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# THE CHIMES

Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
April 2015 Newsletter



*“CHRIST IS RISEN!”  
INDEED,  
HE IS RISEN!*

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## A Message from the Pastor

**D**ear Starkdale Family (Members, Frequent Worship Guests, and Friends),

After ten blessed and rewarding years of ministry at Starkdale, and having been praying for God's guidance, I have now come to the decision to seek partial retirement in a part time ministerial position wherever the Lord may choose to lead me. I received God's call to serve as pastor of Starkdale on May 1, 2005, and as announced on Sunday, March 8, my ministry at Starkdale will terminate on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This decision was prompted by several factors.

**First**, I am already beyond the retirement age; on June 27, I'll be 69.

**Second**, the rules of the Board of Pensions of the PCUSA (our former denomination) make it risky to postpone my decision in

regards to what percentage my wife would receive after my death. If I don't make this decision now and something happens to me before my retirement, Vickey would get only half of what she is entitled to receive. Moreover, after my retirement decision has been made and Vickey's future income has been decided, the rules of the Board of Pensions forbid me to work for the same church even in a part time position.

**Third**, it is highly recommended that any pastorate should not go beyond eight to twelve years. Pastors have ways of knowing when it is time for them to step down. I believe that I have done all I could do for our ministry together. Now the church is healthy, ripe and ready for a new, and possibly, different kind of leadership.

**Fourth**, while my spirit is willing to serve the Lord in full capacity and force, the flesh is weak. Aging has its

### April Anniversaries

- 16 Todd & Natalie Ujcich
- 17 Thomas & Pam Peterson
- 26 Steve & Kacey Moore
- 27 Geary & Rona Harper
- 28 Rhonda & John Clevenger
- 29 Thomas & Suzanne Brown
- 30 Brandon & Amiee Pendleton



WELCOME HOME,  
HUNTER MICHAEL PARIS!!

April Birthdays

- 1 Beverly Mayhew
- 2 Eleanor Hewitt
- 3 Bob Sagrilla
- 4 Suzanne Brown
- 6 Paul Busby II
- 7 Joseph Grecco
- 7 Mary Jane Ritson
- 7 Grant Murison
- 8 Lindsay Busby
- 10 Helen Reed
- 11 Mason Gambos
- 12 Aaron Ferguson
- 12 Jaclynn Stewart
- 14 Debra Grimm
- 18 Valorie Weaver
- 19 Matthew Bordash
- 20 Susan Eft
- 20 Dylan Pendleton
- 22 Annie Board
- 25 Mary Coleman
- 25 Carl Grimm
- 26 Cindy Wilson
- 30 Destiny Christian
- 30 Daniel Hayes
- 30 Dianna Vandeborne



limitations. To be fair to the church, I must admit that I cannot continue to serve as was the case in my younger years.

**Fifth**, there are things that I have been needing to do and have been looking forward to doing (such as spending more time with Vickey, travelling, visiting with friends and relatives, authoring a book or two, ...etc.). I couldn't do but a little of that while in the fulltime ministry.

Beyond these reasons there are no other. Usually, people wonder when their pastors resign or retire: Did anyone make him mad? Was he forced to step down? Are their problems with the church that made him say "enough is enough?" Did he find a better opportunity for ministry than here?

Before God I promise you that no church-related diffi-

culty, and no other reason than the ones I have already mentioned above, has, in any form or fashion, impacted my decision to retire. I promise you also that I will remain, in the Spirit, a member of Starkdale as long as I shall live. Starkdale will continue to be the highlight of my life thanks to your love, warmth, enthusiasm about the Lord, generosity, hospitality, and most of all, your positive and encouraging response to my work along your side. Moreover, I promise to keep you and your work in Christ's name in my prayers. I hope you would do the same and keep Vickey and me in your prayers. Lovingly and sincerely,  
Philip Makari

**A Message From: Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman**

Greetings,

The All Valley Youth Rally Event with Sylvia Crawley had around 350 in attendance including the Principals of 3 area schools and the Assistant Superintendent of Steubenville City Schools. The student groups that performed were outstanding!

Upcoming....

iServe Steubenville at Urban Mission - May 3rd from 9-3 PM including a bunch of area churches this year as we will help out urban mission sort food, paint etc.

All Valley Youth Rally – May 17th - at Crossroads Church details TBA

Baccalaureate Service – May 24 – This is on again! Praise the Lord! It will be at First Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Summer Mission trip to Philadelphia PA- July 20 -26th - This city is awesome! If you have never been there, not only will we be able to serve the Lord by doing Habitat for Humanity projects and Children's ministry, but we will also be able to visit the Liberty Bell, Constitution Hall, The "Rocky" statue and much, much more! Details TBA soon!

Blessings! Pastor Bobbyjon

**April Leadership Duties**

**Elders on Duty**

Bob Archer  
Bob Burns  
Steve Elliott  
Scott Murison  
John Parkinson  
Ron Rousey

**Deacons on Duty**

Lisa Busby  
Rick Carver  
Bob Daily  
Pat Daily  
Diane Smith  
Drew Stewart  
Toni Zajdowicz

**Nursery Helpers**

April 5th Pending  
April 12 Lisa Busby  
April 19 Lynn Mikesell

## “He Arose, the Lord Victorious”

Hymn Author: Oswald J. Smith (Presbyterian Minister) 1918

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SONSPARK LABS JUNE 8 -12<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:15 P.M.

Mark your calendars for an amazing week at Vacation Bible School “Sonspark Labs.” Children will find their imaginations spark to life as they explore the wonder of God’s Creation. Kids will explore answers to questions such as the following: Who made the world and who made me? What happens when I do wrong things? What is God like? They will learn God’s plan for them. GOD’S PLAN 4 US = JESUS! Contact Kelly Dopp, Janice Whitaker or Toni Zajdowicz if you

### Elkhorn Valley ‘15 Summer Camp

Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp exists to train Christians how to live a godly life in an ungodly world. Early/discounted registration has started. Please contact the Starkdale Presbyterian Women moderators, Janet Stukins or Janice Whitaker for more information. You may also contact the camp directly: [www.elkhornvalley.com](http://www.elkhornvalley.com) or

**VAN DRIVERS and OTHER DRIVERS ARE NEEDED** for Sunday morning transportation. If you are able to help with this vital ministry, please contact Bob Sagrilla (740) 317-2024 or John Parkinson (740) 391-4574. Thank You!

1	He arose, the Lord, victorious In pow’r and majesty; And He came from death all glorious To reign triumphantly; Then let us all adore Him, Our prophet, Priest and King, And bow in love before Him Who died that He might bring Salvation to our fallen race, And gain for us in heav’n a place	He lives! He lives! O, great, eternal King!
2		‘Twas the pow’r of God so glorious That raised Him from the grave, And that bro’t Him back victorious To ever live and save. ‘Twas by His death He bought us And cleansed our hearts within, But by His life He brought us Beyond the pow’r of sin; And now in heav’n He ever lives, And grace to conquer daily gives. [Refrain]
	<b>Refrain:</b>	
	He lives, He lives, Our Saviour crucified. He lives! He lives! Who suffered, bled and died. And nevermore shall Death assail, Nor aught of Satan’s pow’r prevail; All glory to His name. From age to age the same; And by His life He giveth pow’r To conquer in the darkest hour	3 We shall rise in pow’r victorious— The trump of God will sound, And we’ll all trans- formed and glorious, With lov’d ones gath- ered round; Go forth in joy to meet Him— Our Saviour from above, While singing as we greet Him, Our songs of praise and

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



The Neighborhood House located in Steubenville is the longest operating daycare and preschool in Jefferson County. It is a non-profit organization that provides child care services to all families. Cost is on a sliding scale based on the ability to pay. It is subsidized by the Ohio Department of Jobs & Family Services. Many of the children who attend are court appointed.

Since April is Child Abuse Prevention month, the Outreach Committee contacted The Neighborhood House to find out how we could help. They requested a variety of inexpensive items which benefit the children such as gold fish crackers, soup, diapers etc.

In keeping with the Children's Service theme of pinwheels, we will once again place a "Pinwheel of Hope" tree in our Narthex. Please consider taking a pinwheel from the tree and purchase the item that has been placed on the pinwheel. Simply bring the item back to the Narthex and place your item under the tree sometime during the month of April. We will then take the items to The Neighborhood House. If you would like more information about The Neighborhood House brochures will be available. Please remember these children in your prayers.

### **He Is Not Here; He is Risen!**

There are "many infallible proofs" of the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, but the testimony of the empty tomb is the most conclusive of all. Jesus had been buried, with the tomb sealed and guarded by a watch of Roman soldiers. Yet on the third day of His burial, on the morning of the first day of the week, the body was no longer there, and the empty tomb still stands today as an unanswerable proof that the Lord Jesus rose from the dead. ("The Impact of the Empty Tomb" Henry M. Morris, Ph.D. [www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org))

*But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the*



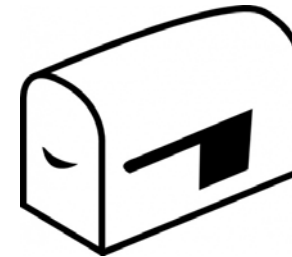
*living One among the dead? He is not here, but He is risen. Luke 24:1-6 (NASB)  
Jesus said..., "I am the resurrection and the life; he*

**Church Vitality Seminar**

(Held March 7th)

Reverend Bob Stauffer’s presentation to Starkdale Church was inspiring and thought provoking. It would be difficult to summarize all Rev. Stauffer shared. However, I can share some questions he has me still pondering. 1. What is our church wide mission that all church members should be working towards? (As he more eloquently put it, “How does God want to express himself through Starkdale in Steubenville at this time?”). 2. How much of our church effort is focused on inward growth? How much is focused on outward growth? (Hint, hint: Matthew 28 reminds us to “GO”) 3. What can we do as a church to make sure that our church is not “declining” in membership or ministry? If we are blessed with the opportunity to host Rev. Stauffer again, I hope you can join us for another engaging and self-reflective look at our church.

Kelly Dopp



**IN THE MAIL**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and calls during my illness and brief hospital stay. I appreciate all of you.

Love,

Dear Starkdale Church family,

Thank you for your prayers, your cards, and your phone calls during my recent surgery and recovery.

May God bless you all,

Stu Stukins



**Our Sympathy** is extended to:

John and DeDe Foley and their extended family in the death of John's sister, Anna Mae (Foley) Baricksa, on February 28th.

John and Donna Minor, Marlene Cox, and their extended families in the death of Donna's mother and Marlene's sister, Betty Mayers, on March 9th.

Tom and Anna Ault and their extended family in the death of Tom's father, Harry



### **Soup Kitchen Report**

**On March 12th, 60 people were served a menu of ham, scalloped potatoes, and peas and carrots along with cakes from Two Ridges Presbyterian Church for dessert. Ella Jane Burns, Jo Copeland, and Robbie France.**

## **Holy Week and Easter Sunday Worship Services**

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 2nd

6:30 P.M. Dinner (RSVP)

7:00 P.M. Communion Service

### **Ecumenical Good Friday Service**

April 3rd

12 Noon

First Westminster Presbyterian Church

235 North 4th St., Steubenville

### **Easter Sunday Worship Services**

April 4th

8:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

No Sunday School Classes





**Please join us :**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:30 A.M.  
11:00 A.M.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

9:30 A.M.

**COMMUNION SERVICES**

Monthly-Every Second Sunday  
8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Worship Services

**KIDS ROCK MINISTRY**

Sunday Evenings 4:00 -5:15 P.M.  
It is a group for children grades K-5 to join in activities and learn about the Bible.

**STARKDALE YOUTH MINISTRY**

Sunday evenings 6:00 P.M.  
(unless otherwise noted for special events)

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 A.M.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

6:00 P.M.

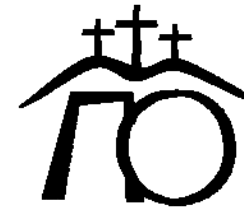
Rev. Dr. Philip Makari-Senior Pastor

**JCFSHC 2015 GALA**

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend the **Jefferson County Fourth Street Health Center's 9th Annual Gala** on Sunday, April 26th at 5:00 P.M. at St. Florian Hall. You can help the community and support our very own Miranda Parkinson and Gabrielle Peterson, who will be young ambassadors this year, by purchasing your tickets from them during fellowship hour. Stay tuned to the Sunday morning announcements for more information.

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If you ordered **Easter flowers**, they will be available to take home after the 11:00

**Christianity comes down to one question:**



**The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior**

**Thus we routinely proclaim the faith each Lord's Day: "Christ has died;**

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| <p>5<br/><br/>Easter Sunday</p>                                                                                        | <p>6<br/>2 pm Sonshine Bible Club<br/>6 pm Property Mtg.<br/>6:15 pm Cub Scouts<br/>7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>        | <p>7<br/>10 am Bible Study<br/>6 pm Dart Baseball</p>                               | <p>8<br/>10 am Villa Vista<br/>Bible Study<br/>6 pm Bible Study<br/>7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>  | <p>9<br/>9 am Soup Kitchen<br/>6 pm Session Mtg.</p>                           | <p>10</p>                                                                                      | <p>11<br/>Delta Kappa Gamma</p>                                            |
| <p>12<br/>12:15 Deacons Mtg.<br/>4 pm Kids Rock<br/>5pm Mthly Prayer Mtg.<br/>6 pm SYM<br/>Second Sunday of Easter</p> | <p>13<br/>2 pm Sonshine Bible Club<br/>6:15 pm Cub Scouts<br/>7 pm Administration Mtg.<br/>7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p> | <p>14<br/>10 am Bible Study<br/>6 pm Dart Baseball</p>                              | <p>15<br/>10 am Villa Vista<br/>Bible Study<br/>6 pm Bible Study<br/>7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>16</p>                                                                      | <p>17</p>                                                                                      | <p>18<br/>Fh Rented</p>                                                    |
| <p>19<br/>4 pm Kids Rock<br/>6 pm SYM<br/>Third Sunday of Easter</p>                                                   | <p>20<br/>2 pm Sonshine Bible Club<br/>6:15 pm Cub Scouts<br/>7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>                              | <p>21<br/>10 am Bible Study<br/>6 pm Dart Baseball</p>                              | <p>22<br/>10 am Villa Vista<br/>Bible Study<br/>6 pm Bible Study<br/>7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>23<br/>CHIMES MAIL</p>                                                      | <p>24</p>                                                                                      | <p>25<br/>Fh Rented</p>                                                    |
| <p>26<br/>5 pm JCFSHC Gala<br/>St. Florian Hall<br/>Fourth Sunday of Easter</p>                                        | <p>27<br/>2 pm Sonshine Bible Club<br/>6:15 pm Cub Scouts<br/>6:30 p.m. Outreach Mtg.<br/>7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>  | <p>28<br/>10 am Bible Study<br/>(Upstairs)<br/>12 pm SPW<br/>6 pm Dart Baseball</p> | <p>29<br/>10 am Villa Vista<br/>Bible Study<br/>6 pm Bible Study<br/>7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>30</p>                                                                      |                                                                                                |                                                                            |