



# 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 August 30, 2009

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	55
Bible Class	142
11:00 a.m. Service	160
Total Worship	215
Evening Worship	n/a
Mid-week	159

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,756.74	\$ 156,972.69
Actual	\$ 5,010.06	\$ 153,447.05
Diff.	+\$ 253.32	\$ 3,525.64
China Bibles		\$10.00
Other Restricted Income		\$ 0.00

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**Honor to Whom Honor is Due**



This week we honor **Ted Carpenter**, a member of the Otisville congregation, who loaned us the large dehumidifier recently after our flood disaster. Thank you, Ted!!

Also, we want to honor **our members who recently helped our new sister-in-Christ, Robin Davis**, by moving items out of her basement and preparing meals for her and Nick after her recent carpal tunnel surgery. *Thank you everyone!!*

**ACL Class**

Our exciting adventure starts this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This is an informational meeting to explain and show how ACL works. Please come and see if this class is for you. You are under no obligation for attending Tuesday.

This is an opportunity to discover the talents God has given you. ACL has changed so many lives, many who are members at Lapeer. Feel free to ask anyone who has taken the class for a reference.

Our leadership team is Paula Garrett, Bruce Nettles, and Bob and Marge Norton. Come and hear what ACL has done for others. We are really excited about this class. All alumni may repeat the class free of charge and we would love to have you come and share your experiences at ACL and how the class has changed your life.

**Ride Needed**

Watson and Aldena Burgess have moved to an assisted living facility in Davison. If you are available to pick them up for Sunday morning services, please contact Kent as soon as possible. Their address:

Sterling House of Davison  
432 E. Clark  
Davison, MI 48423

**The Shepherd's Staff**

This weekend we reflect....

When God created Adam he placed him in the garden to work it and enjoy the blessings that come from it. Part of the joy intended by God was to allow man to know the fulfillment of labor.

We were not created to only have a life full of ease and entertainment. We don't have to look too far in the world around us to see many tragic examples. The few who the world touts as the wealthiest have a life that is more like a train wreck waiting to happen. Can't we learn from their sad experiences? Solomon had them all beat and he still has much to say to everyone in our world!

This Labor day weekend I think of it a bit different than I have in the past. We are all aware of many who have lost jobs or aware of others have been cut back on the hours they work. Some have taken a reduction in their take home pay or lost a significant amount of their retirement income and/or benefits. This has forced many to draw back from things that many would have thought even a year ago was a priority.

To all of us who have work, let's realize this weekend that the fulfillment we have in our labors comes from God, not our own ingenuity or self motivation. Everything we have (even in our labors) or enjoy, is a gift from God to be used for His glory. There are people at Lapeer and around the world who we must keep in mind that need our prayers as they wait out the downturn in the economy. Actually they may be learning something that the Bible and all of history has been teaching us all along.

God IS in charge, and we can confidently say in faith that he fully cares for ALL who may not enjoy the levels of prosperity enjoyed by others. This weekend, thank God for our blessings and remember others who He places around us who are in pressing need.

For the Elders  
Kent Hoggatt

## Parenting Class

*Growing Kids God's Way* is a parenting class designed for ages 18 months to 12 years of age. It is a 19 week class. This parenting class will be offered on Sundays from 8:30am to 10:45am. The class will begin next Sunday, September 13 and go to February 28, which will be our banquet.

We will not be having classes on September 27, November 8, and November 29, (Thanksgiving weekend) and December 27 or January 3, (Holidays).

The cost of the workbooks is \$21.00 each, which can be paid out. Each parent will need their own workbook. The classes will be held in the church library.

Any questions or to sign up for the information class, please talk to Jerry or Rita Brackney or call Jerry at 810-441-7575 or Rita at 810-542-0205.

## 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.

## Touch A Truck

*God's Helping Hands* will be having their annual "Touch a Truck" fund raiser on 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.

## Baptism

We rejoice that **Eric Nettles** was baptized into Christ last Sunday, August 30. *May God bless you, Eric, as you begin your new life in Christ!*

## College Students

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

## 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 cell number.

## Attention Ladies!

**New Class** - Erin Sherrill will be teaching a ladies class on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 16. The class will be studying from the book "A Woman After God's Own Heart" by Elizabeth George. Please sign up on the ladies bulletin board if you are interested in attending the class and indicate if you have a copy of the book. If you don't, a copy will be provided for you at the first class. Contact Erin with questions.

## 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 be have work parties to work on the roof at Hawley Lodge until October 31. Every Saturday there will be a work party, beginning September 12. 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.

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The West Branch Church of Christ will be having a 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Thank You

*"Thank you Jerry and Rita for all your help during surgery and beyond blessings. Thank you everyone for the meals, kindness and prayers. We couldn't have done it without you."*

God bless, Robin and Nick Davis

## Blood Drives

The American Red Cross will be hosting blood drives in Lapeer this month:

Tuesday, Sept 15 1:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Lapeer VFW Post 4139 12-5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 12 - 5:45 p.m.

Mott Community College

Wednesday, Sept 30

11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Lapeer Regional Medical Center

## 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.

## Houses Needed to Rent

The following families are looking for a house to rent. Please contact the church office for contact information as soon as possible if you know of a house available. Thank you!

Steve & Amy Borst

Terry & Patty Jamison

# Teens

### **MDYC Tryouts**

Auditions for the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus will be held at the Northeast Church of Christ in Eastpointe, MI next Saturday, Sept. 12. If you or someone you know may be interested, please call Karen Sorensen at (734) 546-2058 by next Friday to schedule an appointment for an audition.

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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**

**Loreina Adkins**

Loreina went to the Cleveland Clinic last week and it was determined that she has two leaking valves in her heart. Doctors will now determine what course of action to take. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Debra Slocum**

Debra was in the hospital last week with an inner-ear infection and a reaction to medication. We are glad she is now home and doing better.

**Cari Mihalovich**

Cari had surgery on her ankle last Wednesday. We pray that the surgery was successful and that she will have a quick recovery,

**Lisa Greenier & Triplets**

Lisa and her triplets, members of the Petosky congregation who have been on our prayer list, are doing well. Lisa has returned from the Mayo Clinic and continues to show improvement and the triplets are being cared for and doing well.

**Bobbie Miller**

Please pray for Bobbie, a friend of Gary and Linda Beadle, who has a blood clot in her lung. She recently underwent heart surgery and gall bladder surgery and has now developed the blood clot.

**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 will be having carotid artery surgery next Friday in Petosky.

**Curt Cloninger**

Curt, who was scheduled to present a dramatic presentation to us last Wednesday, spent the last few days in Lapeer Hospital with an inner ear infection. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

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, Janice Brannon, 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 Lost  
Loved Ones Recently

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.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Lisa Greenier & her triplets are doing well.

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*"Be ye kind one to another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving each  
other, even as God also in Christ  
forgave you." Eph. 4:32*

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**Sympathy**

We express our sympathy to **Bob and Marge Norton** whose niece, Kayla Ball passed away last week after a long illness. Bob and Marge will be traveling to Indiana this week for her funeral.



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

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Susan Hall . . . . . Sept 9
- Niki Kirkpatrick . . . . . Sept 9
- Don Anderson . . . . . Sept 10
- Jake Nelms . . . . . Sept 10
- Bonnie Swain . . . . . Sept 11
- John Peplinski . . . . . Sept 12
- Nathan Richards . . . . . Sept 12
- Quinn Schafer . . . . . Sept 12
- Kendall Kroenke . . . . . Sept 12
- Charity Scherer . . . . . Sept 12
- Ethel Sawgle . . . . . Sept 13
- Joe Eddings . . . . . Sept 14
- Bruce Nettles . . . . . Sept 14
- Bonnie Aikman . . . . . Sept 14

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Warren & Lynn Edwards . . . . .  
September 10