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Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church

March 2015 Newsletter



"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he
who comes in the name of
the Lord!" "Blessed is the
king of Israel!"

A Message from the Pastor—Rev. Dr. Philip Makari

Dear Starkdale Family (Members, Frequent Worship Guests, and Friends),

On Saturday, March 7th our church will sponsor an amazing seminar conducted by one of the most influential leaders of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, the Rev. Robert Stauffer. In addition to his demanding pastoral duties, Rev. Stauffer is a program coordinator for church vitality and growth. He has served and continues to serve as part of the General Assembly team that helps churches define their mission, be clear about their vision, learn to spot certain problems and concerns before they become

unmanageable, view where the church is strongest and where it is weakest, watch for unhealthy signs that can impact the church in a destructive way, make good use of church resources (membership, talents, and finances ...etc.) and keep the ministry healthy to the glory of God.

Rev. Stauffer is booked for many months in advance, but was gracious and generous to share one of his Saturday's with us. Moreover, Rev. Stauffer welcomes the opportunity to know our congregation.

So, please do everything you can to join us at 10:00 on Saturday, March 7 in the fellowship hall. Elders, deacons and staff will meet from 9:00 to 10:00 and

Our Sympathy is extended to:

The Glikes family in George's death on Monday, February 2nd. Our sympathy is also extended to Janet Haverfield and all of his friends at Starkdale.

Brian, Jane, Wade and Mason Gambos and their extended family in the death of Jane's father, Mr. Eli Vein, Sr., on Friday, February 13th.

The Alkaed family: Dr. Amjad, Tamam, Mark and Mary, and Amal (Tamam's mother) in the death of Amal's husband, Salim Dakhala, in Syria on Sunday, February 22nd.

Douglas and Bradley (Diane) Ballantine in the death of their mother, Dorothy, on Monday, February 23rd, and to their extended family: her grandchildren-Ryan, Megan, & Michael, her sister-Ann Brown, her brother-Elmer "Skip" (Mary

Soup Kitchen Report

On February 12th, Ella Jane Burns, Jo Copeland, and Joyce Palmer served a hot nourishing meal to 40 people at the soup kitchen. The meal included Chicken Noodle Soup, Sloppy Joes, Cole Slaw, and cakes from Two Ridge

Doris Wickham -Chimes Editor

Chimes Staff: Esther Harris, Wayne Hackathorne,

March Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Hammack
- 2 Robert Burns
- 5 Paul Busby
- 7 James Lipinski
- 7 Bryce Throckmorton
- 9 Kaitlyn Lane
- 10 Jane Gambos
- 11 Gabe Ofca
- 16 Ryan Patterson
- 20 Virginia Smith
- 24 Imogene Louk
- 26 Patricia Daily
- 26 Eleanor Drazich
- 27 Debbie Grecco
- 27 Vernon McCamic
- 29 Abbey Pendleton
- 30 Brock Pendleton
- 30



March Leadership

Elders on Duty

- Tom Brown
- Jeanne Cox
- Carolyn Glaub
- Janice Whitaker

Deacons on Duty

- Rick Baker
- Lisa Busby
- Bob Daily
- Kelly Dopp
- Charlene Petrozzi
- Drew Stewart

March Anniversaries

- 21 Ron & Suzie Rousey
- 21 Ted & Janice Whitaker
- 22 Ed & Laura Chanoski
- 27 Robert & Linda Daily



then will join the congregation for the rest of the seminar which will conclude at 1:00 P.M.

The seminar is free, and though it will not include lunch, there will be a brief break with light refreshments around 11:00 A.M.

Our elders as well as our staff are very convinced that full membership participation in this event will benefit the church for many years as well as inspire the participants to grow in their faith and their service in Jesus' name. Of course, guests and friends of the church are welcome.

PLEASE DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY. Keep it in your prayer, spread the word and join

us. We are counting on 100% participation, unless, of course, you are ill or out of town.

On a less important note, if you happen to visit other churches locally or on your travels at any time during spring or summer, please continue to share the worship bulletins with me. I find it very helpful to learn from other churches about the different ways they are led in worship and how they reach out to their communities.

May the Lord be with you and protect you from harm, provide for your physical and spiritual needs, guide you in your decisions, and prosper you to his glory.

A Message From: Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman

It has been a busy month...here are some of the highlights...

The Valley Youth Rally was held on January 25th at Big Red. Rich Muckle from New Life Church and directs the Alive student Ministry was the guest speaker for the Youth Rally. He had a very dynamic testimony and was very well received. The music groups that attended were a blessing and the evening was a wonderful success, considering the terrible weather conditions. There were 75 in attendance.

The Sonshine Bible Club is ministering to the needs of children and families. There were around 100 children who attended the Valentine's Day Dinner prepared and donated by Judy Manfred. She also took up a collection of clothing items which are being given to students at the club who are in need.

The Walt Mueller "No Parent Left Behind" event went well. Over 100 people attended the evening event. He was well received at Big Red and area schools and 300 teachers and staff attended the seminar during the day. This event was covered by Steubenville City schools and the Jefferson County Anti Drug Coalition

Over 40 attended the Ice Skating event at PPG place in Pittsburgh. The students loved it and we had a number of first time visitors who I am hoping will become a part of the youth ministry on a regular basis.

The Christianity, Cults and Other Religions class has been wonderful! We have averaged 45 people at each class and the discussion has been lively. I look to follow this up with a DVD course from the same publisher called "Four Views of the End Times".

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SONSPARK LABS**

**JUNE 8 -12th
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

Kids Rock Ministry meets Sunday's from 4-5:15 P.M. It is a group for children grades K-4 to join in activities and learn about the Bible. For more information, please contact the program director, Janice Whitaker.

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:



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, concerns, cards, and calls during my illness. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Love,
DeDe Foley

Dear Starkdale Members,

Thank you for the cards and prayers during my recent illness. I am thankful for them and you. I am feeling better and continuing to recover.

Dear Starkdale Church Family,

Thank you so very much for all of your love, support, and prayers during the time of my father's Hospice stay and passing. We are grateful to have a church family that cares so much.

May God richly bless you,

Brian, Jane, Wade and Mason Gambos

The Super Bowl party went well at the Parkinson's with 18 people in attendance. We did a bible study at halftime from the book of James.

The youth ministry took in \$400 to benefit the Urban Mission through the Souper Bowl of Caring event headed up by Gabrielle Peterson and Miranda Parkinson.

Met with the Superintendent and principals of the Steubenville city schools and discussed ways to partner with them to impact the students in a positive way. I suggested that we bring in Sylvia Crawley and they thought it was a great idea and she will speak during the day at school and at an All Valley Youth Rally at Big Red HS on March 8th. She is also putting together a video called "Can Anything Good Come Out Of Steubenville?" (Nazareth) featuring interviews with successful believers who grew up in the Steubenville area.

Reggie Dabbs is coming back and the school cut a \$3600 check to help offset the cost of the event. He will be speaking at all of the schools in the Indian Creek School district as well as all of the schools in the Steubenville school district as well as Edison HS. He will be having a rally at Starkdale on March 29th at 6:00 and a community wide rally at Big Red HS on March 31st at 7:00.

Attended three basketball games this month with our students participating in them. It was a blessing to interact with the students.

Led the Bible study three times this month.

Met with Cynthia Smith about an opportunity for receiving funds for our VBS food from the state as well as some other programs she is implementing in the area.

Met with Steve Forte from the Fishers council about their ministry and am looking for ways to partner with them in

the future.

Met with Nate Freeman who is planting a new church in downtown Steubenville and discussed with him future outreach events in the area (such as bringing in Maurice Clarett).

Met with Sylvia Crawley's sister about bringing in a managing your money seminar to the area.

Contacted Brent Whetstone from Christ Episcopal church in Warren Ohio and asked him to speak on March 1st at 6:00 on the topic of "Confessions of Youth Pastor... How I found my way in and out of the cult of Scientology". Everyone will be welcome to attend.

Served lunch on January 30th to 75 teachers and staff members at Big Red HS and was able to greet each one at the door and speak with them briefly. It was an excellent event and a good way to get to meet the teachers and network with them.

Here are a few other upcoming events:

March 1st **"Confessions of a Youth Pastor... My Journey in and out of the cult of Scientology"** Featuring youth Pastor Brent Whetstone. 6:00-7:15. Free Pizza & Pop. Everyone is welcome

March 8th **All Valley Youth Rally featuring Sylvia Crawley and the Allegheny Angels from Starkdale!** 6:00-8:00 PM at the Big Red Commons. It is free of charge and all ages are welcome to attend.

March 13-14 **Washington DC "Planet Wisdom" Conference** – We went to this youth conference last year and it was outstanding! It has excellent music and teaching and the students loved it! The cost is only \$40 which includes travel, breakfast, conference entrance fee (normally \$51) and we will be staying in the same EPC

Today, Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as the Sundays **in** Lent. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for His ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self-examination, and repentance. This season of the year is equal only to **the Season of Advent** in importance in the Christian year, and is part of the second major grouping of Christian festivals and sacred time that includes **Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost.**

Lent has traditionally been marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some churches today still observe a rigid schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, alcohol, sweets, and other types of food. Other traditions do not place as great an emphasis on fasting, but focus on charitable deeds, especially helping those in physical need with food and clothing, or simply the giving of money to charities. Most Christian churches that observe Lent at all focus on it as a time of prayer, especially penance, repenting for failures and sin as a way to focus on the need for God's grace. It is really a preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live,

The Season of Lent

By Dennis Bratcher

The season of Lent has not been well observed in much of evangelical Christianity, largely because it was associated with "**high church**" liturgical worship that some churches were eager to reject. However, much of the background of evangelical Christianity, for example the heritage of John Wesley, was very "high church." Many of the churches that had originally rejected more formal and deliberate liturgy are now recovering aspects of a larger Christian tradition as a means to refocus on spirituality in a culture that is increasingly secular.

Originating in the fourth century of the church, the season of **Lent** spans 40 weekdays beginning on **Ash Wednesday** and climaxing during **Holy Week** with Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, and concluding Saturday before Easter. Originally, Lent was the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, a time of concentrated study and prayer before their baptism at the Easter Vigil, the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord early on Easter Sunday. But since these new members were to be received into a living community of Faith, the entire community was called to preparation. Also, this was the time when those who had been separated from the Church would prepare to rejoin the community.

church overnight we did last year. See Pastor Bobbyjon for further details.

March 15th & 22nd "**The Bare Facts**" Answers to Questions from Teens about Love, Sex, and Relationships from a Biblical Perspective. 2 Session DVD Series by Josh McDowell 6:00-7:15 P.M.

Reggie Dabbs -March 29-31st He speaks to more teens than anyone in the United States each year (2.5 million) and we are bringing him in to Steubenville again to speak at a couple of area schools as well as to the entire community at the Big Red auditorium. He is one of if not the best youth speaker in the USA...period. He is coming to not only all the Steubenville schools but also the Indian Creek schools and Edison and will be bringing a drama team of college students with him and the presentation will be brand new.

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.

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 will also be able to visit the Liberty Bell, Constitution Hall, The "Rocky" statue and much much more! Details TBA soon!

Blessings! Pastor Bobbyjon

2015 AIM WOMEN'S CENTER BANQUET

The AIM Women's Center will host its Annual Fundraising banquet, **"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord"** on March 24th at the Serbian-American Cultural Center, Weirton. The doors will open at 6:00pm with a cash bar, music and fellowship. The evening events begin at 7pm and will feature an update on the ministry, a guest speaker, dinner and the opportunity to support the AIM Women's Center.

This year's speaker is John Morales. John is the co-founder of Pro Life Champions and the Director and Producer of the film **40.40** which gives voice to both sides of the abortion issue. John is also the co-producer, writer, and narrator of the award winning *Champions of Faith: Baseball Edition*, a groundbreaking sports film that showcases the intersection of sports and faith in Major League Baseball. John was the visionary behind the film and he conducted the many in-depth interviews with the over two-dozen Major League baseball players featured. John has been a television sports reporter and anchor for Fox Sports Net Chicago, WJBK-TV/Fox 2 in Detroit, WKBD-TV/UPN in Detroit, and KTRK-TV/ABC in Houston and has contributed to a variety of other stations and networks including ESPN, Fox Sports and CBS Radio Sports. John is also a former Network Correspondent and show host on Relevant Radio.

Please contact Victoria Fallon, Community Outreach Coordinator, for information or reservations.

PALIMPSEST

My zealous hopes with brave young schemes
Had sketched a hundred splendid dreams
Upon my mind.
Until the chalk of time and chance,
With marring streaks of circumstance,
Effaced the grandeur of the plan
I had designed.
I learned when disappointment died
That a nobler Hand had modified
My vaulting art.
The hundred sparkling schemes were gone,
But the brush of God had clearly drawn
The image of a better man
Upon my heart.

(Talaria-Cincinnati, OH)
Submitted by Pat Daily

*The mind of man plans his way,
But the LORD directs his steps.*

Proverbs 16:9

Flock Talk



IT'S A BOY!!

Congratulations to Michael and Kylee Paris on the birth of their son, **Hunter Paris**, on February 24th! Hunter weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.



Dear Friend,

It was the darkest night in human history.

Citizens who had once greeted the famous Nazarene as their savior and liberator were about to call for their oppressors to kill Him. Priests who should have served Him were conspiring to hand Him over to the Gentiles. A company of soldiers was gathering to execute the arrest warrant.

Jesus didn't flee. He didn't spend his last hours wallowing in self-pity or bemoaning His approaching suffering. His last words to His disciples weren't a call to avenge his unjust death or a rant against ungodly power structures. Instead, Jesus took time to assuage the fears of His followers and to prepare them for ministering in His physical absence. He met their needs, not His own.

Jesus focused on others, not Himself, just before He went to the cross.

We learn this from the Farewell Discourses of Christ recorded in John 13–17. There we read of how Jesus sought to comfort His closest disciples on the eve of His passion and to give them what they would need to know to sustain them until He returns.

In the Farewell Discourses, Jesus teaches extensively on what it means to be a Christian. But the instruction we read isn't dry academic teaching—it's theology for life. We see Jesus teaching on what it means to abide in Him and to draw strength from Him as branches draw their strength from a vine. We read of the Spirit's work in empowering us for service. These words give the core truths for fruitful Christian thinking and living.

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 4 pm Kids Rock 5pm Mthly Prayer Mtg.</p> <p>Second Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>2 2 pm Sonshine Bible Club 6 pm Property Mtg. 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Worship Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball</p>	<p>4 10 am Villa Vista Bible Study 6 pm Bible Study 7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9 am Church Vitality Seminar (Session & Deacons) 10 am Church Vitality Seminar (Everyone)</p>
<p>8 Communion 6 pm SYM</p> <p>Third Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>9 2 pm Sonshine Bible Club 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Administration Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball</p>	<p>11 10 am Villa Vista Bible Study 6 pm Bible Study 7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 9 am Soup Kitchen 6 pm Joint Session/ Deacon Mtg.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9 am New Officer Exam (Adult SS Room)</p>
<p>15 1:15 p.m. Carriage House 4 pm Kids Rock 6 pm SYM</p> <p>Forth Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>16 2 pm Sonshine Bible Club 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball</p>	<p>18 10 am Villa Vista Bible Study 6 pm Bible Study 7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 4 pm Kids Rock 6 pm SYM</p> <p>Fifth Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>23 2 pm Sonshine Bible Club 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball</p>	<p>25 10 am Villa Vista Bible Study 6 pm Bible Study 7:15 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 CHIMES MAIL</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 6 pm SYM</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>30 2 pm Sonshine Bible Club 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>31 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball</p>				