in the teen room this Friday night from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. for fun and fellowship. This week's chaperones are Steve and Sonya Boren.



## The Optimistic Frog

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl,  
One was an optimistic soul;  
But the other took the gloomy view,  
"We shall drown," he cried, without more ado.  
So, with a last despairing cry,  
He flung up his legs and he said,  
"Good-bye."

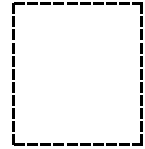
Quoth the other frog with a merry grin,  
"I can't get out, but I won't give in.  
I'll just swim 'round till my strength is spent,  
Then will I die the more content."

Bravely he swam till it would seem  
His struggles began to churn the cream;  
On the top of the butter at last he stopped,  
And out of the bowl he gaily hopped.  
What of the moral? 'Tis easily found:  
If you can't hop out, keep swimming 'round.

**Stay optimistic & don't give up.  
You never know where  
it will lead you!**

*"With me it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."* -Mark 10:27

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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

**Samantha Cox**

Please keep Samantha in your prayers. She suffered two injuries playing softball last Monday evening. She was hit in the face with a line drive and was taken to the hospital after she briefly passed out. She underwent x-rays and a CT scan, which showed she did suffer a concussion, but there were not signs of fractures or bleeding. Earlier in the game she hurt her thumb while sliding into second base and doctors determined that it was broken. She has a splint on her thumb and will be seeing an orthopedic surgeon this Wednesday. Please pray that the thumb will set properly so surgery will not be necessary.

**Ashley Edgette**

Ashley is slowly gaining strength and doing better from her mono, but continues to have problems with her gall bladder. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

**James Bratton**

Continue to pray for James, the son-in-law of Bob and Paula Garrett and husband of Kelli. James had a biopsy on a mass behind his knee last Monday, and doctors feel the mass is benign, but have not been able to determine what type of mass it is. He is expected to have the mass removed as soon as the tests from the biopsy come back and they can determine what they are dealing with.

**Janice Brannon**

Janice is suffering from severe headaches and a recent MRI showed that she may need to undergo surgery for a shunt. She will be seeing a neuro surgeon this Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Stacy Albright**

Please pray for Ethel Sawgle's niece, Stacy, who is very ill with pneumonia.

**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.

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



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

<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> </ul>
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## BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Sornig	.....	May 9
Brandon Cooney	.....	May 11
Al Montgomery	.....	May 11
Jason Hook	.....	May 11
Mark Dillard	.....	May 12
Timothy Hall	.....	May 12
Jim Verbison	.....	May 12

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Ruthann Cox	.....	May 7
Carl & Yvonne Ogar	.....	May 8

## EVENTS

May 15	.....	Senior Banquet
May 16	.....	Annual Work Day
May 19	.....	Baby Shower for Rachel Pratt

### Shepherd's Care

**This Weeks Schedule:**

**Today:**

8:30 a.m.	.....	Dave Wright
Bible Class	.....	Jack Slater
11:00 a.m.	.....	Jack Slater
:00 p.m.	.....	Dave Wright
<b>Wednesday</b>	.....	Jack Slater