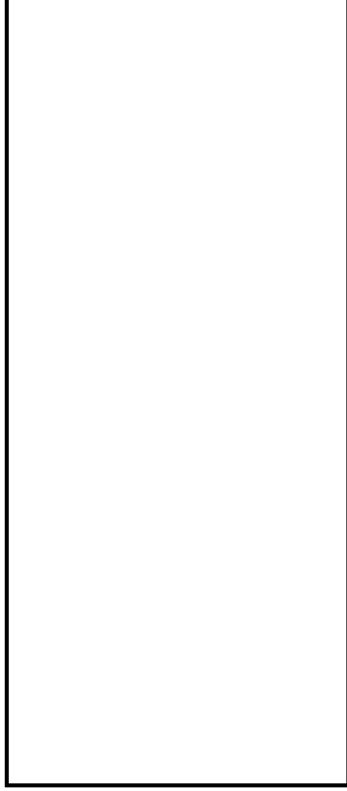




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**MESSAGE FROM
REV. G. CARL MOORE**

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us.)

(Mat 1:18-23 ESV)

Have you ever considered the beautiful irony of the birth of Christ—the Eternal Son of God becoming man, the doctrine of the Incarnation? What is the doctrine of the Incarnation? It's the biblical teaching of the God-man, Jesus Christ; it's the biblical teaching that Jesus is both God and man, yet one person. The early church considered the Incarnation such an essential teaching that they formulated what has come to be the Chalcedonian Creed, a statement of faith concerning what we must believe to be a Christian, and what we are not to believe as a Christian. The Creed states this:



Birthdays

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| 2 David Turkaly | 15 Sharon Patterson |
| 3 Alexis Gambos | 16 Mary Louise Morgan |
| 5 Ruth Carson | 17 Margaret Stewart |
| 7 George Allan | 18 Olivia Chanoski |
| 7 Jeff Criss | 19 Sandee Huber |
| 8 Ted Whitaker | 23 Hayden Paris |
| 12 Laura Daily | 25 Hayes Murison |
| 13 Ann Huff | 25 Beverly Wyman |
| 13 Lori Kenny | 27 Vickey Makari |
| 14 Bethanie Bube | 29 Roberta France |

Anniversaries

- 6 Douglas and Charlene Freshwater

DECEMBER



Birthdays

3 Rick Patterson	20 Russell Wickham
3 Donald Vandeborne	21 Joan Copeland
7 Shannon Starr	23 Rodney Louk
8 R. J. Stewart, Jr.	25 Clarence Wickham
10 Denise Franckhauser	27 John Parkinson
11 Irwin Stukins (Stu)	27 Robert (R.J.) Stewart
13 Joyce Palmer	30 Helen Bayne
17 George Huber, Jr.	30 Leanne Pendleton
18 Betty Hackathorne	

18 Terri Throckmorton

Anniversaries

7 Peter and Denise Franckhauser
23 Donald and Dianna Vandeborne
31 Chris and Kelly Dopp

Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D)

“Therefore, following the holy fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead, and at the same time of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards his manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.”

There are five main truths with which the creed of Chalcedon summarized the biblical teaching on the Incarnation:

1. Jesus has two natures — He is God and man.
2. Each nature is full and complete — He is fully God and fully man.
3. Each nature remains distinct—Jesus’ human nature is not divine, and divine human.
4. Christ is only one Person.
5. Things that are true of only one nature are nonetheless true of the Person of Christ.

During this Christmas season, we’ll be taking a break from the Sermon on the Mount; I will continue the Sermon on the Mount after Christmas. During the month of December, I’ll be preaching on the nature and purpose of the Incarnation, that is, the biblical nature and purpose of Christmas. Come and join us, and invite a friend to church!

In Christ

Pastor Carl



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The children's Christmas program practices will be held each Sunday through December 9th, in the Choir Room at 11:00 A.M. during the beginning of children's church. On December 16th, we will meet at 9:30 A.M. in the choir room to dress and practice. All Children are welcome!

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

November 18 - 11:00 A.M. during Children's Church

November 25 - 11:00 A.M. during Children's Church

December 2 - 11:00 A.M. during Children's Church

December 9 - 11:00 A.M. during Children's Church

December 16 - Christmas Program - meet at 9:30 AM in the choir room to dress and practice.

If you have any questions, please contact Janice Whitaker at the church office (740)-264-5309.

Advent and Christmas

Advent compels us to live life anticipating the Lord's great day when he returns and eliminates evil and death. We are to look upward to the return of Christ from heaven and forward to a glorious life with him and the saints.

Christmas compels us to live a life of initiative, identification, involvement, and invitation. Jesus took the initiative toward us and identified with us by becoming one of us when he was born. Throughout his life on earth, he involved himself in our basic needs and concerns (including the need to be free from sin and death), and invited and welcomed us to receive his salvation. Likewise, Christmas motivates us to be the same toward each other. We are not to wait for people to inquire of us; we are to take the initiative towards them, identify with them, involve ourselves in their needs and concerns, and invite them to partake of God's saving grace.

Excerpt from: *In Conclusion*, by Dr. Rev. Philip Makari, Pastor Emeritus.

Submitted by: Janice Whitaker
Christian Education, Chair

Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



Dear Starkdale Family,

I cannot thank you enough for all the love and support you have given to me and my family during my recent surgery and recuperation. You made my time away from home much easier. I could not possibly have made it without the help of our son, Brian, and I wish to thank you for your generous support to him as he cared for his dad. Vernon is recovering well after his falls and he has even gained some weight back thanks to all the wonderful meals people sent. I am doing better than I expected, and am already walking without assistance. I truly believe the knowledge that Vernon was so well cared for by all of you aided in my recovery from the knee replacement and has allowed me to concentrate my efforts on healing. All of your care for us, with visits, flowers, calls, prayers and cards, really shows how community can aid in the well being for anyone facing adversity. We truly feel blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Sincerely,

Carolyn E. McCamic

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DECEMBER 16, 2018
DURING THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
TIME AT THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE**



CHRISTMAS 2017



COOKIE ALERT!!



Cookies are needed for this year's Live Nativity. If you are able to donate a dozen or so, put them in the freezer marked "Live Nativity" by the morning of December 9th. It will be very greatly appreciated.



YOUTH AND KIDS
KINDERGARTEN

OF THE KINGDOM
THROUGH 12TH

GRADE
CHRISTMAS DINNER
DECEMBER 2ND
5:00-6:00 P.M.

Starkdale Church,

Just a quick note to all of you. The card you sent was greatly appreciated. Also, thank you so much for taking care of us after the service. Your love and support was appreciated during a difficult time.

Thank you again, my mom was truly blessed to have all of you in her life.

Love,
Lori
The family of Shirley D. McNeil

YOUNGEST DART BASEBALL PLAYER



Parents are Kendall Huber George and Ashley Huber; grandmother, Sandee Huber; great grandparents, Paul and (the late) Delores Visyak. Four generations of dart baseball players!! You are never too young, or too old to be part of the Starkdale dart baseball family. Prayer, food, fellowship, fun, and of course "play ball!" Come and join us; there is plenty of room at the table and everyone is welcome!



Thank you

Dear Members of Starkdale Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the Pediatric Cortical Visual Impairment Society (PCVI), I extend our warmest thanks for your donation to the Pediatric Cortical Visual Impairment Society on behalf of Oliva Ault. The generosity of donors like you allow the PCVI Society to do the important work of educating professionals and families about children with CVI.

Your \$1000.00 donation will help support the activities of PCVI which include education, research, and advocacy for children who experience CVI, the leading cause of visual impairment in children in developed countries. Although CVI is common in children in our country, it is not well recognized or supported. The Pediatric Cortical Visual Impairment Society aims to change this circumstance by bringing CVI into the public awareness and with your kind donation, we will be closer to achieving our goals.

You are sincerely helping to improve the lives of children with CVI and we are so very grateful. Thank you again, and keep in mind that the next American Conference on PCVI is scheduled for June 28-29, 2018 in Omaha, NE.

Sincerely,

Christine Roman Lantzy, Ph.D.
Board of Directors, PCVI Society

Flock Talk



CONGRATULATIONS!
BETTY AND WAYNE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018



Congratulations!

Andrew Kenney
WTOV Scholar-
Athlete of the
week.

October 25, 2018

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Weekday classes led by Rev. Moore
meet in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Tuesday

6:00 p.m. Wednesday

Sunday School classes begin at (9:45 A.M.)

The Bible From Scratch Class, led by Sandy Conrad
meets in the Library.

K-5th Grade—meets in the children's classroom with
Kathy Kramer and Janice Whitaker

The Jr. High and High School (6th through 12th grade)
meet in Office Room 200, with Carolyn Glaub leading.
Classes are for everyone! Nursery is also available for
younger children during the Sunday morning classes.
Please join us.

Coffee and donuts are also served.



ELE-

MENTARY CLASS WITH KATHY KRAMER



2017
NATIVITY

8TH LIVE NATIVITY SUNDAY DECEMBER 9TH



COME TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE!

Take time out of your busy holiday schedule to reflect on the TRUE meaning of Christmas. The Savior who is Christ The Lord. All ages will be blessed by the experience which reminds us that Jesus came as a babe in a manger. His name is called Emmanuel, which means God with us. The Live Nativity is arranged to present the Good News to all. It is a meaningful evangelism opportunity. Your whole family and your friends will be moved by the real Christmas story.

Presentations repeat at:

5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30 P.M.



SOUP KITCHEN

On October 11th, the Soup Kitchen volunteers served 74 people a hot lunch of sloppy joes, applesauce, and cakes from Two Ridges Presbyterian Church. Those serving were

Ella Jane Burns, Pastor Carl Moore, Joyce Palmer, and Stu Stukins.

On November 8th, 50 people were served a hot lunch of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans and cranberry sauce. Pies were provided by Two Ridges Presbyterian Church.

Those serving were Ella Jane Burns, Bob Burns, Jo Copeland, Bob Kramer, Walter Mallory, Pastor Carl Moore, Carol Oklok, Joyce Palmer, and Stu Stukins.



FROM THE CHIMES STAFF

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POINSETTIAS ORDER DEADLINE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Available in red or white (\$9.00 each). Purchase *In Memory of* or *Honor of* loved ones. Order forms are available in Sunday bulletins or the church office.



Outreach Committee

Dear Starkdale Church,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the wonderful school supplies you provided for our children. They were so pleased to get them and we are so appreciative. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Susan Noles, Principal
Buckeye North Elementary

Hello,

I would like to thank you for the school supplies that were donated to Wells Academy. The supplies will be put to good use.

Thanks,
Tommy Rotsonis

Dear Starkdale Presbyterian,

Thank you so much for all of the school supplies you donated to the school! We are overjoyed by your kindness.

The Students and Staff of
Karaffa Elementary School

Dear Starkdale Church,

Thank you for your kind donation to our cause. It will greatly help to support the Cancer Dietary Initiative.

Sincerely Jill Mavicher
Jefferson County JVS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$300.00 to the work of the Center of Hope Friendship Room. Your gift will be used to help us fulfill our mission to the "least of our brethren" (Matthew 25:40), the poorest of the poor in downtown Steubenville.

Thank you again.

Molly McGovern, Director

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord. Pr. 19:17

Starkdale Church,

Thank you for the Tee Box Sponsorship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Josh Merriman Foundation