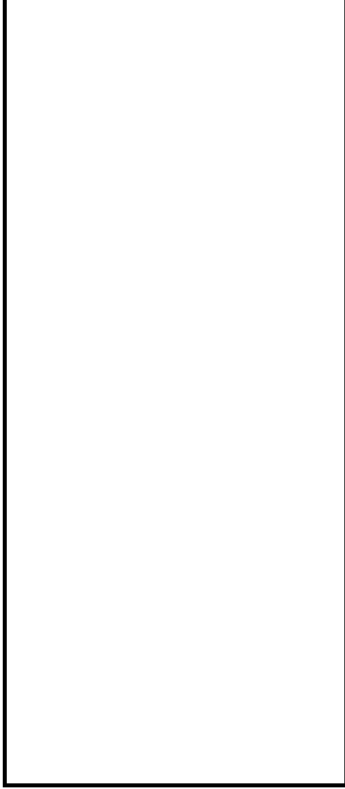




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MESSAGE FROM REV. G. CARL MOORE

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph 2:8-9ESV)

For the last few Newsletters, I briefly shared with you the Five-Solas. If you recall, the Five-Solas are five Latin phrases (or slogans) that emerged from the Protestant Reformation intended to summarize the Reformers' basic theological principles in contrast to certain teachings of the Medieval Church of Rome during that time. Sola is Latin meaning "alone" or "only." The phrases are:

- Sola Scriptura, by Scripture alone.
- Sola Fide, through Faith alone.
- Sola Gratia, by Grace alone.
- Solus Christus, through Christ alone.
- Soli Deo Gloria, to the Glory of God alone.

In preparation for Reformation Sunday this October 29th (in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation), I shared with you the first of the solas: Scripture alone. These two months (October and November), we'll take a look at the second and third of the solas: Faith alone and Grace alone! What does Faith and Grace alone mean? Faith is the manner by which a sinner receives God's gift of salvation. Grace is the manner by which a sinner is given salvation by God. Grace is God's giving. Faith is our receiving. And both grace and faith are gifts from God. Let me explain further.



Birthdays

- 3 Karen Orwick
- 9 Scott Murison
- 10 Fred Huff, Jr.
- 11 Miranda Parkinson
- 20 Lisa Busby
- 24 Jennifer Star
- 26 Nancy Turkaly
- 28 Gary Wickham
- 29 William Ault

Anniversaries

- 8 Keith and Lori Kinney
- 13 Amjad and Tamam Alkaed
- 30 Fred and Imogene Louk
- 30 Steve and Karen Orwick



Birthdays

- | | |
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| 1 Christy Paul | 21 Donna Huff |
| 2 Michael Paris | 23 Linda Daily |
| 8 Joseph Glaub | 23 Birney Wells |
| 8 William Reed | 25 Pat Pendleton |
| 12 Steven Elliott | 27 Pam Peterson |
| 13 Hillary Yeater | 28 Hetty McClave |
| 14 Faith Stewart | 29 Michael Saunders |
| 15 Olivia Huff | |
- 17 Henrietta Malesick

Anniversaries

- 4 Fred and Ann Huff, Jr.
- 4 David and Nancy Turkaly
- 9 Justin and Sarah Tegano
- 10 Brian and Jane Gambos
- 12 Gary and Jill Wickham
- 16 Michael and Leslie Aftanas
- 17 Lisa and Paul Busby
- 19 David and Patricia Daily
- 20 Dan and Laura Daily
- 22 Jordan and Hillary Yeater

When the Reformers spoke of faith alone they meant faith in contradistinction to works. Faith and works go together in some ways, but in regard to salvation faith is the opposite of works, and works is the opposite of faith. Faith either stands alone apart from works, or works stand alone apart from faith. Like oil and water, you cannot mix the two. Faith means believers are justified (made right with God) by Jesus' merit. The object of saving faith is Jesus. Works means we are justified (in part) by our own merit, that we (by our own good works) merit salvation. Conversely, the object of works is self, self-salvation. The Medieval Church taught basically the latter, that "God helps those who first help themselves." That is, if you want to get to heaven you must do your part (works) in collaboration with God doing his part (grace). In short, it's both divine grace and human merit that saves.

Five-hundred years ago, the Reformers broke from this unbiblical approach of justification by grace and works. They boldly taught what the Bible has always taught: grace alone and faith alone.

What this means is that we are saved solely through faith in Jesus Christ because of God's grace and Christ's merit alone. We are not saved by our merits or declared righteous by our good works. God grants salvation not because of the good things we do. Works are important in the Christian life. But, our good works amount to nothing when it comes to our justification, our being made right with God. The only thing that our works amount to (good works and/or bad works) is our damnation. Jesus merits us righteousness; Jesus earns our salvation by virtue of His active and passive obedience.

Our obedience to the demands of the law merits us nothing, but condemnation. Jesus' obedience to the law merits us everything. The only thing we must do is trust in Jesus' work on our behalf, and distrust our own work. You can't have it both ways. This is an either/or that excludes the possibility of a both/and. Faith alone is grasping God's gift of Jesus with an empty hand. Works is a hand that fatally and fecklessly fumbles salvation!

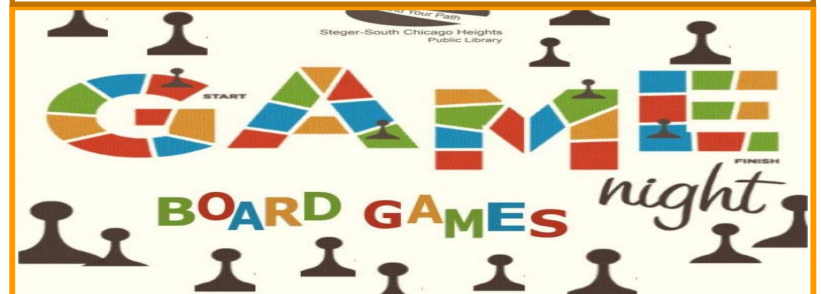
This is a truth that must be taught and preached across all the churches today as it was five-hundred years ago. As Paul said to the church of Ephesus (and to us) we have only two options: we can boast in ourselves, or boast in God. Works have us boasting in ourselves. Faith alone has us boasting in God alone! The former leads to eternal death. The latter to eternal life! Stay Reformed friends!

Soli Deo Gloria
Pastor Carl

Congratulations



Mason Gambos - September 29, 2017 Mason Gambos was sworn in Friday afternoon as Steubenville's newest police officer during ceremonies in the municipal courtroom. Gambos was a police officer in Mingo Junction for three years before accepting an offer to join the Steubenville department. Taking part in the swearing-in ceremony were, from left, Police Chief Bill McCafferty, Gambos, his wife, Alexis, and Municipal Court Judge John Mascio.



FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDS, AND FUN
THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.
7:00 P.M. Bring a munchy!!

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION
DO YOU KNOW WHAT "FROG" MEANS?
F. FOREVER
R. RELY
O. ON
G. GOD

Flock Talk

Daniel Hayes, son of Bill and Deb Wheeler and the late Gary Hayes, has been accepted into Duquesne University's School of Pharmacy and entered the Doctor of Pharmacy class of 2021 at the White Coat Ceremony on August 20. He has completed the two year pre-professional phase at the Univeristy.

CONGRATULATIONS DANIEL!



CONGRATULATIONS to Becket Dopp, son of Chris and Kelly Dopp, upon receiving a perfect attendance award for the 2016-17 Sunday School Year! Presenting the award is his Sunday School teacher, Janice Whitaker. Also pictured in the background is Beckett's father, Chris, who was also giving a Minute for Mission September 10, 2017.

**BABY
GIRL**

Congratulations to Bob and Ella Jane Burns on the birth of their granddaughter, Addison, on September 28, 2017.

JOHN CALVIN QUOTES

Our prayer must not be self-centered. It must arise not only because we feel our own need as a burden we must lay upon God, but also because we are so bound up in love for our fellow men that we feel their need as acutely as our own. To make intercession for men is the most powerful and practical way.

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Seeing that a Pilot steers the ship in which we sail, who will never allow us to perish even in the midst of shipwrecks, there is no reason why our minds should be overwhelmed with fear and overcome with weariness.

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There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.



October

Many, O Lord my God, are th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
1 World Communion 7 pm Hymnfest	2 6:00 pm property Mtg. 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Worship Mtg. 7:30 Boy Scouts	3 9 am Prayer Mtg. 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	4 6:00 pm E 7:15pm C
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THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE PRESENTS STARKDALE'S 8TH LIVE NATIVITY

ON DECEMBER 10, 2017

Beginning at 5:00 P.M.

Presentations are as follows:

5:00-5:30, 5:30-6:00, 6:00-6:30, 6:30-7:00, 7:00-7:30, 7:30-8:00
Cookies and Hot Chocolate will be served in Fellowship Hall
following each half-hour presentation.



The event begins at the "Bethlehem Inn, greeted by "inn keepers." The guests are led by shepherds to the Sanctuary to hear the narration of the birth of Christ and special music by a "Choir of Angels, and a solo angel singing "Mary Did You Know." The visitors then continue outside to view the manger with heavenly angels, Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus, along with live animals. The guests then join in singing Christmas Carols. Invite your family and friends and join us to celebrate the Birth of Christ.



For the ninth consecutive year, Dollar Tree stores throughout the nation are sponsoring Operation Homefront, a national non-profit serving America's military families. The two have joined forces in a nationwide school supplies collection campaign titled The Back-To-School Brigade.

Operation Homefront especially targets the children of military families around the nation by presenting the school supplies to military bases to distribute to children of families on those bases. We do not have a military base in the Steubenville area, so Operation Homefront has asked Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church to pick-up and distribute the supplies collected through the local Dollar Tree store on Mall Drive to children of military families and needy children.



Starkdale has chosen to deliver the school supplies to elementary schools in the area. We ask the recipient schools to target the children of military families who are in their student body first, and then distribute to the neediest children, focusing on grades 1-3 this year.

In honor of Veteran's Day, we would like to share the following news:

Hank Vinco had the great opportunity to be on the September 9th Honor Flight from Columbus to D.C. This trip honors our nation's senior veterans with a trip to Washington D.C. to visit their war memorials at no cost to them. Hank served in the Korean War, 1952 and 1953.

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he wonders you have done. Ps. 40:5

	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bible Study	5	6	7
Worship Practice			9am Quilters InC 
Bible Study	12	13	14
Worship Practice	9 am Soup Kitchen 6:30 Session		
Bible Study	19	20	21
Worship Practice			8:00 Men's Breakfast 9 am Calvin Study
Bible Study	26	27	28
Worship Practice		 7:00 P.M. Game Night	

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	
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5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  Fall Backward	6 6 pm Property Mtg. 6:15 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Prayer Mtg.	7 9 am Prayer Mtg. 10am Bible Study 6 pm Dart Baseball	8 6 pm Bil 7:15 pm Practice
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Donna Gradel, Betty Vujnovic's daughter, receiving the 2018, Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year award.



Thank you Starkdale Church for all of your support of the many projects that my students and I have participated in over the years!! Your support has played an integral role in achieving this award. Thank you for all your love and prayers throughout the years. I look forward to seeing you sometime in the near future.

Thank you!

Thanks to Suzanne Brown for her incredible job as chairperson for the 70th Anniversary celebration. You are amazing.

I was blessed and privileged to be a part of a great group of hardworking and dedicated people who made things happen.

As usual our Starkdale church family supported the event with flying colors and we thank everyone!!

I think I speak for the whole committee when I say the huge success was gratifying and could not have been any nicer.

Blessings abound,

Betty Vujnovic



Welcome

We were delighted to receive Lindsay Busby, Bob and Kathy Kramer, Rhonda Moore, and Brad Moore as new members on September 24, 2017.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE CLOTHES DRIVE:

During the month of October, we will be accepting donations of gently used clothing and shoes (sizes infant to adult) to contribute to our sister church, Richmond Lighthouse EPC's Caring Closet. They will distribute the clothing (free of charge) to those in need on November 11. Please bring clothing donations in garbage bags marked with the size and gender and place them in the chest in the vestibule. Thank you for helping with this ministry.

October 2017

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2	3	4 9 am Quilters, InC. 
Worship Study Choir	9 9 am Soup Kitchen	10	11
Worship Study Choir	16 6:00 pm joint Session Meeting	17	18 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Calvin Study
Worship Study Choir	23 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	24	25
Worship Study Choir	30		



Weekday classes - Rev. Moore /Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. 3rd Sat. - *Calvin's Institutes*

10:00 a.m. Tuesday - *The Ten Commandments*

6:00 p.m. Wednesday - *The Ten Commandments*

Sunday morning classes meet at 9:45 a.m.

We have two adult classes:

The *Westminster Confession of Faith* study, led by Rev.

Carl Moore, meets in the Adult Sunday School Room

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

K-5th Grade - meets in the children's classroom with
Janice Whitaker.

The Jr. High and High School (6th through 12th grade)
meets in Office Room 200, with Carolyn Glaub leading.

There are classes for everyone! The Nursery is also available
for younger children during the Sunday morning classes.

Please join us. Coffee and donuts are also served.



On September 14, 2017, the Soup Kitchen
volunteers served a hot lunch of chicken,
biscuits, salad, and cake to 60 people.

Those serving were: Ella Jane Burns, Jo
Copeland, Pastor Carl and Rhonda Moore, and Carol
Oklok.

LIVE NATIVITY REFRESHMENTS

It may seem early to be thinking about Christmas. However, by the time you get the October/November issue, it will be time to start BAKING! Cookies are needed for the event. If you are able to donate a dozen or so, put them in the freezer marked "Live Nativity." We will start accepting cookies in November. It will be greatly appreciated.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

We are delighted to receive William Wayne Ault into the household of Christian Faith as a covenant child through the Sacrament of baptism.

Family members include: parents, Tom and Anna Ault; sisters, Olivia and Amelia Ault; maternal grandparents, Jim and Cathy Lipinski; paternal grandparents, Harry and Bonnie Ault; Aunt Lori Kinney; Uncle Keith Kinney; Aunt Jodi Eick; Uncle Jon Eick; Uncle Rich Ault; and cousins, David, Andrew, and Abigail Kinney, and Makara Eick.

And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them." Mark 10:16.



Our sympathy is extended to Betty Clark, her sister Audrey Poole, and their extended family in the death of Betty's nephew, Stephan Ashcraft, on September 3, 2017.