

# THE CHIMES

## Starkdale Presbyterian Church April 2012

Dear Starkdale Family,

Most of you, who have been involved in deep discussions regarding the new direction we have taken for the ministry of our church, have discovered that:

**First**, this direction is a good move on our part, and probably has been overdue. A church that has been deep into the Word and heavily involved in scholarly biblical studies cannot help but agree not to compromise with Holy Scriptures. The recent revisions in the constitution of our former denomination (Presbyterian Church USA) compelled us to disaffiliate. A few considered our disaffiliation unnecessary on the basis that no church is perfect. My response to this is that while this is true, it is no excuse for us to compromise the clear teachings of the Bible regarding the issues involved. Compromising can only lead the church farther and farther from the Truth of God and the God of Truth, and from the true meaning of life and human destiny. Sure none of us is perfect, but when the church accepts constitutional changes that guarantee ordaining deacons, elders and pastors (i.e. church leaders) regardless of their sexual orientation and regardless of their theological beliefs, isn't there a huge risk to undermine the authority of the scriptures for our faith and practice? Aren't there risks to water down sin by calling good evil and evil good? And is our disaffiliation from the PCUSA part of a few isolated incidents? This is not so; surf the web and you would discover that hundreds of large churches across the

nation and thousands of Presbyterian members (PCUSA) have, without hesitation, disaffiliated themselves from this continued and ever-growing compromise of God's Word. Of course we are called to be tolerant and respectful of people and people's differences, but there is a huge difference between tolerance and compromise. We have taken a stand against heresy; this is nothing new. This is what the Bible urges us to do. Church history is dominated by frequent stands against matters that contradict the inspired Word of God. Yet are we perfect? No. Are we to strive for perfection? Yes. And it all begins with a decision not to compromise with sin.

**Second**, this new direction we are taking as a church has quickly gained the support of an overwhelming majority of our members. Even more, a good number of members of churches in our area, which have not disaffiliated themselves from the Presbyterian Church (USA), are beginning to worship with us on a regular basis. Some have joined, and some are considering joining. This is not in any way a point for boasting. If anything, this is a point to ponder: Isn't it true that when people are hungry for the Word and serious about the faith, they would seek a church family that is intentional about affirming biblical teachings and preserving the church constitution that has kept the church strong against falsehood throughout the centuries? We shouldn't be surprised when God honors churches that honor him.

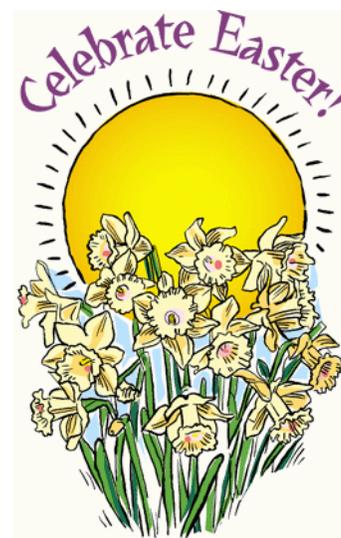
**Third**, this new direction we are taking as a church is only the beginning of an exciting and adventurous journey. For example, the elders are presently reading theological books and articles,

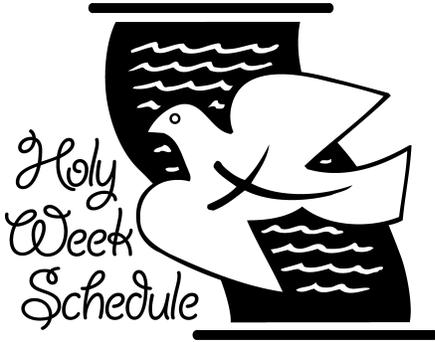
doctrinal interpretations, EPC views on important social issues ... etc. (approximately 1400 pages) in preparation for a more biblical and rewarding ministry. This is bound to help our commitment as a congregation and our productivity as believers who seek to reach out to others in Christ's name. I am excited about this opportunity of more and serious studies by our leadership.

**Fourth**, this new direction that our church is taking will not in any way change who we are, how we worship, and the way we make decisions. The only difference is that we will be who we are and do what we do within the frame of a more biblical national Presbyterian denomination. Thanks for taking this giant step and thanks for your continued faithfulness to the scriptures and to Christian ministry.

*Philip Makari*

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**HOLY WEEK (Sunday, April 1 to Sunday, April 8)**  
**AT STARKDALE:**

Passion/**Palm Sunday**, April 1: **Worship Services** (8:30 and 11:00 A.M.); **Sunday School** for all ages (9:30 A.M.); **Hospitality Hour** (12:00 noon); Jefferson County Fourth Street Health Clinic 6<sup>th</sup> **Annual GALA** (4:00 P.M.)

Monday, April 2, **Prayer meeting** (6:00 to 7:00 P.M.), led by elder Denise Miller.

Tuesday, April 3, **Romans Bible Study** (10:00 A.M.) and “**40 Days in the Word**” Bible Study (11:00 A.M.)

Wednesday, April 4, **Romans Bible Study** (6:00 P.M.); **Choir Rehearsal** (7:15 P.M.)

Maundy Thursday, April 5, **Carriage House Bible Study and Communion** (11:15 A.M.), led by elder Sandy Conrad and our pastor; **Maundy Thursday Supper** (6:30 P.M.) and **Candlelight Communion** in the Fellowship Hall downstairs (7:00 P.M.)

Good Friday **Ecumenical Worship** Service, April 6, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, N. Fourth Street, Steubenville (12:00 noon); **the Cross-Walk** (1:00 P.M.)

Saturday, April 7, **Children’s Easter Egg Hunt** (10:00 A.M.)

Easter Sunday, April 8, **Pancake Breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall downstairs (from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M.); **Easter Worship Services** (8:30 and 11:00 A.M.) **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES and NO HOSPITALITY HOUR** on that day.

**ON DUTY IN APRIL**

Commission: Nurture

Elders: Sandy Conrad  
Stu Stukins

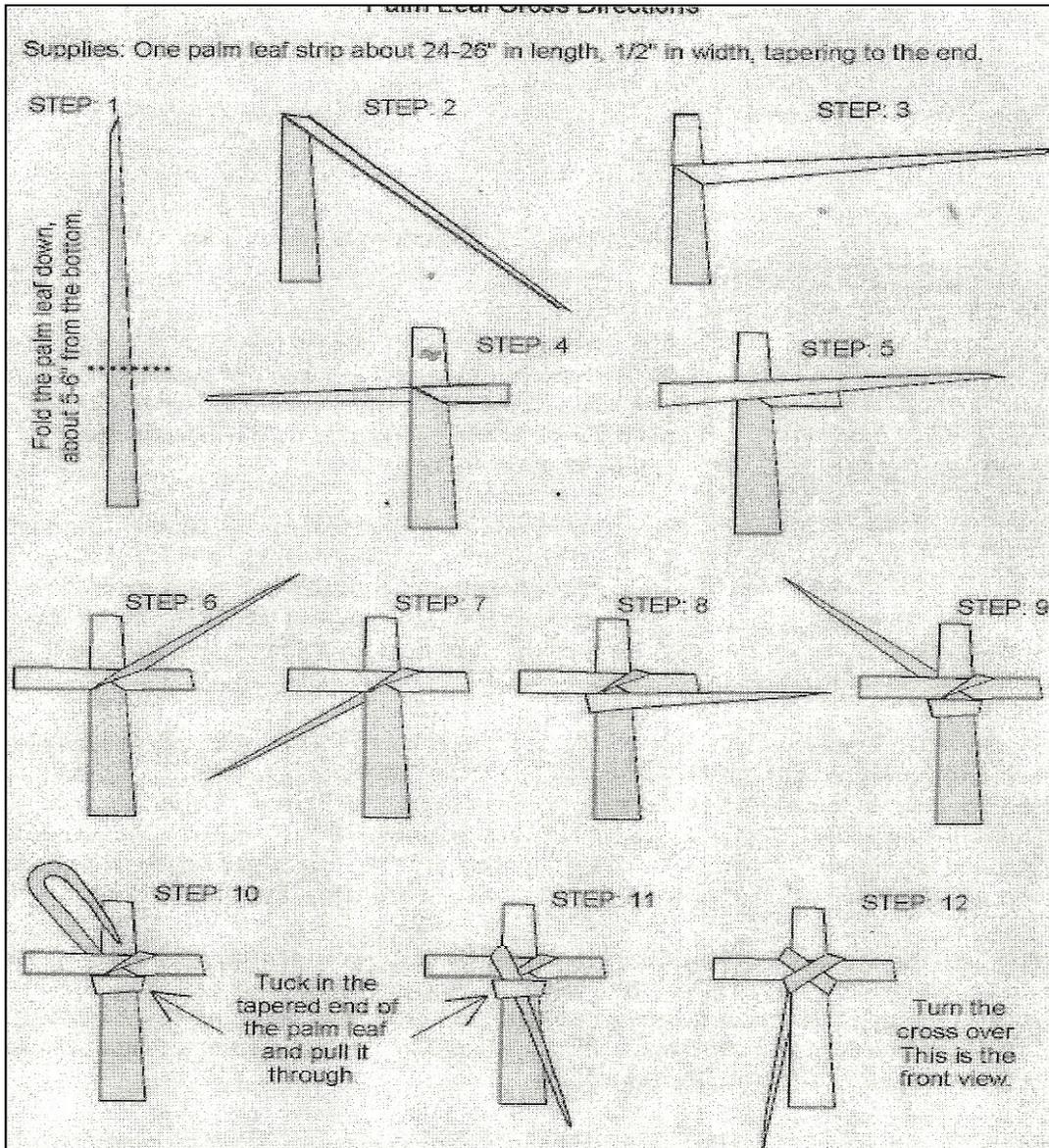
Deacons: Rick Baker,  
Christina Bube,  
Steve Orwick and  
Bryan Vickers



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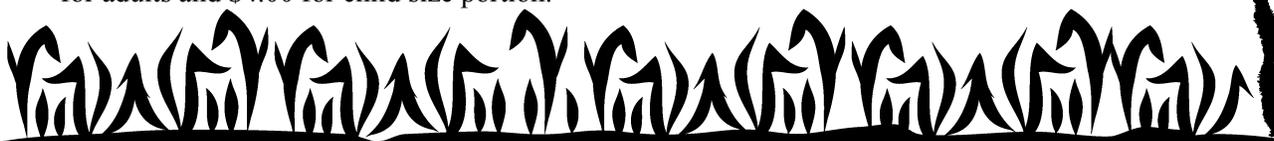
Starkdale celebrates each Palm Sunday by distributing a Palm to each worshiper. Below is the pattern to transfer your Palm branch into the symbol of the Cross. Keep it in a prominent place throughout Holy Week to continually remind ourselves of the sacrifice made for each of us. Thanks to Sharon Petrilla for sharing this pattern with us.

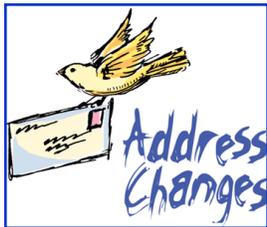


Easter  
Morning  
Breakfast

Treat yourself to a delicious breakfast Easter morning worship as our Starkdale Youth provide a Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser.

Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee/tea will be served all morning from 8 a.m.—11 a.m. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for child size portion.





Starkdale doesn't have an address change but we need you to be aware that our MAILING address is:

**PO BOX 2368**

**WINTERSVILLE, OH 43953**

Our local postal workers have been so wonderful about always putting your mail in our PO Box when it is addressed to "4600 Sunset Blvd." but with many postal service changes on the horizon we want to be sure to receive all of your mail. The church is not on a "delivery route". We pick our mail up at the Wintersville post office four days a week. Thanks for making a note of our mailing address.

**ATTENTION PLEASE**

Until recently EVERYONE who was a member of Starkdale was a member of the PC(USA) and received a bi-monthly copy of "The Connector" the newsletter of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery of the PC(USA). Since Starkdale is no longer a member of the UOVP your names will be removed from the mailing list UNLESS YOU REQUEST TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE CONNECTOR. Please phone 264-5309 or e-mail Starkdale@starkdale.comcastbiz.net to let our office manager know that you wish to continue receiving THE CONNECTOR. Deadline for notification is April 15, 2012



The annual Starkdale "Trash-to-Treasure" Sale will be held Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Your donations for the sale of gently used items of all kinds will be accepted beginning Monday, April 30—Thursday, May 3 from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. Alternate hours may be arranged by contacting Sharon Petrilla at 264-2216.

You never know what "Treasure" you'll find at this fun annual event. All proceeds benefit the ongoing mission of Starkdale Presbyterian Church



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**COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

**Saturday, April 14 ~ 9 AM – 2 PM**

**Jefferson County Chapter American Red Cross**

**81 Talbott Dr., Wintersville**

**Donor Room**

**Sponsored by Starkdale Presbyterian Church**

**Walk-ins always welcome**

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**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!**

Starkdale member Pat Daily is a volunteer for the American Red Cross Wintersville Chapter. She has arranged a Community Blood Drive sponsored by Starkdale Church. The actual donation site will be the Red Cross Chapter House on Talbott Drive (behind Zalenski's restaurant) in Wintersville.

Your donation of blood is urgently needed. Please give the gift of life by donating at this special Starkdale sponsored Blood Drive.

Filling the pages of the CHIMES isn't always an easy task. This month as I stared at the two empty pages, I was at a loss as to how to fill them. We could pull someone else's stories and poems from the internet, we could insert religious cartoons, but in the desire to keep THE CHIMES as interesting as possible, I knew there had to be something better. Then I remembered seeing the old photo albums in the church library.

So come with me down the Starkdale Memory Lane.....smile a little, ponder the "old days", remember those who have left our side but not our hearts, and enjoy these pictures from the previous century at Starkdale.....



Easter Egg Hunt 1998



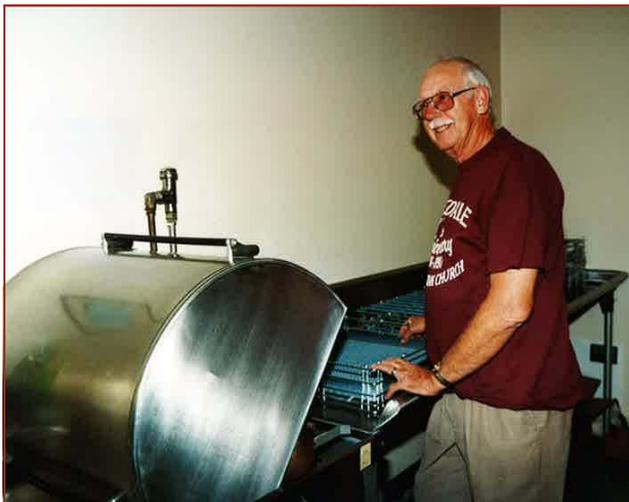
Betty Clark, Carolyn McCamic and Jesse Meskus



The Four Friends—1998 Paul Visyak, Jody Glaub, George Allan, Bob Burns



Ella Jane Burns and Laura Daily-1998 Fall Bazaar



George Eft—1998



Terri Rothacker, Dorothy Hackathorne, Sharon Petrilla

**FROM THE MAILBAG:**

A card was received from Caroline Dean:

“The warmest gratitude comes from needs answered, problems shared, and dreams encouraged. You’re so good at making people feel better—you know just what to say and how to say it. Thank You.

Caroline ~~~ and then a personal note ~~~ “*Thank you for your prayers and all the support you gave me.*”

*Dear Starkdale Friends,  
Many thanks for all your visits, calls, and prayers. You really brighten my days. Also for the many “80th Birthday” Cards I received from my church family. I appreciate your kindness.  
Conrad Carson*

From the Urban Mission:  
The Urban Mission Ministries would like to thank you, Starkdale Presbyterian Church, for your donation of \$2,5000.,00 on March 7, 2012. Your donation will be used exclusively for charitable purposes and the fund you have designated. This donation has a designation to our Feinstein program. In Christ,  
Ashley Steele  
Executive Director



**New Bible Study**

Everyone is invited to join the 6 week Bible Study -  
“**40 Days in the Word**”

“Love the Word, Learn the Word, Live the Word”

This Bible Study, written by Rick Warren, author of “The Purpose Driven Life” and pastor of Saddleback Church, in California, began Tuesday, March 20 but it’s not too late to join.

The Tuesday morning study begins at 11 a.m. (following the Romans Bible Study at 10 a.m.) and is held in the Starkdale Fellowship Hall.

A Study Guide is available for \$10.00.

Each week’s study includes a short video message, teaching and discussion.



**CHILDREN’S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 7

10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Crafts, Egg Hunt, Light Lunch, Prizes

AND

The Easter Bunny will be here to visit with the children

**Starkdale Presbyterian Women**

Starkdale Presbyterian Women is a Christian fellowship that meets 12:00 P.M.-2:00 P.M. once a month September through May (4th Tuesday with the exception of Nov. & Dec. when dates are changed to accommodate holidays). Every woman in the church is automatically a member and is encouraged to attend meetings which consist of a luncheon, fellowship, business, prayer, and Bible study. We are mission minded-addressing the material and spiritual needs of our church members, community, nation, and world, while fostering camaraderie among the Christian sisters of our church family as we seek to glorify God. Please consider attending our next meeting, April 24th , for a refreshing mid-day recharge with the girls! Please contact Jane Gambos ([jgambos@frontier.com](mailto:jgambos@frontier.com) or 740-765-9050) to RSVP if you plan to attend or to obtain more information.

It is an ironic truth that many of the greatest saints endure life in the weakest bodies. Such was the case with Henry F. Lyte, a pillar of the Church of England who battled poor health all his life. Perhaps it was this close acquaintance with earthly weakness that provided him with the ability to see so clearly the strength of God, and to convey it so powerfully in his poetry, music, and sermons.

From his childhood, Lyte suffered with asthma, yet he persevered with his Biblical studies and earned a Doctorate from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. After graduation, he took a succession of small parishes, finally settling in the fishing village of Lower Brixham, Devonshire, England, in 1824, at the age of thirty-one.

The sturdy fishermen and burly soldiers from a nearby garrison who comprised Lyte's congregation made a striking contrast with their frail and sickly pastor. Lyte, however, provided constant encouragement and spiritual food to his flock and was well loved for his caring ways and kindly words.

Dr. Lyte frequently ignored his own infirmities and ailments to preach and visit the sick and was reported to have coined the maxim: "It is better to wear out than to rust out." His words seemed prophetic when in the late 1840s, his physician gave him the news that he suffered from tuberculosis and didn't have long to live. Not willing to give in to the disease that plagued him, Henry Lyte continued, as always, his pastoral responsibilities. By the summer of 1847, however, it became clear that even if his spirit was willing, his body would not be able to maintain the pace. Reluctantly tak-

ing his doctor's advice, Lyte made plans to move to the warmer climate of Rome, Italy, and to enjoy the recuperative powers of the sunny Italian countryside. On his last Sunday in Brixham, he practically had to crawl into the pulpit to deliver his sermon. Perhaps because of renewed sense of his own mortality, he spoke passionately on the need for his parishioners to prepare for the time when they would have to face their Maker. Leaving the pulpit, Lyte returned to his study, where he penned the beautiful and comforting hymn, "Abide with Me." That evening he handed the hymn to a relative and prepared for his journey to Italy.

Following the trip across the English Channel and a carriage ride through the French countryside, Lyte reached Nice, France. He was so weak after his journey that he could not continue and took to his bed. A few weeks later on November 20, 1847, Henry Lyte died. He was buried at the English cemetery at Nice.

After his death, Lyte's hymn, "Abide with Me," seemed to take on a life of its own. It was translated into dozens of languages, and the deeply personal nature of the lyrics became meaningful to believers of all nationalities and ages. When the centenary of Lyte's death was remembered in 1947, letters poured in attesting to the comfort and assurance his hymn had provided in times of deep despair and even death. A group of ex-prisoners of war from England recalled how they sang the hymn each Sunday evening while imprisoned. Survivors of the Titanic catastrophe told of hearing the strains of "Abide with Me" sung by the doomed passengers standing on the sinking ship as it slipped beneath

the sea. Belgian survivors of World War I reported that the words of "Abide with Me" were on the lips of British nurse Edith Cavell as she faced a German firing squad in 1915, condemned for her part in sheltering British, French, and Belgian soldiers. Perhaps the most appropriate explanation for the hymn's great popularity was penned by an anonymous English woman who sent the following tribute to the *London Sunday Times*:

"Its secret is its great simplicity: it is easily grasped and understood by the ordinary man and its greatness, depth, and beauty must appeal to scholars and thoughtful men whatever their religious conviction or creed".

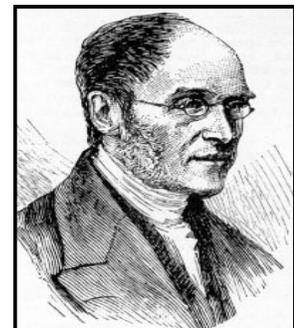
**ABIDE WITH ME**

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away  
Change and decay in all around I see: O  
though who changest not, abide with me!

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
What buy thy grace can foil the tempter's  
pow'r? Who like thyself my guide and stay  
can be? Thro' cloud and sunshine, O abide  
with me!

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine thro' the gloom, and point me to the  
skies: Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's  
vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord,  
abide with me! Amen.



Henry F. Lyte

FACES OF STARKDALE—1998



SESSION 1998: STANDING: (L-R) Lew Townsend, Carol Grum, Conrad Carson, Allan Hall, Jim Deist, Bob Daily, SEATED (L-R) Jeff Woods, Andy Hammack, Frank Merryman, Mick Eichhoff, Mary Chorpenning, Doris Wickham, Dorothy Hackathorne



DEACONS 1998: STANDING (L-R) Jill Wickham, Robbie France, Tom Timmons, Cliff Allan, Bill Alexander, Karen Eichhoff, Louise Trimmer SEATED (L-R) DeDe Foley, Shirley McNeil, Liz Pendleton, Mary Louise Morgan, Pat Daily-

Sunday School Teachers 1998—Tom Timmons, Frank Merryman, Sharon Patterson, CarolynLee Barrett, Lori Kinney, Ruth Grunewald



# APRIL 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Beverly Mayhew Ryan Zrinyi</i>	2 <i>Eleanor Hewitt</i>	3 <i>Bob Sagrilla Brad Albert</i>	4 <i>Suzanne Brown</i>	5	6 <i>Paul Busby II</i>	7 <i>Mary Jane Ritson Joseph Grecco</i>
8 <i>Lindsay Busby</i>	9	10 <i>Helen Reed</i>	11 <i>Mason Gambos</i>	12 <i>Aaron Ferguson</i>	13 <i>Jared Harvey</i>	14 <i>Clifford Allan Debra Grimm Jaclynn Stewart</i>
15	16 <i>Todd &amp; Natalie Ujcich</i>	17 <i>Tom and Pam Peterson</i>	18 <i>Valorie Weaver Octavia Lover</i>	19 <i>Michael Bordash</i>	20 <i>Susan Eft Dylan Pendleton</i>	21
22 <i>Annie Board Arnold &amp; Patty Dennis</i>	23	24	25 <i>Mary Coleman Carl Grimm</i>	26 <i>Cindy Wilson Steve and Kacy Moore</i>	27 <i>Gary and Roma Harper</i>	28 <i>Betty Mayers John and Rhonda Clevenger</i>
29 <i>Dr. Tom and Suzanne Brown</i>	30 <i>Dianna Vandeborne Daniel Hayes Destiny Christian Brandon &amp; Amiee Pendleton</i>					

**WORSHIP SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:30 A.M. AND 11 P.M.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45 FOR ALL AGES**

**APRIL 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday	2 6 p.m. Property Task Force Meeting 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Prayer Mtg.	3 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	4 6 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal	5 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion	6 Good Friday Noon Good Friday Ecumenical Service at First Westminster, Steubenville	7 10 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt
8 Easter Sunday SYG Pancake Brkfst.	9 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Prayer Mtg.	10 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	11 6 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal	12 9 a.m. Soup Kitchen 8:30 p.m. AA	13	14 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Starkdale sponsored Blood Drive at the chapter house- Wintersville, OH Call 2645309 for info
15 Carriage House Wor- ship Service	16 6 p.m. Administra- tion Commission Mtg 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Prayer Mtg	17 10 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Dart Baseball	18 5 p.m. Nurses Alumni 6 p.m. Bible Study (Upstairs) 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal CHIMES DEADLINE	19 8:30 p.m. AA	20	21
22 4 p.m. Movie Night 6 p.m. SYG	23 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Prayer Mtg	24 10 a.m. Bible Study Noon SPW 6 p.m. Dart Baseball 6:30 p.m. Outreach Commission Mtg.	25 6 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal	26 8:30 p.m. AA CHIMES FOLD	27	28
29	30 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Prayer Mtg	"Trash-to-Treasure" Sale Donations will be accepted Monday, April 30—Thursday, May 4.				



The Starkdale congregation extends their sincere sympathy to:

- Caroline Dean in the death of her brother, James “Jimmy” Dean. Jimmy passed away Monday, February 27, at the Carriage Inn, Steubenville.
- Birney Wells in the death of her cousin, Bernadine McFarren, on March 5, 2012 in Mentor Ohio.
- Bud and Hetty McClave in the death of their daughter, Diane, who passed away Tuesday, March 6 in Maine.
- Steve and Felecia Elliott and their extended family on the death of Steve’s uncle, Emory Elliott (his dad’s brother), on Friday, March, 16.
- Debbie and Carl Grimm and to Bill and Pam Westlake and to their extended families on the death of Debbie and Bills’ mom, Peggy Lemal, on Saturday, March 17.
- Vickey and Ed Littlejohn and to their extended family on the death of her father, Earl Brown who passed away on March 20.



Harley Rothacker was a member of the 2012 Hoosiers 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade youth co-ed basketball team. This team went undefeated and won the league championship for the Toronto Youth Basketball League. Congratulations on a great season!



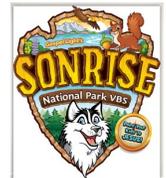
Starkdale members may be interested to know that former Pastor Jim Nimmo has retired from the ministry. He had his last sermon from his Florida Church on February 11. He and Anne will continue to live in their Port St. Lucie home at the following address: 733 S.W. Aster Rd., Port St Lucie, Florida 34953



Congratulations to David Kinney, a member of the Edison Middle School 7th grade basketball team, for receiving the All Academic Team Award at the BMC Basketball Tournament. This award was given to one player from each team who excelled in academics while participating on the basketball team.



*DON'T FORGET!! “Sonrise National Park” Vacation Bible School  
JUNE 11-15, 2012 9 A.M.—Noon*



Daniel Byard was sworn in as an apprentice with the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 495, in Cambridge, Ohio, on March 7, 2012



The “Movie Night” at Fellowship Hall on February 26th was very good. The show had over 50 people attending with popcorn, sodas, potato chips and pizza and salty fish!



Dr. Tom Brown has made his dentistry expertise available to the Fourth Street Health Center as a new pharmacy and dental clinic will soon be added to the center.



Starkdale member, George Allan (right) announced his retirement from the field of education after a life long career. Congratulations George! (Some of us are still doubtful that George will ever retire—”We’ll believe it when we see it”)



Welcome home to all the Starkdale “Snowbirds”! The congregation just isn’t the same when you are gone!  
We’re glad you are home!



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Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:30 and 11 A.M.

Sunday School for all ages

9:45 a.m.

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