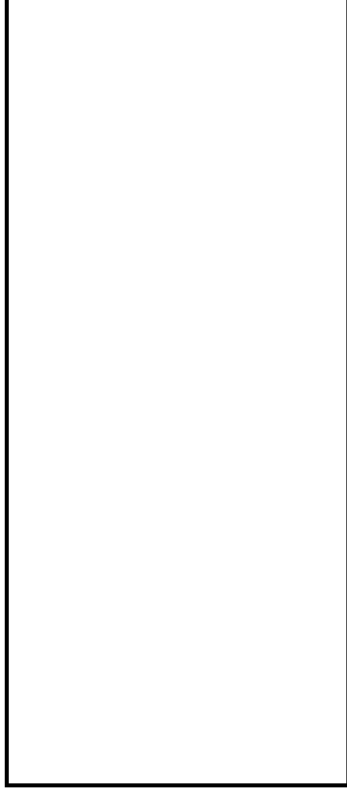




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**MESSAGE FROM
REV. G. CARL MOORE**

Last month, I broached the subject of “structural or systemic sin” that dominates our cultural conversation from News headlines, political commentators, and political activists. I asked, as Christians, what are we to make of all of this “social justice” talk? Is structural or systemic sin real or Marxist ideology? Last time I made the case that sin is structural and systemic. However, much of what we hear today about social justice isn’t formed and informed by a biblical notion of justice. What we hear today is contrary to Scripture. What’s contrary to Scripture? Marxist ideology under the rubric of “Critical Race Theory” is contrary to Scripture. What is Critical Race Theory (CRT)? CRT is a secular metanarrative that seeks to explain all of reality apart from God. A metanarrative is a theory that gives a wide-ranging interpretation to events and experiences based on universal truth. A metanarrative is a worldview that tells us about human origin, human meaning, human morality, and human destiny. In the case of CRT it provides a postmodern metanarrative or worldview that seeks to replace the metanarrative or worldview of Scripture.

There are generally five pillars of CRT: oppressive hierarchies, ever-present racism, non-traditional morality, anti-free markets (anti-capitalism), and social revolution. The first pillar is oppressive hierarchy. A hierarchy is simply a chain of command; there is always someone in authority above us. CRT teaches the higher you go in the chain of command the more oppressive ascending authority becomes. The necessary implication is that all authority is evil and oppressive. In short, the first pillar is the CRT’s doctrine of authority. The second pillar is ever present (i.e., ubiquitous) racism. Racism is the original sin of CRT; racism is the worst of all oppressive hierarchies; racism is both



Birthdays

- 2 Shane Kosek
- 3 Karen Orwick
- 9 Scott Murison
- 11 Miranda Parkinson
- 18 Mila Robertson Palmer
- 20 Lisa Busby
- 26 Nancy Turkaly
- 28 Gary Wickham
- 29 William Ault

Anniversaries

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

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Birthdays

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| 1 Christy Paul | 23 Linda Daily |
| 2 Michael Paris | 23 Birney A. Wells |
| 8 Jody Glaub | 25 Pat Pendleton |
| 8 William Reed | 27 Pam Peterson |
| 14 Faith Stewart | |
| 17 Henrietta Malesick | |
| 21 Donna Huff | |

Anniversaries

- 4 David and Nancy Turkaly
- 10 Brian and Jane Gambo
- 12 Gary and Jill Wickham
- 16 Michael and Leslie Aftanas
- 17 Paul and Lisa Busby
- 19 David and Patricia Daily

universal and systemic. The “White (male)” systems are inherently oppressive of minorities of all kinds. In short, the second pillar is CRT’s doctrine of man. The third pillar is non-traditional family. CRT believes that the nuclear family is a threat to society. If you go to the Black Lives Matters’ website, they unambiguously state that the nuclear family must be dismantled, that heterosexuality is oppressive. CRT’s teaches that “heteronormativity” (that is heterosexuality is the normal and normative mode of sexuality) is an expression of oppressive hierarchy in the family. This is why CRT’s pushes for the disintegration of the nuclear family. In short, the third pillar is CRT’s doctrine of morality. The fourth pillar is anti-free markets. CRT teaches that the free-market is one of the most heinous forms of oppression. Pitting the “haves” and the “have-nots” is a classical Marxist way to express “oppression.” In short, the fourth pillar is CRT’s doctrine of economics. The fifth pillar is social revolution. Social revolution is the method by which one dismantles authority, racism, the family, morality, and free-markets. And one of the methods of social revolution is violence. CRT justifies violence as an acceptable means for social change. In short, the fifth pillar is CRT’s doctrine of social change.

Next time I’ll share with you how CRT is contrary to Scripture and the Christian faith. But in conclusion, for now I merely want you to be aware of what CRT is about. CRT has long ago taken over the minds of academics across disciplines from sociology to liberal theology. What’s different today is that it’s becoming mainstream, that it’s being pushed, for example, in government school districts via the 1619 Project. The 1619 Project curriculum basically teaches our children that America was founded on evil,

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that our Founders were oppressive racists, that America must undergo a social revolution, a “fundamental change” must take place at any means. (Sound familiar?) The rioting and burning and looting and the breakdown of law-and-order that we see in the streets of America today is a deliberate attempt by CRT’s elites and intelligentsia to affect social change in the name of “social justice” based on the post-modern vision of CRT. What can we do as Christians? Trust God and pray; pray for a spiritual awakening in the church first and America. Then vote. Hold our elected officials accountable, from dog catchers to the highest offices of the land. Vote out those who hold to CRT, and vote in those who hold to a closer worldview based on the metanarrative Scripture.

In Christ,

Pastor Carl



Dear Starkdale Church Family,

It is with heartfelt appreciation that I thank you for all your cards, phone calls, many kindnesses, and especially for your powerful prayers. When you go through very trying times, you come to the realization of how very, very important prayer and a caring church family are. Thank you for being there for me. May God bless each and every one of you.

*Sincerely,
Stu Stukins*



Our Sympathy is extended to Claudia Allan Dorich, the Allan family and other extended family members, in the death of Claudia’s husband, John Dorich on August 5, 2020.

FLOCK TALK

When my granddaughter was about 8, we were playing that old game of what do you want to be when you grow up? She immediately said, “a physical therapist.” I didn’t know if she knew what that was. Then she said, “with little kids.”

Fast forward to 2020. After much prayer and hard work she is Doctor Cierra Neidermeyer. She made a lot of applications on line. She has been praying (and of course all of the family have been praying) for a position and she wanted to be somewhere close to a beach and of course pediatrics. She got an excellent offer north of Dallas Texas. She was conflicted. Did she take it or did she wait for another offer? A few days later an offer came in for a position for pediatrics in Virginia Beach for \$1,500 more a year ,and it is 1-1/2 hours from her mother. She starts Sept. 14th. WE PRAYED, WE BELIEVED. GOD IS GOOD!

And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing you shall receive. Matthew 21:22

Submitted by : Diane Smith

NOTICE TO THE FLOCK

We have misplaced the lace table cloths for the fellowship hall round tables. If you have seen them or have any information as to where they might be, please call the church office. Thank you!



**10TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY
DECEMBER 13, 2020
PLANS ARE UNDERWAY!!**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GIFTS FOR SHUT-INS

Starkdale Presbyterian Women are providing gifts for our shut-ins. If you are interested in helping with a gift, please choose an item from the list below and place in basket provided in the Narthex by October 20th. Thank you!

1. Body lotion
2. Notebooks with pen
3. Stamps
4. Comb and brush
5. Note cards (get well and birthday)
6. Sticky notes
7. Pencils and pens
8. Simple books: puzzle, word search or coloring books
9. Slipper socks
10. Labels for clothes

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9 a.m. Quilters InC
4 Worldwide Communion	5	6 10 a.m. Bible Study	7 6 p.m. Bible Study	8 Session Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day Office closed	13 10 a.m. Bible Study	14 6 p.m. Bible Study	15	16	17
18	19	20 10 a.m. Bible Study	21 6 p.m. Bible Study	22	23	24
25	26	27 10 a.m. Bible Study 11:30p Presbyterian Women	28 6 p.m. Bible Study	29	30	31

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1	2	3 10 a.m. Bible Study	4 6 p.m. Bible Study	5	6	7 9 a.m. Quilters InC
8 Communion Veterans Recognition	9	10 10 a.m. Bible Study	11 VETERANS DAY 6 p.m. Bible Study	12 6p Session Mtg.	13	14
15	16	10 a.m. Bible Study 11:30a Presbyterian Women	18 6 p.m. Bible Study	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent	30					