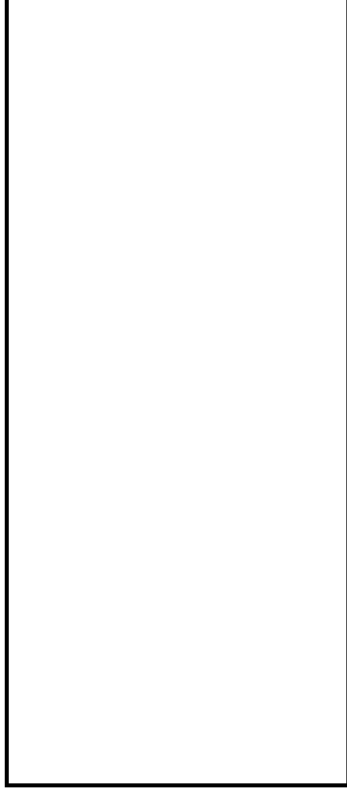




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THE CHIMES



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

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, ⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.” (Daniel 2:44-45 ESV)

In Daniel, we have been discussing the topic of faith and culture: i.e., the Christian’s place in this world. Daniel, along with his three friends, serve as a model for us on how to live in a post-Christian world. In chapter 1, Daniel helped us to know where we must draw the proverbial line between cultural accommodation, on the one hand, and cultural capitulation, on the other. In chapter 2, the topic is about confidence and stability: i.e., where should we place our confidence and assurance. The world is a volatile place; the reliable patterns of predictability, stability, and certainty can give way in an instant to unpredictability, instability, and uncertainty. A season of harmony can give way to a season of upheaval! When the ground is shifting beneath your feet, where do we find solid ground?

Daniel chapter 2, in part, addresses this. Chapter 2 opens up with the great king Nebuchadnezzar. King Nebuchadnezzar was the most powerful king of the ancient world. His empire was the greatest of all human kingdoms. In fact, his kingdom was so great, God gave Nebuchadnezzar a dream that depicted his kingdom as a kingdom of



Birthdays

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| 6 Kelly Dopp | 20 Tyra Timmons |
| 7 Cathy Lipinski | 22 Casher Dopp |
| 8 Carole Peters | 24 Mark Alkaed |
| 10 Carolyn McCamic | 27 Tom Timmons |
| 12 Saharah Stewart | 31 David Kinney |
| 20 Beckett Dopp | |

Anniversaries

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| 3 Tom and Anna Ault |
| 9 Robert (RJ) and Margaret Stewart |
| 23 Ray and Darene Waszkiewicz |
| 24 Robert and Diane Smith |
| 30 Jody and Carolyn Glaub |
| 30 Philip and Vickey Makari |



Birthdays

2 Eleanor Hewitt	8 Lindsay Busby
3 Bob Sagrilla	11 Mason Gambos
4 Suzanne Brown	14 Jaclynn Stewart
6 Paul Busby II	30 Daniel Hayes
7 Joseph Grecco	30 Dianna Vandeborne
7 Grant Murison	

Anniversaries

17 Thomas and Pam Peterson
29 Tom and Suzanne Brown
30 Brandon and Amiee Pendleton

gold. The kingdoms that will follow Nebuchadnezzar will pale in comparison: the Persians will be great, but they will be but silver; the Greeks will be great, but mere bronze; the Romans will be great, but mere iron mixed with clay—none of these kingdoms compare to the greatness of the Babylonian kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar.

That part of the dream was not unsettling. What was unsettling was the rest of the dream. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, he saw "a stone cut out from a mountain by no human hands." This stone demolished the statue which represented all four successive kingdoms. This kingdom shall never be destroyed and shall stand forever! After Daniel retold and interpreted the king's dream, then Nebuchadnezzar's heart was at ease and then the king promoted Daniel to chief of all the Wise Men and provincial governors over Babylon.

What is Daniel predicting? The prophet Daniel is predicting the rise and fall of all the kingdoms of this world. Daniel predicts the rise and fall of four kingdoms: Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome! It was during the Roman Empire that the stone cut from the mountain began the destruction of the kingdoms of this world; that stone is the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus! By virtue of Jesus' death and resurrection, the kingdom of God was inaugurated. The inauguration of the Kingdom of God, with Christ being the mediatorial king, was the beginning of the end of the kingdoms of this world. With the first coming of king Jesus, king Jesus began the upheaval process, a process that will culminate with Christ's second coming to bring total and lasting judgement. Predictability and stability and certainty are an illusion because the kingdoms of this world are built on the shifting ground of unpredictability, instability, and uncertainty—all doomed to destruction!

Where are we to turn when the ground is shifting beneath our feet: shifting from COVID, shifting from inflation and economic upheaval, shifting from the fear of another World War, shifting from the moral madness and dithering haze of sexual and gender chaos? Daniel reminds us that we are citizens of a kingdom that cannot be shaken. As Christians, we are citizens of an eternal kingdom, a kingdom that can never be destroyed! The church is an outpost or an embassy of Christ's heavenly kingdom where he rules and reigns on God the Father's very throne. The church is the only institution that will stand when all else tumbles and falls. Beloved, this should give us comfort and confidence and stability in our lives. The reason why we shall stand forever is because Christ's kingdom shall stand forever!!

In Christ,

Pastor Carl



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 13-17, 2022

9:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M. (8:30 registration)

"Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth." Psalm 57:5

We are very excited about this year's Vacation Bible School adventure. Kookaburra Coast is an epic Australian adventure where kids discover unique destinations and exotic animals, complete with jeep excursions, kangaroos in the outback, and the Great Barrier Reef.

Children will experience a very special time away from their regular activities. They will enjoy crafts, music, luncheon, Bible Lessons, and outdoor fun

Please invite your family and friends. Children 4 years through 6th Grade are invited. Seventh grade and up can register as helpers.

Thank you!

Janice Whitaker, VBS Director



STARKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 16, 2022

12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Begins in the Fellowship Hall

**Rev. Carl Moore will give an Easter
Message using the Resurrection Eggs.**

A surprise visit from the Easter Bunny!

Snacks, Crafts & Fun!

Ages 5th Grade and under.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

APRIL 10-17, 2022

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 10TH

10:00 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 14TH

6:30 P.M. DINNER (RSVP)

7:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT

LIGHTHOUSE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7:00 P.M.

REV. MOORE PREACHING

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 17TH

10:00 A.M.



Our Sympathy is extended to Bill Reed and his extended Family, in the death of his son, Bill Reed, II, on February 11, 2022.

Our Sympathy is extended to Marge Bedortha and her extended family in the death of her husband, James Lewis Bedortha, on February 15, 2022.

Our Sympathy is extended to Phoebe Shokry (Rev. Makari's sister), Philip and Vickey Makari, and their extended family in the death of Phoebe's husband, Samy Shokry on February 20, 2022.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Esther Harris, in her death on March 14, 2022.

To my Starkdale Church family,

I am truly grateful for the outpouring of love and support given me during the time of my recent loss.

Your gifts of prayers, cards, funeral home visits and flowers are deeply appreciated.

These gifts will always bring me fond memories.

God Bless you all,

Marge Bedortha



Dear Starkdale Church Family,

Thank you to all who said prayers, sent cards, and made phone calls while I was ill.

*Love,
Ella Jane*

Starkdale Presbyterian Leaders and Members,

Thank you so much for your support. Community problems require community solutions, and you are a part of the solution. We thank you for helping us care for the children of Jefferson County.

Thanks,
Amy Lingenfelt

Newsletter



**FROM THE CHIMES
STAFF**

Please note that the deadline to submit articles and news for the next Chimes is May 19th.

We appreciate the pictures and special news from the congregation for the Flock Talk page.

We would like to remember Esther Harris for the years and time she spent as a member of the Chimes Staff. We will miss her greatly.