

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:

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| 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:

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| Bible Classes | 7:00 p.m. |
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Scripture Theme

*"Pursue the things which make
for peace and building up
of one another"*

Romans 14:19

MINISTERS

Pulpit

Part-Time Youth Minister

Chase Pratt

Worship Coordinator

Kent Hoggatt

SHEPHERDS

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 February 7, 2010

Attendance

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| 8:30 a.m. Service | 46 |
| Bible Class | 110 |
| 11:00 a.m. Service | 132 |
| Total Worship | 178 |
| Evening Worship | 31 |
| Mid-week | 67 |

Finances

| | <u>Weekly</u> | Year-to-date |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Budget | \$ 4,908.60 | \$ 29,451.60 |
| Actual | \$ 4,797.55 | \$ 25,006.53 |
| Diff. | -\$ 111.05 | -\$ 4,445.07 |
| China Bibles | | \$5.00 |
| Other Restricted Income | | \$10.00 |

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Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Rebecca Wright**.

Rebecca and a friend decided to do something to raise money to send to Haiti. They made and sold bracelets at school and recently put together a benefit concert and silent auction at Lapeer East High School. They collected close to \$1,800.00 and will be sending it to Healing Hands International. *Great job Rebecca! We're proud of you!! What a blessing this money will be to the people of Haiti!!*

Actors/Waiters Needed

The search is on for people interested in participating in a dinner theater production involving Bible theme short skits and characterizations. Biblical character wait staff is also needed. Your character can say a "little or a lot" and there are various parts to fill. No acting experience necessary. Date for the Middle Eastern cuisine dinner is Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at a local Lapeer location. Please contact Susan Bishop at (810) 245-5889 or Dana Eubank at (810) 664-8040 for more information.

Partnership Dinner

Since its inception, Rochester Colleges' Partnership Dinner has provided an excellent occasion for fellowship among area Christians. Enjoy a great reunion with friends from several congregations at the annual event on March 13. Your participation will also provide assistance for student scholarships. For more information, contact Kent Hoggatt.

Food Needed

If you would like to prepare a food item for the February 24 soup kitchen, please sign up on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Items can be brought in anytime during the day on Feb. 24.

The Shepherd's Staff

Surrender: Let Go and Let God Work

by Rick Warren

"Surrender yourself to the Lord, and wait patiently for him." Psalm 37:7

Surrendering your life means -

- Following God's lead without knowing where he's sending you;
- Waiting for God's timing without knowing when it will come;
- Expecting a miracle without knowing how God will provide;
- Trusting God's purpose without understanding the circumstances.

You know you're surrendered to God when you rely on God to work things out instead of trying to manipulate others, force your agenda, and control the situation. You let go and let God work. You don't have to always be "in charge." Instead of trying harder, you trust more.

You also know you're surrendered when you don't react to criticism and rush to defend yourself.

Surrendered hearts show up best in relationships.

You are not self-serving, you don't edge others out, and you don't demand your rights.

The most difficult thing to surrender for many people is their money. Many have thought, "I want to live for God but I also want to earn enough money to live comfortably and retire someday."

Retirement is not the goal of a surrender life -- Because it competes with God for the primary attention of our lives. Jesus said, "You cannot serve both God and money," and "Wherever your treasure is, your heart will be also."

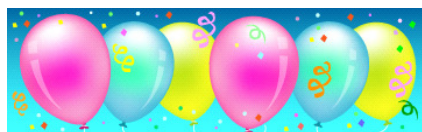
The supreme example of self-surrender is Jesus. The night before his crucifixion Jesus surrendered himself to God's plan. He prayed, "Father, everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will, not mine."

Jesus didn't pray, "God, if you're able to take away this pain, please do so." He began by affirming that God can do anything! He prayed, "God, if it is in your best interest to remove this suffering, please do so. But if it fulfills your purpose, that's what I want, too."

Genuine surrender says, "Father, if this problem, pain, sickness, or circumstance is needed to fulfill your purpose and glory in my, life or in another's life, please don't take it away!"

This level of maturity doesn't come easy. In Jesus' case, he agonized so much over God's plan that he sweats drops of blood. Surrender is hard work. In our case, it requires intense warfare against our self-centered nature.

-Bob Norton



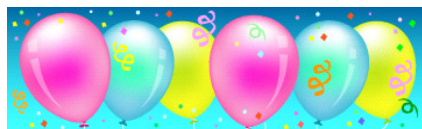
Celebration

Mark your calendars for Sunday, **March 7** for our annual *Celebration*. This year we are doing things differently. We will be having one service at 11:00 a.m., (following our Bible classes), and invite everyone to then go immediately out to Michigan Christian Youth Camp. We'll be having dinner at the camp at 1:00 p.m., followed by our Celebration festivities. At the end of our Celebration festivities we will be having a devotional which will conclude our worship and fellowship for the day. (There will be no evening service.)

As always, we will be having a delicious meal provided for us. Babysitting will also be available. Following our meal, we will have our annual "Dessert Contest", so get those recipes out and start planning what you want to bring. Beginning next Sunday, you can purchase your meal from one of the elders. We will need a count no later than Sunday, February 28, so please be sure to purchase your meal as soon as possible.

Cost: (same as last year)

- \$10.00 for adult
 - \$5.00 for children (under 12)
 - \$25.00 for family of 4 or more
- (New Members for 2009 are 1/2 price.)



Softball Coach Needed

Men - if you are interested in coaching the men's softball team this summer, please contact Bruce Nettles as soon as possible and he can explain what needs to be done.

MCYC & Disney

Michigan Christian Youth Camp has partnered Disney an if you go to the Disney website at www.disneyparks.com/celebrate and click on the link on top that says "Give and Get, Give a Day, Get a Disney Day", you will find out how you can get a free ticket to Disney. There are various jobs you can do at MCYC to earn your free ticket. You must be 18 and can earn only one ticket. Check out the website!

Church Directory

If you haven't done so already, please pick up a Directory Information Sheet located on the table in the lobby. We ask every individual/family to fill it out and place it in the white box on the table in the lobby **TODAY**. Our goal is to hand out the new directories at our Celebration, but we need to be sure all information is current and that we have pictures of everyone.

If you haven't done so already, it's important to turn in a picture to us in the next two weeks if you would like to have a picture on your directory page.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Bonnie Elrod and her daughter, Beverly. Beverly's husband, **Dan Pittman**, passed away suddenly from a heart attack last Wednesday. Bonnie has been living with Beverly and Dan for the last several years and we know this is a difficult time for them. The family requests no visitors or calls, but cards would be appreciated.

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Shepherd's Care

This Weeks Schedule

Today:

- 8:30 a.m. . . . Dave Wright
- Bible Class . . Jack Slater
- 11:00 a.m . . Kent Hoggatt
- 6:00 p.m Bob Norton

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Lads & Leaderettes

"Dear Lads, Leaderettes, and Parents, Time is fast approaching for your projects to be completed. All of your projects can be worked on at home as well as at church. We have scheduled 3 more Sunday evening times to get together: February 21st, March 7th, and March 28th. We will meet at our usual time of 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

We plan to have Rebecca Wright help us in March to finalize the scrapbooks. You can also let her know if you need help anytime from now to convention. All projects will be due to us on the 28th of March. Keep up the good work and remember to be working on your Good Samaritan things!"

God Bless you,
Mr. Bruce and Miss Robin

Preteens

The preteens will be going roller skating on Sunday, February 28 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Cost: FREE! A hot dog and drink will be included with your ticket. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located on the café bulletin board. See Donna Kurschat if you have any questions.

Teens

Mission Trip 2010 - I ♥ NY

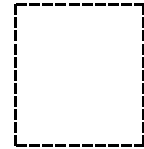
Great plans are coming together for the mission trip and we know you will want to be a part of it!

The sign-up sheet for Mission Trip is now on the teen board. The estimated cost for the trip is \$250 per person. The final cost will depend on how many we have going. We don't want the cost to be an issue for anyone and we are planning some fun and easy fund raising in order to bring the cost down for everyone. **We would like to have a good idea of how many people we will have going in the next two weeks so please sign up as soon as possible!**

Girls Devotional

Next Sunday, February 21 from 5:45 -7:00 p.m. at Rachel Pratt's.

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MINISTRIES

A ministry to meet everyone’s needs and a ministry for everyone to be involved in.

Adult Worship Kent Hoggatt
Audio/Visual Jim Sornig
Benevolence Ron & Katy Weiss
Bereavement Dinners & Meals on Wheels . . . Ladies
Bible Hour Kent Hoggatt
Bridal/Baby Showers Ladies
Building Interior Dave Wright
Bulletin Boards Paula Garrett
C.I.A. (Christians In Action) Jack Slater
Counseling & Mission Outreach Steve Ennis
Education Don Jamison
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
Pre-Teens (12 years - under) Committee
Secret Sister Donna Kurschat
Soup Kitchen Ron & Katy Weiss
Teens Chase Pratt, Jim Sornig / Committee
World Bible School Brian Crowley
Young at Heart Jerry Brackney

Weekly Prayer List

Jimmy Cox

Jimmy Cox has enlisted in the National Guard. He will be leaving for boot camp this Tuesday and will be gone five months, returning a few weeks before the wedding. He is expected to be stationed out of Cheboygan, Michigan. Please keep him in your prayers while he is away.

Jamesa McCarthy

Jamesa will have a laser procedure tomorrow to help with the removal of her kidney stone. Please keep her in your prayers.

Janice Brannon

Janice spent a few days in the hospital in Alabama after suffering a seizure which affected her memory. Doctors re-adjusted her seizure medication and she is now at home. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Don Snaragon

Please pray for Don, the brother-in-law of Ruth Kegerreis. He has been undergoing tests and has received a bad report. He is scheduled for a biopsy tomorrow. He and his wife (Ruth's sister) live in Vestaburg, MI.

Keith Waggoner

Keith, a friend of Charlie French and Amy Borst who has visited with us several times, spent a few days in the hospital recently. We are happy that he is now home. Please keep him in your prayers.

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

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

Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

Jamesa McCarthy, Sharon White, Don Berkheiser, Loreina Adkins, Aldena Burgess, Stefan Sauter, Bonnie Elrod, Don Berkheiser Crystal Keeley, John Warner, Sarah Frank, Rich Overton, Ed Sornig, Don Tivy, Frieda Lock, Cliff & Margaret Whitsett, Marge Norton, 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

Aldena Burgess, Tammy Porter, Bonnie Elrod.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Thankful for men like Jimmy Cox who made the choice to serve our country!



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

Schedule of Speakers

Today:

This morning- Steve July

Next Sunday:

a.m. - Don Belcher

BIRTHDAYS

Tammy Porter (belated)...Feb 11
 Curt Whitsett Feb 17
 Nyles Lewis Feb 17
 Faith Grimshaw Feb 18
 Paula Garrett Feb 22
 Shirley Haddix Feb 23

ANNIVERSARIES

None

Continue to pray daily for our minister search

Next Sunday

We encourage everyone to join us for a special day next Sunday.

Don Belcher, and his wife Pam will be visiting with us. Don is trying out for our minister position.

Schedule for the day:

- 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. services - Don will be preaching
- 9:45 a.m. - Don will be teaching class for the combined adult classes in the auditorium.
- 12:00 noon - Potluck
- Following the potluck there will be an informal question and answer period to allow us all to get to know Don and Pam.

The elders will want your input, so please join us for this exciting day!