

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
Ron Weiss

OFFICE SECRETARY

Freda Wright

Statistics for September 6, 2009

Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	.....	n/a
Bible Class	.....	129
11:00 a.m. Service	.....	121
Total Worship	.....	n/a
Evening Worship	.....	n/a
Mid-week	.....	n/a

Finances

Weekly Year-to-date

Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 161,729.43
Actual	\$ 4,417.54	\$ 157,864.59
Diff.	-\$ 339.20	\$ 3,864.84
China Bibles	\$10.00
Other Restricted Income	\$379.85

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor
Kent & Debi Hoggatt

as they venture into a new chapter of their life working full-time for Rochester College. We thank them for their years of service with us and know they will be a blessing for the college and those around them in their work there. *Thank you Kent and Debi, we appreciate you both so much and know God will bless you as you continue your work for the Lord at the college!*

ACL Class

If you were unable to attend last Tuesday night's *Adventures in Christian Living* information class, please feel free to join us for the first class this Tuesday night. See Bob or Marge Norton for more details.

Young at Heart

There will be a Young at Heart Potluck and Game Night at Peggy Schofield's on Saturday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **Charlie French and Dianne Samueloff**, whose step-mother, Evelyn Ellis-French passed away last week. Her funeral was held yesterday in Grayling, Michigan.

Thank You

"To our Lapeer Family in Christ, Thanks be to God for all of you!! Thank you for making our wedding celebration so special. It was such a blessing to have all of you there and if you weren't, we appreciated your prayers and thoughts."

With our love in Christ,
Ron & Katy Weiss

Needed

Joe Eddings is in need of used furniture and household appliances. If you have any for sale, please call the church office for his contact number.

The Shepherd's Staff

We have been blessed!

For eleven years, Kent has been serving our congregation as the minister. Before bringing a sermon, Kent studies his Bible and reads related material to get the best grasp of the topic. He presents scripture filled sermons which are easy to follow with his outline in the bulletin each week. He effectively uses illustrations to help us better understand what God wants us to learn.

Kent has spent countless hours visiting and sitting in hospitals with patients and their families. His prayers are so meaningful and comforting to everyone. He has also taught people to know God better and answered their questions with Bible answers.

Kent has counseled many with marriage struggles and others who were struggling with something in their life. He has conducted weddings for people in the church and many from the community, after doing pre-marital counseling with them.

Kent has spent considerable time on the phone visiting with and checking on people to see how they are doing and following up with our visitors.

For many years, Kent has also served our congregation as an Elder. We praise and thank God, Kent's plan is to continue to serve as an Elder.

Debi has spent most of her time with little ones in the nursery during worship and Bible class. Her knowledge of that age group, her compassion, her gentle and quiet nature are the perfect combination to put the little ones and their parents at ease while they are separated.

May God bless you, Kent and Debi, and as Paul said in I Thessalonians 1:2 and 3, *"We always thank God for you, mentioning you in prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Thank you and we love you both.

Jerry Brackney
For the Elders

Teachers Needed

We need the following teachers for the Fall quarter.

Wednesday -

3 & 4 year old class

5 year old/Kindergarten class

Please contact Don Jamison if you are available to teach.

College Students

Please be sure to email the church office or write down your address for Freda so we can have it on file.

Attention Ladies!

New Class - Erin Sherrill will be teaching a ladies class on Wednesday evenings, beginning this Wednesday. The class will be studying from the book "A Woman After God's Own Heart" by Elizabeth George. Contact Erin with questions.

Address

Please make a note of **Aaron Jamison's** address for your directory:

School of Music-Marine Detachment
Attn: PFC Jamison, Aaron G.
1420 Gator Blvd.
Norfolk, VA 23521

Raise the Roof

Plans have been drawn up, permits are being pulled, funds have and are being raised and it's time to start swinging hammers. Michigan Christian Youth Camp will have work parties on the roof at Hawley Lodge every Saturday until October 31. The days will begin at 8:00 a.m. and go to 4:00 p.m. and lunch will be served. There will also be other work days throughout the week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For a complete schedule of work days, check the bulletin board near the café area.

House Needed to Rent

Steve & Amy Borst are looking for a house to rent. Please contact the church office as soon as possible for their contact number if you know of a house available. Thank you!

60th Anniversary

The West Branch Church of Christ will be having a 60th Anniversary celebration Sunday, October 4. The speaker will be former minister, Al Bugg Jr. Bible class begins at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. There will be a potluck lunch, so bring a dish and/or dessert to share. (There's plenty of area restaurants and stores to pick something up if you are traveling there.) They extend a special invitation to our members to share this special day with them since we have supported them in the past and our teens conducted a V.B.S. there this summer.

Annual Canoe Trip

Everyone is welcome to join us on our Annual Canoe Trip, September 25-27 in Oscoda, MI. We will be camping at a county park. Three tents are available to borrow (see Susan Bishop.) On Saturday night we will be having a meal together, so bring your own meat and a dish to pass. Sunday worship will be held at the campsite. Details on costs to be announced soon. See Susan Bishop if you have any questions.

Touch A Truck

God's Helping Hands will be having their annual "Touch a Truck" fund raiser next Sunday, September 20 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Avondale Middle School in Rochester. Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Participants will be able to sit in and touch different types of vehicles. We also hear that Elmo will be hanging out!! Snacks will also be available for purchase.

God's Helping Hands

Katy Weiss will be going down to GHH's this Thursday from 10 - 2 p.m. to distribute food and help people shop for clothes. They are in need of a lot of help, so please contact Katy if you would like to go.

Lads To Leaders & Leaderettes

We have had a couple of meetings and plan to start the program with the Phase One class next Sunday, Sept. 20 at 6:00 p.m. It will run 12 consecutive weeks and additional classes will be added as we get more kids signed up. This is an introductory class that we would like all first-time participants to take. It sets the foundation for L/L and is a great class. All ages are combined into one class, but there are separate classes for boys and girls. We encourage 2nd grade up to the 12th grade to attend. Please see Bruce or Robin Nettles with any questions. (There is a list of events and classes available on the L/L website: <http://www.lads-to-leaders.org>)

Minister Screening Committee

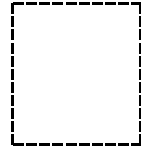
We are all blessed to have the help of the following in our minister search, Warren & Lynn Edwards, Bob & Paula Garrett, Jason & Erin Sherrill and Art & Sherrie White. The committee's job will be to assist the elders in the gathering of information, tapes, etc. of prospects, initiating phone conversations and other "leg work". We believe YOU, our members, are the best resources for suggesting names of candidates. 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.

Teens

Girls' Devotional

As discussed at the *Chicks' Night In*, we will begin having a girl's devotional on the last Sunday of each month. The first one will be September 27th at Chase & Rachel's house from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. Talk to Rachel if you need more info.

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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
 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 Jim Sornig / Committee
World Bible School Brian Crowley
Young at Heart Jerry Brackney

**Weekly
Prayer List**

Watson Burgess

Watson spent a few days in the hospital last week with chest pains. We are glad he is feeling better and we need to remember him in our prayers.

Heather Briggs

Heather has been suffering from a severe kidney and bladder infection. Please keep her in your prayers.

Loreina Adkins

Loreina went to the Cleveland Clinic last week and it was determined that she has two leaking valves in her heart. Doctors hope to be able to help her with medication so surgery will not be necessary. Please keep her in your prayers.

Justin Crowley

Justin underwent an emergency appendectomy last Tuesday in California. Please keep him in your prayers.

Cindy Menonamee

Please pray for Cindy, the niece of Helen Lekki. She is having a problem pregnancy and is in the hospital in Marquette, Michigan.

Tom Kennard

Please pray for Tom, the step-father of Alan Brinker. He is in advanced stages of cancer and it has now spread to his bone.

Don Tivy

Please keep Don, the husband of Amy Tivy, in your prayers. He had surgery in the past to have one of his legs removed, and he recently had some of the toes removed from his other foot. Please pray that he will heal quickly from this surgery and that he will not have to undergo any further surgery.

Ed Sornig

Continue to pray for Ed, the father of Jim Sornig. He had surgery last week to remove an additional portion of his leg above the knee.

Howard Goodin

Please keep Howard, the father of Steve Goodin in your prayers. He underwent carotid artery surgery last Friday in Petosky.

Janice Brannon

Janice had episodes of passing out and has also experienced a lot of pain in her left leg. She has been in the University of Alabama-Birmingham Hospital, but was transferred to a nursing home/rehabilitation facility this weekend. Continue to keep her in your prayers. Her address:

Chandler Health & Rehab.Center
850 N.W. Ninth Street
Alabaster, AL 35007

Larry Schlaud

Pat Cox asks us to pray for the son of John and Jean Schlaud, who operate the home where she lives. He had to have emergency surgery on his leg last week after a lawn mower accident. He's doing better and the family appreciates our prayers.

Holly Speirs

Please pray for Holly, the daughter-in-law of Sam & Dianne Samueloff, who is in Garden City Hospital undergoing tests and evaluations.

The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers: Rachel Tanis, Misty Hoggatt, Jeanette (Seth) Anderson and Christine Brackney.

Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

Stefan Sauter, 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, Niki Kirkpatrick, Sara & Kevin Nelms, Bruce Nettles, Geneva Breezee, Penny Crowley, Rich Overton, Ruthann Cox, the Weiss family, the French/Samueloff family.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Watson Burgess is home and doing well.

"Lose Weight and feel GREAT"

There will be a FREE *Transitions Lifestyle System* class held at our building on Monday's, beginning Monday, October 5th from 7 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The class will meet for 6 sessions total and will discuss topics such as low-glycemic nutrition, health and weight loss with DVD series/support. If you have questions, please contact Shelly Windsor at jhwindsor24@yahoo.com.



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
- Curtis McCoy
- Stephen Kang
- Jim Lish
- Jeff Farwell
- Bill Rogers
- Tim Smith
- Allan Moor
- Jeff Sparks
- Mark Terry
- Brian Wood
- Darren Whatling
- Will Bartlett
- 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
- Aaron Jamison
- Damian Salmond
- Iain & Robert Lee

BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Sparks Sept. 16
 Kim Kroenke Sept. 16
 Steve Ennis Sept. 18
 Rick Hueter Sept. 19
 Rachel Pratt Sept. 19
 Hayley-Kate Nelms . . . Sept. 22

ANNIVERSARIES

Vern & Glenda Dipzinski
 Sept. 19
 Steve & Amy Borst
 Sept. 19