



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

Family

Jerry Brackney

SHEPHERDS

Jerry Brackney
Kent Hoggatt
Bob Norton
Jack Slater
Dave Wright

DEACONS

Don Jamison
Steve Kurschat
Terry McCarthy
Jim Sornig
Ron Weiss

OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

Statistics for November 22, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	60
Bible Class	125
11:00 a.m. Service	137
Total Worship	197
Evening Worship	59
Mid-week	n/a

Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 214,053.57
Actual	\$ 3,764.08	\$ 208,208.89
Diff.	-\$ 922.66	\$ 5,844.68
China Bibles		\$15.00
Other Restricted Income		\$425.00

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor our teens and their chaperones who worked at the Eastern Michigan Food Bank Saturday, November 21. They sorted food that would be distributed and/or sold at a discounted price to those in need. Also, our soup kitchen and benevolence pantry will benefit from the hours they spent there working. We are always proud of our young people and the adults who work with them for their willingness to help others. *Thank you all!*

Adult Christmas Party

Please note: The adult Christmas Party scheduled for next Saturday, December 5, has been cancelled.

House For Rent

Alan and Nancy Brinker will be leaving us next weekend and moving to Texas where Alan has accepted a job offer. They have a house available for rent in Goodland Township. It is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom bi-level home. Please contact the church office for more information. **TODAY IS THEIR FINAL DAY WITH US!**

Their new address:
2104 Culver
Midland, TX 79705
Phone: (432) 528-5191

Television Show

The Church of Christ weekly television show "In Search of the Lords' Way" can currently be seen on the following channels:
DirecTV - Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Channel 364
Dish TV - Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Channel 259

The Shepherd's Staff

Be Respectful

Romans 13:3-5 *"For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience."*

God has established three spheres of authority: the home, the church, and the government. He established those authorities so that there would be order in the world He created. Consequently, if one rebels against one of these he is rebelling against what God has instituted.

We should respect government authorities even if they are imperfect. Since these institutions are all headed up by imperfect people, they are imperfect. But their source of authority is God, and we are to honor the position.

If we do not exercise respect and accept the authority that is over us do not be surprised that we do not receive respect from those that are under us (our workers, our students, our children, etc.)

Jack Slater
For the Elders

Truck/Trailer Needed

Ron and Katy Weiss will be picking up a large commercial refrigerator this Wednesday to put in our kitchen. They are in need of a stake truck or a trailer with tall sides to pick it up with. Please contact them if you have anything available.
(989) 795-2630

Breakfast

The teens would like to invite the congregation to breakfast in the fellowship hall next Sunday, December 6 from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Invite your friends and family to join us for this free, delicious meal prepared and served by our teens.

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 Bob Norton
Wed. Dave Wright

--Sharon Hueter

Gingerbread House Days

MCYC will be hosting Gingerbread House Decorating Days on December 5 and 12 from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$15 and they provide a day of fun at the camp, sledding (hopefully), some snacks, hot chocolate and of course, a gingerbread house to decorate. Contact the camp at 664-8040 for more information.

Journey to Bethlehem

Mark your calendar for MCYC's 2nd Annual "Journey to Bethlehem" December 11-13 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Experience a hay ride through the life of Jesus Christ. They need lots of volunteers of all ages. No acting ability required! Come join the fun and share a memory that will build your faith. Contact Susan Bishop if you can help or if you have any of the following items that are needed:

NEEDS:

- 50-100 ft. extension cords to borrow
- Christmas decorations you do not want returned
- Christmas "picks" (bunched flowers, etc.)

New Pictorial Directory

We are beginning work on a new pictorial directory and ask that each family submit an updated family picture to the office. Please email a picture to the church office or put it on a CD and place it in Freda's mailbox in the office.

You can also put a picture in Freda's mailbox and we will scan it. Please note whether you'd like it returned after we scan it, otherwise, we would like to keep it for our files.

If you prefer to have your picture taken, we have posted a sign up sheet on the café bulletin board for an appointment to have your picture taken, either before or after Bible class on Sunday mornings through December 20. Debra Slocum will be taking the pictures for us, but you must sign up for a designated time so she knows how many to be prepared for. Thank you!

Secret Sisters



Ladies, our Revelation Dinner will be held Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the ladies bulletin board if you plan to attend and let us know what you would like to bring for our meal.

We would love for **all** the ladies 18 years and older to please join us in this fun ministry. Whether you are new to this or a seasoned participant, we have plenty of room for everyone. All you have to do is take a minute of your time each month to drop your Secret Sister an encouraging note - simple as that! More details can be provided if you are interested and I truly encourage all ladies to please join! Times are tough everywhere, for everyone, so what a better time than now to join and be supportive, uplifting and encouraging to a friend - your friend - your Secret Sister!

-Donna Kurschat

Congratulations

We congratulate **Aaron Jamison** who was recently promoted to Lance Corporal. He is currently stationed in Virginia. *We're proud of you, Aaron.*

Also, we congratulate **Gubby Cox** who recently completed his schooling, passed his clinicals and state exam and is now a Certified Nurse Assistant. *Way to go, Gubby!!!*

Thank You

"A special thank you to Bill Speirs for his hard work and dedication to fill the cracks in the parking lot. I appreciate all the hard work he has done to keep it maintained."

-Steve Kurschat

"Thank you for the cards, phone calls and especially for your words of comfort and encouragement after the passing of my sister. They meant a lot to me and were a great comfort."

Teens

Christmas Jug

We have started collecting money in our annual Christmas Jug in the teen room. All money collected will be used to buy Christmas presents for families who could use an extra blessing this Christmas. It doesn't take much to do a whole lot of good.

Congregational Breakfast

Next Sunday, December 6th we will be putting on our annual congregational breakfast. The teen group will be cooking and serving (and eating) breakfast for the whole church. This has been a lot of fun in the past. Talk to Terry or Jamesa McCarthy if you have any questions. **BE SURE TO SIGN UP ON THE TEEN BULLETIN BOARD IF YOU PLAN TO HELP!!**

7-10

Join us in the teen room every other Friday evening from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. for fun and fellowship. Bring your friends!!

Parents - we need chaperones!! Please sign up as soon as possible if you are available.

All Night Bowling

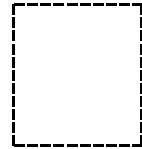
Parents - if you are interested in coordinating an all-night bowling event for our teens, please contact Chase Pratt as soon as possible. This is always a fun event for our teens and chaperones!

Schedule of Speakers

Today:

This morning - Steve July
Tonight - Brian Crowley

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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 Ladies
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 . Bruce & Robin Nettles
Library Tina Dinnan
Marriage and Family Jerry & Rita Brackney
Missions Terry McCarthy
Nursery
Office Freda Wright
Preaching and Teaching
Pre-Teens (12 years - under) Committee
Secret Sister Donna Kurschat
Soup Kitchen Various Members
Teens Jim Sornig / Committee
World Bible School Brian Crowley
Young at Heart Jerry Brackney

Weekly Prayer List

Travelers

Pray for all those traveling this holiday weekend.

John & Joan Dyer

John is recuperating from pneumonia and Joan has had a setback from her lupus and is in a wheelchair. Please keep both of them in your prayers as they struggle with health problems.

Dean Hoggatt

Kent Hoggatt's dad had a blood clot in his leg, but we are thankful that he is doing better and was able to come home from the hospital last week.

Jolene Brown

Brian Crowley asks us to pray for Jolene, the step-daughter of his brother. She is 5 1/2 months pregnant and doctors have discovered that the baby she is carrying has a hole in it's heart.

Brian's Co-Worker

Brian Crowley asks for our prayers for a co-worker who was recently diagnosed with advanced stages of cancer. He retired from work two months ago and the cancer was just recently discovered.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Stacy (Eddings) Stach, Rachael Craig (triplets), Jeanette (Seth) Anderson and Christine Brackney.

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



Please pray for our leaders and the men and women in the armed forces, especially those listed below who are family/loved ones of our members:

- Chip Atkinson
- Jeff Sparks
- Darren Whatling
- Justin Cooney
- Brad Willett
- Niles Czekiel
- Matt Messenger
- David Wells
- Aaron Jamison
- Iain & Robert Lee
- Scott Haddix
- Andrew Plumb
- Mike Dix
- Will Bartlett
- Bill Rogers
- Mike Overby

Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

Aldena Burgess, Stefan Sauter, Rich Overton, Ed Sornig, Don Tivy, Frieda Lock, Margaret Whitsett, Marge Norton, Sharon White, Don Haddix, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Sherrie White's parents, Sue Johnson, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, June Pigg, Mamie Gentry.

Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones

Jason Hook, Warren Edwards, Cheryl Booth, Mike & Tina Dinnan, Bruce Nettles, Geneva Breezee, Penny Crowley, Rich Overton, Ruthann Cox, the Weiss family, the French/Samueloff family, Alan Brinker, Sharon Hueter and Ruth Kegerreis, Aldena Burgess.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Thankful all the many blessings God has given us!



Encouragement Needed

Holly (Aikman) Warner is living in Tennessee with her baby while her husband Philip is attending officer's training in another state. Holly could really use our encouragement while he is gone. Please send her a card or note to let her know that you're thinking about her. Her address:

6931 Amberly Village Drive
Cordova, Tennessee 38018

BIRTHDAYS

- Melvin Coburn Dec 1
- Debbie Barnett Dec 6
- Steve Borst Dec 6
- Aubrey Sharpe Dec 6
- Megan Goodin Dec 7
- Cameron Czerniakowski Dec 7

ANNIVERSARIES

- Bob & Marge Norton Dec 6

TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of the following teachers for our Winter quarter, which begins next Sunday, December 6:

Sunday -
1st & 2nd Grade

Wednesday -
3 & 4 year olds
1st & 2nd Grade

Please contact Don Jamison as soon as possible if you are available to teach.

Continue to pray daily for our minister search