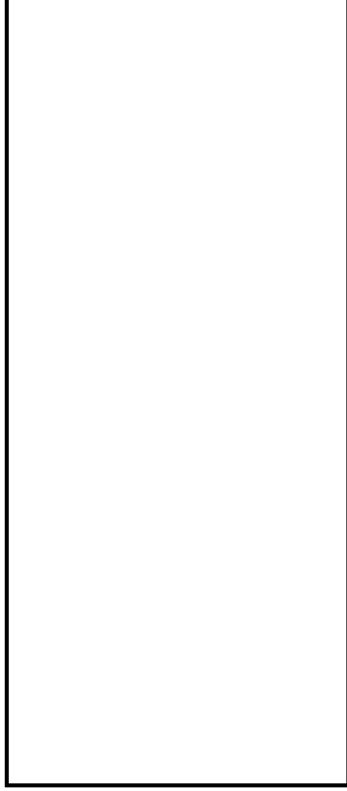




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MESSAGE FROM REV. G. CARL MOORE

"More Wonderful Beyond!"

¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

I Corinthians 15:12-14

Alister McGrath, a former atheist who has become a believer in Christ, a theologian and a scientist, tells the following story about the first time he awakened to the hope of Christ's resurrection:

[As a young man], I was a grumpy and frankly rather arrogant atheist. I was totally convinced that there was no God, and that anyone who thought there was needed to be locked up for her own good. I was majoring in the sciences at high school and had won a scholarship to study chemistry at Oxford University, beginning in October 1971. I had every reason to believe that studying the sciences further would confirm my rampant godlessness. While waiting to go up to Oxford, I decided to work my way through a pile of "improving books." Needless to say, none of them were religious.

Eventually, I came to a classic work of philosophy—Plato's Republic. I couldn't make sense of everything I read. But one image etched itself into my imagination. Plato asks us to imagine a group of men, trapped in a cave, knowing only a world of flickering shadows cast by a fire. Having experienced no other world, they assume that the shadows are the only reality. Yet the reader knows—and is meant to know—that there is another world beyond the cave, awaiting discovery.

May

BIRTHDAYS

6 Kelly Dopp
7 Cathy Lipinski
8 Carole Peterson
10 Carolyn McCamic
20 Marge Allan
20 Beckett Dopp
20 Tyra Timmons
20 Jordan Yeater
22 Casher Dopp
24 Ethan Starr
27 Tom Timmons
28 Jason Baker
30 Michael Ford
31 David Kinney

3 Anniversaries Tom & Anna Marie

Ault

9 Robert (R.J.) & Margaret Stewart
16 Russell & Rita Wickham
23 Ray & Darene Waskiewicz
24 John & Marlene Rhueff
28 Louis & Charlene Petrozzi
30 Joseph & Carolyn Glaub
30 Philip & Vickey Makari

**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
WILL REMAIN THE SAME
8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.**

April

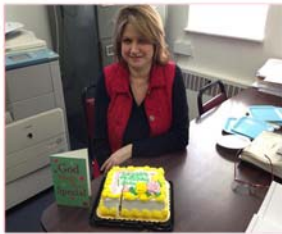
Birthdays

2 Eleanor Hewitt	10 Helen Reed
3 Bob Sagrilla	11 Mason Gambos
4 Suzanne Brown	14 Jaclynn Stewart
6 Paul Busby 11	18 Valorie Weaver
7 Joseph Grecco	26 Cindy Wilson
7 Grant Murison	30 Dianna Vandeborne
8 Lindsay Busby	

Anniversaries

17 Thomas & Pam Peterson
22 David and Patricia Thumm
25 Scott & LeDawn Kosek, Sr.
29 Tom and Suzanne Brown
30 Brandon & Amiee Pendleton

Guess who is 39?



**Happy Birthday Jane Gambos,
Starkdale's very special Office Manager!**

As I read this passage, the hard-nosed rationalist within me smiled condescendingly. Typical escapist superstition! What you see is what you get, and that's the end of the matter. Yet a still, small voice within me whispered words of doubt. What if this world is only part of the story? What if this world is only a shadowland? What if there is something more wonderful beyond it?

McGrath's struggle with the truth(s) of the Christian faith is not unique. The Apostle Paul had his own barriers, one being (from a Jewish perspective) the barrier of a religious tradition that assumed that the Messiah would conquer via the glory and honor of war, not the ignominious cross of dishonor.

Barriers to belief many times come in the form of intellectual pride as with McGrath, but McGrath knew by virtue of the moral law within and the starry sky above that "there is something more wonderful beyond" this life. Our neo-pagan culture lies to itself by saying that this is all that there is. It reduces reality to matter, a contiguous concourse of mere molecules in motion. We are like the ancients in Plato's allegory of the Cave; we believe the shadows of this dark fallen world are all that there is. Yet, some of us are like St. Paul prior to his conversion; because of religious pride we assume "man-made" traditions are all that there is. Religious tradition too can cast a long, dark shadow upon us. Even regenerate (born again) Christians will allow the need to belong, to muddy our thinking in the morass of misconceptions. This was the case for Paul as he addressed the First Church of Corinth. Their intellectual pride of wanting to be accepted by their surrounding pagan culture (sounds familiar?) had them buying into pagan concepts (like the pagan idea that there is no bodily resurrection of believers), concepts contrary to the essentials of the faith (like the Christian idea of the physical, bodily resurrection of Christ).

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These are just some barriers to belief. Other barriers can be suffering, evil, and pain. However, when we are confronted with the resurrected Lord, when we have an encounter with the living God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, when we encounter the ultimate reality of the Word of God made flesh then all the idols of our minds retreat while our hearts surrender to Christ. This is what happened to Paul. It was Paul's encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus which eroded his doubt; his pang of a guilty conscience receded into the shadows in the face of the overwhelming effulgence of the resurrected Lord.

During this season of Lent and Easter if you are struggling with doubt—e.g. doubt from pride, or doubt from pain and loss, etc.--turn your gaze again to the reality of our Lord who conquered death not for Himself, but for us. Because of Christ's death on the cross, death for us is but a shadow; and because of Christ's life and resurrection there is something more wonderful here and now for us and beyond!

Soli Deo Gloria
Pastor Carl



2 Cor. 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

If a person were to be promised eternal life, but then have it taken away, it was never “eternal” to begin with. If eternal security is not true, the promises of eternal life in the Bible would be in error. Believers are assured throughout Scripture that God’s Word is infallible and inerrant!! **“Sola Scriptura”**

Romans 8:28-30

The most powerful argument for eternal security is in Romans, chapter 8. “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Our eternal security is based on God’s love for those who He has redeemed. Our eternal security is purchased by Christ, promised by the Father, and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Eternal security is NEVER a “license” to sin! It is the security of knowing that God’s love is guaranteed for those who trust in Christ. Knowing and understanding God’s tremendous gift of salvation accomplishes the opposite of giving a license to sin. How could anyone, knowing the price Jesus Christ paid for us, go on to live a life of sin **Romans 6:15-23.**

1 John 3:6 “No one who lives in him keeps on purposefully sinning. No one who continues to sin has neither seen him nor known him.”

Submitted by Sandy Conrad

BIBLE TRUTHS FOR ETERNAL SECURITY

When we come to know Christ as our Savior, we are brought into a relationship with God that guarantees our eternal security.

Judges 24 declares, “To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy.”

God’s power is able to keep you from falling. It is up to Him, not us, to present us before His glorious presence. Our eternal security is a result of God keeping us, not us maintaining our own salvation. (We didn’t save ourselves and apart from His resurrection power, which he has imputed to us, we cannot keep ourselves. It’s ALL in Him!)

John 10:28-29 Jesus said, “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father who has given them to me, is greater than all, no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”

Ephesians 4:30 tells us that believers are “sealed for the day of redemption..” If believers did not have eternal security, the sealing could not truly be unto the day of redemption, but only to the day of sinning, apostasy, etc.

A true “saving faith conversion:” will bring about a change in the believer’s heart, mind and life. As we grow in our faith and obedience to Jesus our life becomes less and less significant.

John 3:30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

John 3:15-16 tells us that believers in Jesus Christ will “have eternal life.”

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, and the Outreach Committee has placed a Pinwheel of Hope Tree in the Narthex. This year, our donations will benefit The Friendship Warming Room. Please consider taking a pinwheel from the tree and purchasing the item that has been placed on the tag. 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 Friendship Warming Center.

CANCER DIETARY INITIATIVE

The Outreach Committee will conduct a canned soup food drive during the months of May and June to benefit the Cancer Dietary Initiative which provides nutritious food for cancer patients in our community. If you would like to participate during these months, please place canned soup donations in the chest located in the narthex.

STARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LIBRARY

Hours Sunday 8-10 AM and 12-1 PM

Monday through Thursday 10 AM - 2 PM

Our library maintains a collection of over 200 books and audiovisual materials to serve all who seek to grow in their faith, strive to be more effective witnesses for Jesus Christ, or simply to enjoy a good book. The latest additions to the library are:

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth, G. Fee & D. Stuart

The Canon of Scripture, F. F. Bruce

Hath God Said? R.C. Sproul

Christ of the Covenants, O. Palmer Robertson

William the Baptist, James M. Chaney

Infant Baptism, John Sartelle

The Sacraments, R.C. Sproul

Maximizing Your Effectiveness, Aubrey Malphurs

Is God Just a Human Invention? Sean McDowell

The Case for Christ, Lee Strobel

Reasonable Faith, Dr. Jay Wile

The Revelation of John, Vol.1, William Barclay

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

APRIL 9th - 16th

Please join us for Holy Week Services

All are welcome!

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 9th

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 13th

6:30 P.M. Dinner (RSVP)

7:00 P.M. Communion Service

Rev. Anthony Bianchini delivering the message

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Richmond Lighthouse EPC

Rev. G. Carl Moore delivering the message

APRIL 14th

7:00 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

APRIL 16th

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

No Sunday School

The Bulletin Board

ELKHORN VALLEY '17 SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp at Elkhorn Valley is a great opportunity for campers to break free from their normal routines and experience God's beautiful Creation. Camp brochures are available in the Narthex and church office. Early/discounted registration has started. Please contact Starkdale Presbyterian Women moderators, Janet Stukins or Janice Whitaker for more information. You may also contact the Elkhorn Valley camp directly: www.elkhornvalley.com or call (740)768-2148.

"OVER 80's" LUNCHEON

The annual "Over 80's" luncheon is in the planning stages. Look for more information concerning this fun event scheduled for sometime in May. Everyone who is over 80 is invited. Call the Church Office (740-264-5309) so we can include you.

CHURCH TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK AND THE CREATION MUSEUM SEPTEMBER 7-8

Day 1: Travel to Petersburg, KY to visit the 70,000-square foot **Creation Museum**, which brings the pages of the Bible to life. Be amazed as you view its characters and animals in their dynamic form and placed in their familiar settings. State-of-the-art exhibits, life-size dinosaur animatronics, a petting zoo, beautiful outdoor gardens, and much more make this a must-see attraction!

Day 2: Visit the NEW life-size replica of the Biblical Noah's Ark: Ark Encounter. It's a one-of-a-kind historically themed attraction. In an entertaining, educational, and immersive way, it presents a number of historical events centered on a full-size, all wood Ark. **For detailed information, please pick-up a flyer in the narthex or side hallway, and please use the sign-up sheets if you plan to attend.**



A TIME TO SMILE

Submitted by Betty Vujnovic

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee." The husband said, "You are in charge of the cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No you should do it, and besides its in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says "HEBREWS."



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MIGHTY FORTRESS JUNE 5-9, 2017 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Pre-K - 6th Grade

Mark your calendars for an exciting week of music, crafts, Bible lesson, snacks and outdoor games. Children will learn that God is our sure defense who strengthens us and is our refuge in trouble. Registration forms are available in the narthex and church office for early registration. If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Kelly Dopp, Vacation Bible School Director or the church office.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Children's Church is held each Sunday morning during the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. The leader each week is Kelly Dopp. Children ages kindergarten through 5th grade will be dismissed to the chapel after the Lord's prayer. This special time of worship includes: prayer, lighting of candles, singing, and hearing the pastor's message with words that the children will understand.



SOUP KITCHEN

On February 9th, soup kitchen volunteers served a tasty luncheon to 50 persons. The menu included barbeque chipped ham sandwiches, macaroni and cheese, and cake for dessert. Those serving were Ella Jane Burns, Dave & Pat Daily, Pastor Carl Moore and Stu Stukins.

On March 9th, a warm lunch of hamburgers, baked beans, cole slaw, and cake provided by Two Ridges was served to 50 people. Volunteers were Ella Jane Burns, Joan Copeland, Pastor Carl Moore, Walter Mallory, and Stu Stukins.

EASTER EGG HUNT



APRIL 8, 2017

3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

The Easter Egg Hunt includes, Children's Easter Message, a photo with the Easter bunny, crafts, and snacks.

Children: 5th grade & under



Rev. Carl Moore delivering the Children's Message at the Sunday Morning Worship Service



A lovely card of special thanks was received from DeDe Foley to the Starkdale Congregation:
 “God Bless everyone for everything.
 Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and kindness.”
Thanks, Love DeDe


Dear Starkdale Church,
 Thank you so much for your \$350 donation to be a sponsor at our “Light of Life” banquet on March 20th. AIM is greatly blessed by your faithful support. Thank you for believing in the beauty and importance of this ministry.
 Kindly, *Shannon Wiley*

Dear Starkdale Family,
 I would like to thank everyone who called, sent a card, and especially for your prayers during my knee surgery!
 Thank you,
Esther Harris



Our sympathy is extended to Bob and Cindy Sagrilla and their extended family in the death of Cindy’s mother, Madeline “Dixie” Bahen, on February 25, 2017.

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	1 6 pm Property Mtg. 7 pm Worship Mtg. 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	2 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	3 6:00 pm B 7:15pm Cl
7 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	9 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	10 6:00 pm B 7:15pm Cl
14 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY COMMUNION	15 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	16 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	17 6:00 pm B 7:15pm Cl
21 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 1:15 pm CARRIAGE HOUSE	22 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	23 10 am Bible Study 11:30 am Presbyterian Women's Meeting 6 pm Dart Baseball	24 6:00 pm B 7:15pm Cl
28 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ASCENSION SUNDAY	29 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Outreach 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	30 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball MEMORIAL DAY	31 6:00 pm B 7:15pm Cl



Flock Talk

Ryan Archer, son of Dr. Robert and Bonnie Archer, was honored with the West Virginia Fall 2016 President's List in Biochemistry. Ryan is a freshman at West Virginia University. Congratulations Ryan!



Wayne Hackathorne's grandson, Cross Hackathorne, a sophomore at Fairbanks High School, cutting down the net after Fairbanks won their Conference Championship.

Congratulations Cross!

(Excerpt from Herald Star)



Congratulations Mason! Mason is the son of Brian and Jane Gambos.






Mingo officer is honored

Mingo Junction Council members recently presented a resolution to village police Patrolman Mason Gambos for his work in responding to a possible firearm incident at Hills Elementary School on Feb 2. The incident involved a suspect in a traffic accident threatening to cause harm to the other driver and to use a gun to inflict harm to those in the area. The suspect approached the school in a threatening manner, and Gambos, upon arriving at the school, quickly subdued the suspect. Council President Michael Herrick presented Gambos with the resolution honoring the officer for his quick and efficient actions.



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9 PALM SUNDAY 	10 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Administration 7:30 pm Boy Scouts	11 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Dart Baseball	12 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Practice	13 9am Soup Kitchen <u>Maundy Thursday:</u> 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Communion Service	14 7pm Good Friday Service Lighthouse Richmond 	15 8 am Men's Breakfast. 9:00 Calvin's Institutes Bible Study
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30 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER						