



# 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 October 11, 2009

### Attendance

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| 8:30 a.m. Service  | 57  |
| Bible Class        | 118 |
| 11:00 a.m. Service | 128 |
| Total Worship      | 185 |
| Evening Worship    | 52  |
| Mid-week           | 82  |

### Finances

|                         | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Year-to-date</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Budget                  | \$ 4,756.74   | \$ 185,513.13       |
| Actual                  | \$ 3,972.14   | \$ 182,381.06       |
| Diff.                   | -\$ 784.60    | \$ 3,132.07         |
| China Bibles            |               | \$5.00              |
| Other Restricted Income |               | \$139.61            |

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **all of our "prayer warriors" who pray continuously for those on our prayer list.** It is a great comfort to those on the prayer list and the families of those on the list to know that people are lifting their names up to the Lord. This is one of the best "support groups" one can have! *Thank you everyone!!*

## Tonight

Join us tonight to hear Don Bone as he updates us on the work being done in the Eastern European Missions, and as he brings the Word of God to us.

## Spaghetti Dinner

*God's Helping Hands* will be having a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at the Troy Church of Christ, 800 W. Trombley, Troy, MI from 6-8 p.m. this Friday, October 23. Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 for children 5-12 years old, and under 5 are free. "Elvis" will be entertaining us. Come out and join others for the food and fellowship.

## Annual Steak Dinner

Everyone is invited to the steak dinner at Michigan Christian Youth Camp in Attica on Saturday, November 7 from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.mcyo.org](http://www.mcyo.org) or through Ron or Katy Weiss. Entertainment will also be provided.

## Ministry Leaders

Ministry leaders - your year-to-date reports and 2010 Budget Requests forms are in your mailboxes. Be sure to pick them up today and review them. Budget request sheets are due back to the office by **Sunday, November 8**. If you do not have a year-to-date report in your mailbox, that means you did not spend money from your budget for 2009. However, we recommend you still turn in a 2010 budget request form.

# The Shepherd's Staff

## PREACHER SUPPORT

Many of our men are volunteering to preach during the evening service while we are searching for a new preacher. For many it may be the first time they have preached publicly. Have you noticed the great lessons these men have brought so far? We are getting to know these men as they share what is on their heart with us,

It can be discouraging when they have their families come to hear them speak and there is but a few members who come to hear them. You can encourage these men by attending and commenting on their lesson. This is a special opportunity to hear these unique lessons and get to know these men better. Your support will mean a lot.

I encourage all our men to share in this opportunity and bring us a lesson on what is on your heart. There is a schedule of those speaking on the media room window. Please contact Bob Norton to discuss a speaking engagement.

Our fill-in speakers have commented on the friendly, encouraging environment at Lapeer. Please join in our congregational prayer effort as we beseech God to lead us to the right man and family. There are sign-up sheets on the table under the courtyard window.

Bob Norton  
For the Elders

## Baptism

**Debra Slocum** was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning, October 11. We rejoice with Debra and her husband, Earl and we pray that God will bless her in her new life in Christ!

## "Lose Weight and feel GREAT"

The FREE *Transitions Lifestyle System* class will be held on Tuesday night this week, instead of Monday evening. Please contact Shelly Windsor if you have any questions.

## Adult Christmas Party

Mark your calendars and get the babysitter ready for our annual Christmas Party scheduled for Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help make this fun night even more fun, see Marge Norton as soon as possible.

## God's Helping Hands

There will be another "Focus Saturday" on November 21 to help take families Christmas shopping at the GHH's facility. If you are interested in car pooling, please watch for the sign up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board in the café area.

## Prayer Sign-Up Sheet

Be sure to stop by the table near the courtyard window to sign up for a time you would like to commit to praying for our minister search.

## Attention ACL Class

The class will be meeting tomorrow evening instead of the normal Tuesday night meeting time this week.

## Minister Screening Committee

We are all blessed to have the help of the following in our minister search, Warren & Lynn Edwards, Bob & Paula Garrett, Jason & Erin Sherrill and Art & Sherrie White. The committee's job will be to assist the elders in the gathering of information, tapes, etc. of prospects, initiating phone conversations and other "leg work". If you have a candidate suggestion, please give the committee as much contact information (and your phone number) as you can regarding any minister prospects that you know. Place your recommendations and referrals in the mail box just inside the office door (to the right.) Most of all, please be in consistent prayer as we seek out who the Lord has in mind for the position here.

## Church Sign

Bill Speirs has taken on the ministry to change our sign in front of the church building. He would like to ask members of the congregation for their input. If you have a favorite verse or a saying that you think would be good to share with the community, please write it down and give it to Bill or put it in the mailbox in the back of the auditorium. Bill will be keeping a booklet of everything submitted, so please tell him why the verse or saying means something to you. Please remember we have a limited amount of space on the sign, so condense your wording as much as possible. Watch for one of the verses and/or sayings to be up on the board beginning November 1.

## Card Night

The next card night will be held at Bruce and Robin Nettles on Saturday evening, November 7 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Sloppy joes will be served.

## Love INC Banquet

The Third Annual Love INC Fellowship Banquet will be Thursday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 per person and a Love Offering. The Banquet will be held at Bishop Kelly Community Hall at 926 W. Nepeessing Street across from the DeAngeli Library. See the informational letter on the café bulletin board. Contact Jerry Brackney to make a reservation. In September, the Love INC office received 1,333 calls for help. That represented 1,028 adults and 1,130 children that were helped. Love INC received 887 referrals from churches and agencies. We need your support to continue serving the needy for Lapeer County.

## Thank You

*"I want to thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and compassion since my accident. Special thanks to Robin and Kathy Dillard, Peggy Schofield and Brenda Messenger for providing food for me; to Jerry Brackney for his obtaining and delivering the accident report as needed, to Phil Dillard for allowing me to partake of the Lord's Supper. I'm healing and the driver's auto insurance has started processing my claim. God continues His watchful care of me."*  
—Ruth Kegerreis

## Birth

We rejoice that Ryan and Misty Hoggatt had a baby girl last Sunday morning. **Shaelynn Kayann Hoggatt** was 8 lb. 4 oz. and was 20 ½" long. Kent and Debi are thrilled to have a new granddaughter and the family thanks everyone for their prayers for a healthy baby and a safe delivery.

## Leaders & Leaderettes

We have a NEW meeting time! On October 25, Nov. 1 and Nov. 8 we will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. to begin lessons and activities for Bible Reading, Song Leading, Scrapbooking, Good Samaritan, Bible Bowl and others. The Phase One class will continue to meet each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Bruce and Robin Nettles with any questions.

# Teens

## Silver Ring Thing

There is a *Silver Ring Thing* live tour event in Plymouth NEXT Saturday, October 17th. Silver Ring Thing is a program that promotes the message of abstinence until marriage, centered in a relationship with Jesus Christ. The live event is a stage performance with high energy music, special effects, fast-paced video, personal testimonies, and comedy in a concert-style event. Tickets are \$5. There is a sign-up sheet on the teen board.

## "Girl's Locker Room"

(As written by Rachel Pratt)

You all know that the Girls Devos have started up. The devos will be the last Sunday of the month at my house from 5:45-7:15p.m. The next one will be next Sunday, October 26th.

At the first devo it was asked if we could have a special section on the Church Forum that is for girls only. I have put it in place. This will be a place where I will put notes about that month's devo up and next month's topic and prayer requests will go up there as well. This is a place that you can come to see what the devo was about if you missed it. I would love for all of you to come to the devo, but I highly encourage all of you to get on this forum. There will be things that we talk about on the forum that we may not talk about in the devo. I am the moderator for the forum. Go to [www.lapeerchurchofchrist.com](http://www.lapeerchurchofchrist.com).

## Corn Maze & Gift Boxes

Join us NEXT Saturday, October 24 at the building where we will put together Fall gift boxes to send to our college students. Everyone is asked to bring 2 bags of candy or other goodies to include in the boxes. When we are done, we will be going to a corn maze. Please sign up on the teen bulletin board if you plan to attend. Cost information will be 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* ..... 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**

**Emit Adkins**

Emit is now home from the hospital after suffering a broken leg. Please keep him in your prayers, as well as Loreina as she is very ill with heart problems.

**Carl Ogar**

Continue to keep Carl in your prayers as he recuperates from rotator cuff surgery.

**John Dockham**

John, a friend of Don & Marcie Anderson found out that the tumor he has is cancerous. Please keep him in your prayers as he proceeds with the correct treatment.

**Dean Hoggatt**

Please pray for Dean, Kent Hoggatt's father, who is in a rehabilitation/transition unit, recuperating from pneumonia and an irregular heartbeat.

**Katy Weiss' Sister**

Please pray for Theresa, Katy's sister, who is recovering from bacterial pneumonia. We pray that she will heal and get back on her feet soon.

**Wynter Shilling**

Please pray for Wynter, a friend of Lauren Weiss, who is scheduled to have surgery.

**Mrs. Mavis**

Lauren Weiss asks us to pray for her teacher, who is having a baby girl.

**Boyd Murphy**

Tammy Porter would like to thank everyone who prayed for her father, Boyd. He had surgery recently and doctors were able to put in a pacemaker for his heart, which has increased his life span by at least 5 years. He had originally only been given 90 days to live. Tammy asks us to continue to pray for his recovery as well as his soul.

**Family of Danielle Shipley**

Please pray for the family of Danielle Shipley, who passed away last Monday from injuries she suffered in a car accident. Her funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 at the Calvary Bible Church in Lapeer. Danielle was a senior at Lapeer West High School and a friend to several of our teens.

Those Needing Continuous  
Prayers and Encouragement

Stefan Sauter, Rich Overton, Tim Kennard, Ed Sornig, Don Tivy, Frieda Lock, Margaret Whitsett, Watson and Aldena Burgess, Niki Kirkpatrick, Marge Norton, Sharon White, Don Haddix, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Sherrie White's parents, Sue Johnson, The Hall & Raper Families, 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.

Praise and Thanksgiving

- The safe arrival of the Hoggatt's granddaughter, Shaelynn.
- Debra Slocum's baptism.

**Schedule of Speakers**

Today:  
This morning - Jeff Booth  
Tonight - Don Bone

Next Sunday morning:  
Gary Beadle



**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

## BIRTHDAYS

|              |       |        |
|--------------|-------|--------|
| Noah Hook    | ..... | Oct 20 |
| Helen Lekki  | ..... | Oct 20 |
| Betsy Sornig | ..... | Oct 22 |
| Susan Bishop | ..... | Oct 24 |
| Kevin Nelms  | ..... | Oct 24 |

## ANNIVERSARIES

None

*Shepherd's  
Care*

**This Weeks Schedule**

**Today:**  
8:30 a.m. .... Dave Wright  
Bible Class . . . Jack Slater  
11:00 a.m. .... Jack Slater  
6:00 p.m. .... Dave Wright  
**Wed.** . . . . . Jerry Brackney