



# 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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## 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 14, 2010

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	57
Bible Class	140
11:00 a.m. Service	138
Total Worship	195
Evening Worship	30
Mid-week	71

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	Year-to-date
Budget	\$ 4,908.60	\$ 34,360.20
Actual	\$ 3,398.33	\$ 28,404.86
Diff.	-\$ 1,510.27	-\$ 5,955.34
China Bibles		\$5.00
Other Restricted Income		\$20.00

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Tina Dinnan.** Tina

does an excellent job with our library and recently spent one of her days off to come in to clean and keep it organized. She'll be adding some new items to the library in the near future and we encourage you to take advantage of the beautiful library we have by stopping in and checking out a book or two. *Thank you Tina - we appreciate your work and dedication to make our church library outstanding!*

## Partnership Dinner

Since 2007, the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester has hosted Rochester College's annual Partnership Dinner. The four-star hotel caters a wonderful meal in an elegant setting. The evening, scheduled for March 13, provides a great night out while providing assistance for student scholarships. Contact Kent Hoggatt for tickets.

## Food Needed

If you would like to prepare a food item for this Wednesday's soup kitchen, please sign up on the refrigerator in the kitchen today.

## Card Night

This month's card night will be held at Mark and Kathy Dillard's next Saturday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m.

## Birth

Congratulations to **Seth and Jeanette Anderson**, who had a baby girl last Saturday, February 13. Ava Marie was 7 lb. 13 oz. Congratulations also to Don and Marcie Anderson, who are first-time grandparents! Seth and Jeannette's address: 21 Amy Lane  
Crawfordville, FL 32327

## Teachers Needed

We are in need of teachers for the following classes beginning in March.

**Sunday** - 2/3 year old class

**Wednesday** - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade class

Contact Don Jamison if you are available to teach for the spring quarter.

# The Shepherd's Staff

## The News

I was reading the newspaper last Sunday afternoon and with every turn of the page I read another story about a school that is closing, or a city that is deep in debt. I read articles about police departments laying off more officers, libraries closing on Friday's to save money and of course, the stock market roller coaster news. As I journeyed further back in the newspaper, I came across the section of the newspaper with the legal notices that lists home mortgage sales. I envisioned the hours spent by families working on those homes, getting them fixed up just the way they wanted them to look, or the good times they had at family gatherings in the homes. My heart aches for these people, knowing that they may be losing their homes. I realize that most are losing their homes to no fault of their own. Perhaps because they lost their job, their hours were cut at work, business has been down, or they suffered from an illness or injury which made them unable to work. Many of them, however, may now have to leave their homes and start over.

It made me wonder about someone who has no faith in God, someone who finds all their value in their earthly possessions and in their jobs, and I wonder how they find the strength to start over.

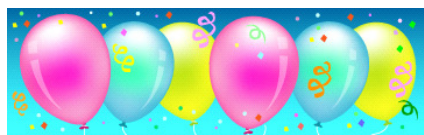
It's times like these that I truly understand how much the world needs a relationship with God, a God who wants us to put our hope in Him and a God who knew the world and all it's false worth would fail us. A God who reminds us that although we may lose our earthly possessions, he promises us that we have not lost a thing because our real treasure is waiting for us in heaven.

If you are struggling financially during this hard economic time, remember these verses in Philippians 4 and continue to rely on God to help you. If you know of someone who is struggling financially and does not have God in their life, be sure to take the opportunity to show them how God can help them find comfort and peace.

*"Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Phil. 4:4-7

Dave Wright  
For the Elders



## Celebration

Mark your calendars for two weeks from today - 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.

**Please see one of the elders today or next Sunday to purchase your meal. We will need a count no later than next Sunday, so please be sure to purchase your meal as soon as possible.**

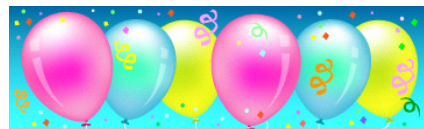
**Cost: (same as last year)**

\$10.00 for adult

\$5.00 for children (under 12)

\$25.00 for family of 4 or more

(New Members for 2009 are ½ price.)



## Wild Game Dinner

The Annual Wild Game Dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 13 in the fellowship hall. More details coming soon...

## 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.

## Church Directory

If you haven't done so already, it's important to turn in a picture to us **NO LATER THAN NEXT SUNDAY** if you would like to have a picture on your directory page.

## Attention Ladies

All ladies are encouraged to join us for a special salad potluck **NEXT** Sunday, February 28, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service. Everyone is asked to bring your wedding pictures and share fun and interesting stories of dating, your wedding and/or marriage with the other ladies. It will be a fun time for everyone to share and we know we'll learn a lot of interesting things about each other!! See Marge Norton if you have any questions.

## Lads & Leaderettes

"Lads, Leaderettes & 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: TODAY, March 7<sup>th</sup>, and March 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to former members, **John and Le'Ann Harvey**. John's father, Tom, passed away Thursday night in Texas. John and Le'Ann were able to be with him when he passed away. Please keep them in your prayers. Their address: 1775 Mayfield Rd Lapeer, MI 48446

## Preteens

The preteens will be going roller skating next 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

### Soup Kitchen

The teens are hosting the soup kitchen this Wednesday!

### Girls Devotional

Tonight - from 5:45-7:00 p.m. at Rachel Pratt's.

### Mission Trip 2010

**Date:** July 17-24 **Location:** NYC  
**Cost:** \$250.00

**Who can go:** Contact Chase Pratt if you need information on the requirements for the trip. (He can give you a copy of the email sent out to everyone last week.)

### Card Making and Ice Cream

Next Friday evening we will be having a card making and ice cream night at the church building from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. We are making cards to send to members who are sick, those away from us, or those who may just need encouragement. Also, we will be stuffing our faces with ice cream and other treats that will make our dentists cringe. If either of these activities sound appealing to you, come join us.

### Pie Fundraiser

On Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be making pies to sell for our first fundraiser to go toward mission trip. See Michelle Smith or Ruth Arnold for details. Remember, only those who participate get the credit for their mission trip accounts.

### Illuminate Youth Rally

On March 19-20, we will be attending *Illuminate*, a youth rally at the Rochester Church of Christ. It is Friday evening and all day Saturday. We want to encourage everyone to go. Sign up today!

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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

### Jamesa McCarthy

The laser procedure was successful and Jamesa's kidney stone is now gone! She will have the stint removed later this week and we are praying that she will be feeling 100% as soon as possible.

### June Pigg

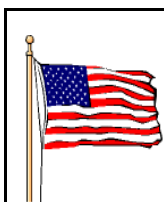
June has been in Lapeer Regional Hospital after becoming ill last weekend. She continues to struggle with health problems and needs our continued prayers.

### Susan (Belasco) Loudermilk

Susan, the daughter of John & Judy Belasco from West Branch (formerly Royal Oak minister) has been diagnosed with aggressive cancer. She will be seeing a specialist in the next few days. Please keep her 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.



**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

Don Smaragon, 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, Don Haddix, Ernie Maness, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Sherrie White's parents, Sue Johnson, Cyndi Pratt, Charlene Garrett, Thelma Hoggatt, Mamie Gentry.

### Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones Recently

Aldena Burgess, Tammy Porter, Bonnie Elrod.

### Praise and Thanksgiving

Jamesa McCarthy's laser procedure worked to clear her kidney stone.

## *Shepherd's Care*

### This Weeks Schedule

**Today:**

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

**Wed.** . . . . . Dave Wright

## Schedule of Speakers

**Today:**

**This morning- Don Belcher  
Tonight - Song Service**

**Next Sunday:**

**a.m. - Chase Pratt**

## BIRTHDAYS

- Dennis Kroenke . . . . . Feb 25
- Kirsten Sorensen . . . . . Feb 26
- Nicholas Richards . . . . . Feb 28
- Jim Thompson . . . . . Feb 29
- Sarah McPhail . . . . . March 2
- Emit Adkins . . . . . March 2
- Odes Church . . . . . March 2

## ANNIVERSARIES

- Larry & Brenda Messenger  
..... Feb 24

### **Continue to pray daily for our minister search**

## Welcome Don & Pam Belcher

Don Belcher, and his wife Pam are visiting with us today. 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 fill out an evaluation form and give it to one of them before you leave today. Thank you!