

# 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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## 2010 Scripture Theme

*"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16

## 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 June 13, 2010

### Attendance

8:30 a.m. Service	70
Bible Class	122
11:00 a.m. Service	126
Total Worship	196
Evening Worship	26
Mid-week	61

### Finances

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Budget	\$ 4,908.60	\$117,806.40
Actual	\$ 3,482.94	\$102,353.81
Diff.	-\$ 1,425.66	-\$ 15,452.59
China Bibles		\$10.00
Other Restricted Income		\$358.00

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## Honor to Whom Honor is Due



This week we honor **Ethan Swain**. Ethan is a great example to all of us with his great volunteer spirit to lead singing, preach on a Sunday evening, and participate in our teen events. It is great to see a young man finding the talents God has given him and using them to glorify our Lord! *We're proud of you Ethan!! You're a great inspiration to members of all ages!!*

## Senior Open Houses

The following is a list of Open Houses scheduled for our graduating seniors.

### JUNE 26 - SATURDAY

**Sarah Hueter**

### JULY 10 - SATURDAY

**Isaac Dillard  
Alicia Wilson**

## URGENT - Teachers Needed

We are in need of Bible class teachers for the summer quarter. Please contact Don Jamison TODAY if you are available to teach any of the following classes:

### Sunday

3 & 4 year old class

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class

## Special Donation

Our soup kitchen has received a \$500 gift from Representative Kevin Daley. Everyone is welcome to come down to the Growth Opportunity Building in Lapeer (525 S. Court St.) at 11:00 a.m. **THIS Friday, June 25** to support the soup kitchen and the check we will be receiving. We will be participating in a live radio spot on 1530 am, so be sure to tune in and listen.

# The Shepherd's Staff

## Father's Day

I became interested in Father's Day for myself just over thirty years ago.

There are many honorable fathers mentioned in the Bible. One I especially think of today is from a parable Jesus told in Luke 15. We have titled the parable "the prodigal son". Maybe since prodigal means "excessive or wasteful" perhaps one commentator's renaming it the "prodigal father" is a good idea.

This "prodigal" father in Luke 15 possesses the following:

- He loved the younger son with "wasteful" love, enough to let him leave and go his own way which left the father feeling great loss.
- He watched and waited for his return after the son decided to return.
- He formed a great celebration as soon as the son returned.
- He loved his older son beyond reason also and pleaded with him to join the celebration.
- He reminded the older son that "his brother" was much more than "this son of yours" who was lost and was found.

Think of other similarities with God our Father:

How about God lets us do our own thing even when it's wrong. How about God has a party planned for anyone who will return to his will. How about his love for everyone?...Even those who are jealous that others are allowed a blessing, when they think it's wasteful so they don't even enjoy it while it's available to them all along.

There are many comparisons that can be applied to each of us who desire to be loyal children of our heavenly Father. Read this classic story again today and consider how this prodigal father is better than any of us deserve!

Kent Hoggatt  
For the Elders

## Urgent Help Needed

The Eastern Michigan Food Bank is in urgent need of help. If you would like to help sort food, etc. as an individual, family or as a group, please contact Megan Buysse at (810) 239-4441.

## Birth

We rejoice that **Jeff & Peggy (Montgomery) Sparks** had a baby girl last Friday morning, June 18. Melanie Michele Sparks weighed 8 lb. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. (Grandparents Al & Michele are very excited.) Jeff & Peggy's address: 305 A. Alonzo Ct. Oceanside, CA 92058

### Let's Go Cruising!

Do you or a family member or friend have a classic car? a sports car? a motorcycle? or any type of special vehicle? Drive it to church next Sunday morning, June 27 and cruise with us to lunch after the 11:00 a.m. service. Invite your family and friends to join us for this fun day together.

### Thank You

*"You don't realize how important your church family is until something happens. Thank you to those who came to the funeral home and also worked to provide the dinner for our family. Our church family really came through for us. I love you all!"*

Emit Adkins

### Love INC Golf Outing

Love INC will be having their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser on July 24 at the Lapeer Country Club. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board near the coat room.

### Cookies Needed for Blood Drive

We have been asked by the Red Cross to supply **25 dozen cookies** for the July 7<sup>th</sup> blood drive at the Calvary Bible Church. Please sign up on the sign up sheet located on the café bulletin board if you are able to supply a dozen or more cookies. The cookies can be dropped off at the Calvary Bible Church the morning of July 7 or at our building on Tuesday, July 6 and we will deliver them.

### Furniture Needed

Joe Eddings is in need of a refrigerator and a twin bed and twin mattress. Please contact Joe or Steve or Joy Ennis if you have one of the items to purchase.

### School Supplies Collection

As part of our upcoming Community Picnic and Carnival on July 31, we will be distributing canned goods and school supplies. We are obtaining the canned goods from the Food Bank; however, we need help with collecting school supplies. There are many families in the Lapeer area who struggle with providing their children with supplies they need in the fall to be successful in school. **Items such as pencils, crayons, Kleenex, erasers, spiral notebooks, glue, rulers, washable markers, colored pencils, pencil case, etc. would be great!** Please bring these items in over the next month and place them in the marked box in the lobby. This is another opportunity to reach out to others in our community and to let our lights shine! Let's work together in making Saturday, July 31st a success!!

### NYC Canned Food Drive

The Teens are collecting canned foods and dry goods for the Lighthouse Mission located in Coney Island, New York. This is an agency that reaches out to people in need in their community. This area has a very high poverty level and many are homeless. God has provided us with this great opportunity to share our blessings with people who need help just making it through one day. We will be taking all of the food items that we, **as a congregation**, collect, and personally deliver them as a part of our NYC Mission Trip. The Lighthouse Mission needs our help and their resources for obtaining essential items is limited. We have approximately 4 weeks to collect as much as we can - let's max out the weight capacity for our bus with cans of food! Please place your food items in the marked box in the lobby. Thank you in advance for your generosity and love for those who are struggling.

### June Blood Drive

**Monday, June 28**

Lapeer VFW Post 4139

12:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Come out to donate blood this summer and you could win a \$500 Best Buy gift certificate!

### Vacation Bible School

The Swartz Creek congregation will be having their VBS this week (Monday - Friday) at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Everyone is welcome to attend. See the flyer posted near the coat room for more information.

# Teens

### Mission Trip Training Classes



Our next mission trip training class will be held next Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. service. Lunch will be provided.

### Carnival

There are still lots of spots to sign up for the Community Carnival that will be held here on Saturday, July 31st. The jobs are fairly simple, and the day will be a lot of fun. This sign-up is on the bulletin board by the café area.

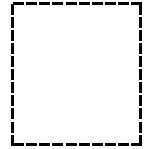
### Soup Kitchen

The next time the teens will be hosting the soup kitchen will be Wednesday, June 30th. Please try to arrive by 4:00 if you are planning on helping. **Also, check the sign-up sheet in the kitchen to volunteer to bring in food items for our teen soup kitchen days.**

### MDYC Auditions

Auditions for the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus for the 2010-2011 season, will be held Saturday, September 11 at the Northeast Church of Christ. Appointments will be scheduled later this summer. Go to [www.mdyc.com](http://www.mdyc.com) for details.

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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

### Edie Bahan

Edie underwent hand surgery recently. She will have a cast for approximately six weeks. We want to provide some meals for Tim and Edie during that time. Please contact Marge Norton if you are available to help.

### Viola Slocum

Please pray for Viola, the mother of Earl Slocum. She has been put in hospice care. We pray that God's will be done in her life and that she and her family have strength during this stressful time. Cards can be sent to: 867 Stanley St. Pontiac, MI 48055

### James & Kelli (Garrett) Bratton

James and Kelli were in a serious car accident on the expressway in Tennessee Monday night, which was caused by someone texting while driving. We are thankful they didn't receive injuries other than some whiplash and bumps and bruises. Please pray they will not suffer any future health problems because of the accident.

**The following ladies are expecting and would appreciate your continued prayers:** Kristen Wright and Rachel Pratt.

**Remember those who are looking for work:** Deborah Gale and Michelle Smith.

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

### Those Needing Continuous Prayers and Encouragement

Jerry Brackney, The Hook Family, Mike & Natalie Taylor, Mary Hall, Cliff & Margaret Whitsett, Sherrie White's mother, Sharon White, June Pigg, Don Berkheiser, Charlene Garrett, Bonnie Elrod, Crystal Keeley, John Warner, Sarah Frank, Rich Overton, Ed Sornig, Don Tivy, Frieda Lock, Sharrin Baird, Joshua Quinlan, Sue Johnson, Cyndi Pratt, Thelma Hoggatt, Mamie Gentry.

### Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones Recently

Sherrie White, Brian Crowley, Adkins Family

### Praise and Thanksgiving

Jeff & Peggy Sparks welcomed Melanie Michele into their family last Friday!



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:

- Amy Jamison
- Jimmy Cox
- Jeff Sparks
- Darren Whatling
- Justin Cooney
- Niles Czekiel
- Matt Messenger
- David Wells
- Chip Atkinson
- Aaron Jamison
- Iain & Robert Lee
- Scott Haddix
- Andrew Plumb
- Mike Dix
- Will Bartlett
- Bill Rogers
- Chris Speirs
- Mike Overby

## Schedule of Speakers

### Today:

This morning- Garth Pleasant  
This evening - Chase Pratt

### Next Sunday:

a.m. - Joe Patricio

## BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Pratt . . . . . June 23  
Jamie Peplinski . . . . . June 24  
Ron Weiss . . . . . June 27  
Jason Hook II . . . . . June 28

## ANNIVERSARIES

John & Helen Lekki . . . June 29

## Shepherd's Care

### This Weeks Schedule

#### Today:

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

## ANNUAL STEAK & CORN ROAST

The Church of Christ Care Center is hosting their annual **STEAK & CORN ROAST** on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 21** at 6:00 p.m. under the big tent! This year's theme is "Out of This World." Tickets are \$75.00 each if purchased before July 31 and \$85.00 each after that date. There is also a new group discount this year. If people buy a table of 8 seats together the tickets are \$70.00 each if paid for before July 31. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please see Bob or Paula Garrett.