



2011

# THE CHIMES

STARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

## HELPING TO SAVE THE SIGHT OF CHILDREN

Members and friends of Starkdale have been keeping busy as they organize, work, and carry thru on their yearly spring projects such as the annual Trash to Treasure Sale and the semi-annual Chicken Grill. This year's activities however have been planned and carried out with a special urgency and deep meaning.

The Kinney family, Lori, Keith, David, Abigail and Andrew, (Starkdale members) have been faced with a special challenge. Abigail has been diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder called Leger's Congenital Amaurosis (LCA) that causes the eye's retina to slowly die. There are 16 different versions of LCA. Abigail's version of LCA, caused by a gene called RDH12, is especially rare. Because very little is known about this form of LCA, there is no treatment or cure available to her. But there is hope. Recently scientists and doctors created a gene therapy treatment for one of the more common forms of LCA that restored sight to those receiving it. If this approach were to be taken for Abigail's form of LCA, there is a good chance she and others like her could avoid a life of darkness. The only way this will happen is if the necessary research and resources be directed to the effort of producing this cure. The once unthinkable goal, curing blindness, is within reach. Starkdale members are helping to make that happen by donating all the proceeds from the Trash to Treasure Sale and the Chicken Grill to "Abigail's



6 year old Abigail Kinney

Angels", the fund the Kinney's have established to raise money to find a cure.

Thanks to the generosity of our community \$3,087.55 was raised by the Trash to Treasure sale and approximately \$2,100.00 from the Chicken Grill.

All funds are given to The RDH12 Fund for Sight which is a component fund of the Spartanburg County Foundation, a registered 501(3)© charitable foundation, founded by families of children with LCA caused by the RDH12 gene.

A direct donation to the RDH12 Fund for Sight can be made by sending a check payable to the RDH12 Fund for Sight to:

The Spartanburg County Foundation  
Contribution Lockbox  
PO Box 60402  
Charlotte, NC 28260-0402

Most importantly, please remember to pray for Abigail and others like her, and their families that face this genetic disorder. Pray for the researchers to speedily find the answer so that Abigail will not lose her sight.



## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

The two Sunday morning worship services will be combined during the summer months.

There will be one 10:00 A.M. service June 5th through August 21st

Sunday School classes will meet 9:00 a.m.—9:45 a.m.



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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Church Members and Friends,  
 Much is going on in the world today. Governments are forced to step down, religious tension spreading like wide fire, believers in Christ dying for their faith in hostile nations, decline in morals, deteriorations of human values and spiritual convictions, economic disasters, which have caused loss of jobs and of assets, unhealthy family ties, corruption in businesses, mistrust, ... and the list goes on and on. Someone even interpreted this to mean that the world is ending by the end of May of this year.

The longer I live the stronger I am convinced that the human being, no matter how clever, educated and technologically advanced, is never capable of taking care of things. Governments may believe they are the answer. Religions may think their system is the cure for all national ills. The economists may assume the solution is in their hand for a better national and international prosperity and peace. But the truth is all have failed us. Jesus said "without me, you can do nothing." He did not say "without me, you can do some things." As long as our nation, and or other nations in that regard, insists on their own efforts to solve the problems listed above, I cannot hope for better days.

Very soon, we will be celebrating our Independence Day, a day we all cherish, a day that reminds us that as tough as the days of our settlers and reformers were, their dependence on the God of the Bible and their Christian convictions made them survive the worst of wars and the worst of economic conditions. The American

living standards and liberties, which former generations experienced for more than two and half centuries, are contributed to prayers and Bible readings, and the following of biblical principles. True, in their desperation, our settlers and even the early patriarchs made mistakes and allowed for some injustices (such as slavery), yet as the days went by, later generations came to their senses and knew that was a major negative in their history. The laws then began to treat all men as equal and the majority of Americans have repented from their discrimination and prejudices.

Then little by little, God was removed from all arenas of life, prayers became forbidden in public places, and laws were formed to permit sinful life styles and sinful acts to be supported by local and national governments. The result is, once again, the list hinted on at the opening of this letter.

I still believe that God can save America if the Christian community is constantly on its knees praying that Jesus would be sought by people, the Bible be read and studied and faithfully proclaimed from the pulpit, and American Christians would do everything they can to be educated voters and faithful in honoring God. God says in the scriptures that he honors those who honor him. Do you remember Abraham pleading to God to deliver Sodom and Gomorrah from his upcoming wrath? God answered Abraham that if there were forty or thirty or even twenty who were truly faithful to him, he would not destroy those two cities. What God was saying is that

he would for the sake of the few who are faithful to him, he would bless and protect them and where they live. Well, Christians in America are a lot more than true believers in Sodom and Gomorrah. Christians in American can be a powerful force for the restoration of America. But it all begins with humility, seeking God's face, repenting from all evil, and praying. It can happen. God can heal our land. It is never too late. **In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God promises us: *If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*** It's time to help fulfill this promise. God bless!

*Philip Makari*

Philip Makari

The CHIMES Newsletter helps the Starkdale Family and Community stay connected.

A recent note from a member read:

"I would be remiss not telling you when I received the May CHIMES I was overcome with joy! The pictures and all the articles were wonderful! "Kudos" to everyone who contributed anything toward it. Thank you so much."

The CHIMES staff thanks this member for their input. We work hard to make the CHIMES an informative and inspirational publication. Your articles are ALWAYS welcome!






## June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Birthdays in blue Anniversaries in Red			1 Tiffany Grimm Richard Wymann  Carl and Debbie Grimm	2	3	4
5 Barbara Vinco  Fred and Donna Huff	6 Kayla Huff  Jeff and Kim Criss	7	8 Jane Spencer Helen Unsold John and Donna Minor	9 Suzie Rousey  Mark and Cynthia Bardash	10 Jean Hutton Ronald and Kathy Kennedy Richard and Melanie Carver	11 Gregory Swickard George and Marge Alan Frank and Judy Merryman
12 Howard Peterson Jr. Tommy Brown, Jr.	13	14 Pam Shinnon Tammy Barilla Tom and Tyra Timmons	15 Jody Bucy David Eft Janet Stukins	16 Andrew Kinney	17 Paul and Dolores Visyak	18
19 Dorothy Hackathorne Ronald Kennedy  Russ and Sandy Grimm Michael and Margaret Saunders	20 Jane Neal	21 William and Christy Paul	22 Wayne Hackathorne Brandon Lash Nicholas McKenzie Wayne and Dorothy Hackathorne Russ and Mary Hathaway	23 Brooke Andrews  John and DeDe Foley	24 Robert Daily	25
26 Eric Timmons Abigail Saffell	27 Phillip Makari Jonathan Gusto Robert West Mike and Nicole McKenzie	28 Pat and Leanne Pendleton Daniel and Leigh-Anne Hall	29	30	July 1 James Dean	July 2 Russell Hathaway Anne Peterson Louis Petrozzi Bob and Cindy Sagrilla

**Worship Services at 10:00 A.M. Every Sunday**

**Sunday School for all Ages 9:00-9:45 A.M. Every Sunday**

**JUNE 2011**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6 p.m. Bible Study	2 8:30 p.m. AA	3	4 9 a.m. Quilters Inc.
5 Guest Minister- Rev. Sue Busler	6 6 p.m. Property Mt. 6 p.m. Fellowship Comm. Mtg. 7 p.m. Prayer meeting	7 9:30 a.m. Prayer Mtg. 10 a.m. Bible Study	8 6 p.m. Bible Study	9 9 a.m. Soup Kitchen 8:30 p.m. AA	10	11
12 Pentecost Sunday 6 p.m. Youth Group	13 VBS 7 p.m. Prayer Mt. 	14 VBS 	15 VBS 6 p.m. Bible Study 	16 VBS 8:30 p.m. AA 	17 VBS 	18 Party - Fh
19 <i>Father's Day!</i> Communion Graduate Recognition Reception of New Members 1 p.m. Carriage House Wor- ship Service	20 6 p.m. Admin Mtg. 7 p.m. Prayer meeting	21 9:30 a.m. Prayer Mtg. 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Outreach Comm Deadline for Reservations for Over 80's luncheon	22 11:30 a.m. Over 80's luncheon at Za- lenski's 6 p.m. Bible Study	23 8:30 p.m. AA DEADLINE for CHIMES Articles CHIMES Edit	24	25
26 6 p.m. Youth Group	27 7 p.m. Prayer meeting	28 9:30 a.m. Prayer Mtg. 10 a.m. Bible Study	29 6 p.m. Bible Study	30 8:30 p.m. AA CHIMES Fold	Patriotic Caroling is being resched- uled. Please watch the bulletin for fur- ther details.	

## FLOCK TALK

**New members** were received into Starkdale congregation on May 1. The new members are Kathy Kennedy, Lisa Busby, Inez Zajdowicz, and Toni Zajdowicz. The Starkdale congregation welcomes our newest members.

**Congratulations** to Dr. Jennifer Brown and Paul O'Neil who were united in marriage on Saturday, May 14 in Pittsburgh. Philip officiated at the wedding. We wish you a long and joyful life together.

**Misty Brake** walked for Relay For Life at Indian Creek High School and came in 4th for money raised. She and her grandma walked 18 laps around the football field.

**A follow-up to our story** about the 2011 Jefferson County Fourth Street Health Center in the May Chimes, Kim and Bryan Felmet and Tom Timmons were on hand to present a check for \$112,500 to the Center. This check represented money raised from the gala and other activities. Congratulations to all who served this great cause which helps so many.

**Tom Timmons, Jim Morgan and Kim Felmet**, all members of the United Way of Jefferson County Board of Directors, met recently to plan the Board's allocations for the 19 non-profit organizations that receive funding each year.

**Congratulations** to Robert and Hannah West who were both listed on the Honor Roll and/or Principals List for the entire year at Hills Elementary School-WAY TO GO!!!!

### **Our deepest sympathy to:**

*Jason Baker* in the death of his grandmother, Jacelyn Baker, who passed away on May 3, 2011 in Pinnellas Park, Florida

*Linda Fletcher* in the death of her mother, Jane Harris, who passed away May 19 in Florida.

**Congratulations** to Steve Criss and Krysten Wilcox on the birth of their baby girl on March 21, 2011, in Columbus. Grandparents are Kim and Jeff Criss, Great grandmother is Joan Copeland, Great grandfather is John Criss.



### **In the Mailbag:**

I wish to thank my Starkdale family for the many prayers, cards, and phone calls regarding my recent knee surgery. Due to extraordinary circumstances the overall wait for my partial knee implant was 43 days. Eighteen days following my surgery I was able to "graduate" from a walker to a cane. I could never have gone this far without the prayers of so many Starkdale friends and family.  
Beverly Wyman—5/1/2011

Dear Starkdale Congregation,

Thank you so much for the loving support, prayers, visits, and cards you extended to Ed and I during his illness and recent death. He enjoyed the cards and visits so much. A special and sincere thank you for the beautiful funeral service and delicious dinner provided for us. I can't begin to tell you how much your thoughtfulness meant to me. God bless you!

Sincerely,  
Carole Coffman

Dear Starkdale Family,

Better late than never, and now, we would like to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers. As all can see Paul is as good as new, and I am well on my way to recovering from my hip surgery. All the well wishes we have received were most appreciated, and most uplifting. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

God Bless  
Paul & Dolores Visyak

Dear Everybody,

I can't find a single name to use for all of you who made me just grateful to be alive and excited about starting another year. My ninety-seventh (97) birthday will always be most memorable.

Even though I have talked, written, thanked you with a hug when possible, I am still overwhelmed by the out pouring of love made to help me celebrate the beginning of another year of life.

Let me start by recognizing my daughter Joyce and son-in-law Jerry who planned and did everything possible to make the open house celebration a great success. It was a time to greet, a time to talk and perhaps share memories from years gone by and special cards and gifts.

I wasn't just happy; I was ecstatic. I am still riding the clouds.

I think you know I love you. God has blessed me. May I say "Thank you and God bless you"?

Most sincerely,  
Mary Coleman

Dear "Church Family",

I cannot begin to tell you how much your prayers, visits and countless cards have meant to me. Over the last two years, it has proved to be an unending battle with one operation after another. I have felt your continued prayers "like a blanket".

There is only one cure and that's when God decides to take me home. I miss you all so much in Bible study, Sunday School and church. Thanks for your faithfulness.

In His Service,  
Connie Freshour

## 'TRASH TO TREASURE SALE' 2011—A HUGE SUCCESS



Left—Thanks to all who donated so generously. Brand new and almost new quality clothing was donated along with many useful household items in great condition.

Right—John and Marlene Rhueff working happily together as they price jewelry for the sale.



Preparing for the sale-(seated (L-R) Pat Szelast, Helen Chocie, Pat Daily, Joan Copeland, (standing L-R) Sharon Petrilla, sale organizer, Joyce Palmer, Bob Burns, and Ella Jane Burns.

## SPRING CHICKEN GRILL—A LABOR OF LOVE



### \* ATTENTION ALL OVER 80'S\*

The annual "over 80's" luncheon will be held at Zalenski's Restaurant in Winterville on Wednesday, June 22, at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to CarolynLee Barrett (264-7683) if you plan to attend. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, June 21. Don't be the last to reserve, be the first!!

If your birth year is in our database you will be receiving an invitation. If you are "Over 80" and do not receive an invitation PLEASE call CarolynLee! We want to include all our "Over 80's" Spouses are also welcome to attend not matter what their

## Sunday School News

Sharon Petrilla and Sandy Grimm's Sunday School classes (Pre-School to Sixth Grade) have a mission project of sending home-made cards to our shut-ins, those who are sick or just need a "cheering up" kind of card. The children color each card, write a word of "cheer", and sign their name. Since this project began, the children have sent 112 cards!!! What a wonderful mission of spreading God's love from one generation to another. Keep up the good work because they are really welcomed and enjoyed by all who are the recipients of these special cards.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Son Surf" is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School at Starkdale Presbyterian Church. A fun beach theme will be the backdrop of each day's lessons and activities as the students (Pre-school—6th grade) learn stories from the Bible and participate in fun activities the week of June 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration forms are available at the church or call the church office at 264-5309 and request a form. We will gladly mail it to you.

Bring your friends to the "Starkdale Beach" and have fun at this year's "Son Surf" VBS!



## Soup Kitchen Report

The May 2011 Soup Kitchen was held on Thursday, May 12. Cooks and servers were:

Ella Jane Burns  
Andy Celestin  
Jo Copeland  
John Criss  
Robbie France  
Joyce Palmer

The crew served sixty one people. The menu consisted of chicken thighs and legs w/ tomato sauce and shredded mozzarella cheese, sliced new potatoes, green beans, bread, cake, and beverages.

This is an important ministry of Starkdale Church. If you'd like to join the work crew for this monthly event please contact Andy Celestin or the church office (264-5309).

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

The Kroger Co. is once again this year offering its customers the opportunity to participate in the "Community Rewards" program. A percentage of most purchases made using your "Kroger rewards" card is donated to the participating non-profit organization of your choice. Starkdale Church is a participating organization.

Re-registration is required each spring. Please go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com), enter your account information, edit and update your "Community Rewards" preferences. If you need help please call Rose Mary at the church office at 264-5309 and she will assist you with your registration.

## Quilters InC.

The members of Quilters InC., CarolynLee Barrett, Ella Jane Burns, Sharon Petrilla, Dolores Visyak, Bonnie Kaine, Anamae Zamborsky, Rose Mary Grimm, Mikey Browning, Cheryl Harlan, and Lyn Madigan gather together about once a month to quilt, sew, learn new techniques, fellowship and of course....eat.

Along with all of this, The mission of the Quilters InC. is to construct various sizes of quilts to send to several hospitals' pediatrics and Neo-natal intensive care units to be given to sick newborns and babies. CarolynLee Barrett reports that she sent boxes to 5 separate hospitals containing a total of 50 baby quilts for distribution.

Way to "sew" ladies! Keep up the great work.



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

June 19 will be the day that Starkdale recognizes their graduates. If you are an active member of Starkdale Church and are graduating high school, college, or trade school please notify CarolynLee Barrett at 264-7683 no later than Sunday, June 12.

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Come Worship With Us!

Sunday Morning 10 A.M.  
Sunday School at 9:00 A.M.. for all ages  
Bible Studies—Tuesday at 10 a.m.  
Wednesday at 6 p.m.  
Youth Group every Second and Fourth  
Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Philip Makari
Choir Director:	Carolyn Glaub
Organist:	Stephan Carroll
Sunday School Director:	CarolynLee Barrett
Nursery Director:	Sharon Patterson
Youth Group:	Sharon Petrilla and Rick Patterson
Treasurer:	Mary Bohach
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