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Dear Starkdale Family (Members, Worship Guests, and friends),
The lectionary, most of you already know, is a list of scriptural readings assigned for our study, preaching, and reflection in accordance to the season within which we live during a given year.

The reason behind dividing the church year into **seasons is threefold: First**, it is to help us stay focused on biblical themes pertaining to the period of the year in which we happen to be (whether it is Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, or Pentecost). **Second**, it is to help us affirm that any year is, from start to finish, the year of our Lord, a phrase that was popular in official and formal documents in past generations, but which is no longer widely used. **Third**, it is to help us, Christians from different denominations, to be of one mind as we all share the same scriptural texts while at church and thus express our unity though we may not be of the same denomination. There is never a week within the year that is not part of the retelling of the story of our faith.

For example, we now begin another season of the church, a new liturgical period on the church calendar that begins on December 1st and continues until December 25th. This season is known to us as **the Season of Advent**. Advent is the season that focuses on **the return of Christ and the end of history**. So while we, believers in Christ, are getting ready for Christmas (the celebration of Christ's first Advent or coming), we are also

focused on and anticipating his coming again (i.e. his Second Advent).

The liturgical or church year always begins on the first Sunday of Advent; most of the time it is the first Sunday in December. **The theme for teaching and preaching** during the four weeks of Advent is **the coming of Christ and our ultimate future with him**. This is how the liturgical year begins. All of history will end at the return of Christ. It makes sense then to begin the year with a reminder of history's wonderful climax, the end of life as we now know it and the beginning of life in the eternal presence of Christ. That is the event for which we should and must live every day throughout all our years on earth. Following Advent is **the Christmas Season** which is known as **the Twelve Days of Christmas**. The Christmas Season includes two Sundays. **The theme for teaching and preaching** during this brief period is **to focus on the implications of Christ's birth and what his coming in the flesh means to us**.

Then a third new season follows the Twelve Days of Christmas. It is **the Season of Epiphany**, or the season of enlightenment. **Epiphany focuses on: who Jesus truly was, what his teachings mean to us, and what his miracles imply in terms of our future hope**. This season of Epiphany or enlightenment lasts for six to seven weeks and ends this year with Ash Wednesday (on March 5th).

"THOM TURKEY" VISITS STARKDALE

November 10—Thom Turkey and Rev. Ashley Steele from the Urban Mission Ministry visited Starkdale church to emphasize the importance of sharing of ourselves and our gifts with the needy in the Ohio Valley. The Urban Mission does a wonderful work in providing for folks and we appreciate their efforts so very much! As always, Starkdale has generously contributed to the work of the Urban Mission of Steubenville, Ohio.



Wise Men Still Seek Him!

You will seek me and find me
when you seek me with all your
heart! Jeremiah 29:13



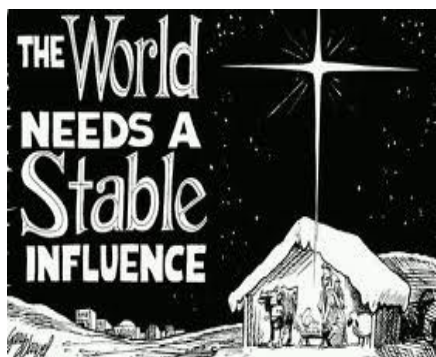
When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

A CHRISTMAS WISH

When I go to what I call “Early Church”, I very much appreciate the quiet serenity as I feel God’s presence. I know that very soon, even if the building is cold, there will be the many who in this hour of thanking God, human warmth, kindness that comes from words, shaking of hands, kind words and brief hugs will bring the warmth that tells and gives the knowledge that God loves all of us and will help us bear our burdens and troubles (if there are any) and bless whatever living time we may have to appreciate and love whatever there is until we go to our eternal home. All the ads and suggestions of things to do are telling us we’ll soon be celebrating Christmas, a joyful wish saying “Merry Christmas” will be heard over and over again. My Christmas wish to all of you who have taken the time to read this is “Merry Christmas”. My dream for you is that you will always be the intended caring, loving, person that came with your birth. I love you. Merry Christmas.
Mary Coleman

SOUP KITCHEN REPORT

The Soup Kitchen was served on November 14. The menu consisted of chicken and dressing, potatoes and gravy, bread, green beans, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pies from Two Ridges Presbyterian Church. 70 people were served. The servers were Ella Jane Burns, John Criss, Robbie France, Joyce Palmer, and Stu Stukins.



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The fourth Season of the year is **the Season of Lent**. It begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter (April 20), a period of approximately six weeks. **The theme for teaching and preaching during the Season of Lent is the doctrine of sin, suffering and death, and most of all, our urgent need for repentance.** This season includes Holy Week (Christ’s last week on earth).

The fifth Season of the year is the Easter Season. The Easter Season begins with Easter Sunday (April 20) and continues for seven weeks (49 days) and ends on the fiftieth day after Easter. **The theme for teaching and preaching during the Easter Season is the implications of Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection on our lives.**

The sixth Season is the Pentecost Season which begins with the fiftieth day after Easter (Pentecost Sunday, June 8) and ends on the last Sunday of November, known as “Christ the King Sunday”, (November 30th). **The theme of teaching and preaching during the Season of Pentecost is the coming of God’s Holy Spirit to indwell believers in Jesus Christ, the activity of the Spirit in the lives of believers and in the ministry and mission of the church.**

“Christ the King Sunday” concludes the church year and ushers us into another new liturgical year. It is obvious then that the year is wisely divided into seasons that re-tell the story of God’s redemptive

history. Thus the liturgical year begins with anticipating the return of the King of Kings and ends with celebrating him as King (on “Christ the King Sunday”).

But not only are the themes of the year designated to its appropriate time, but also, those themes and seasons are illustrated by four appropriate colors. **Advent** (the anticipation of Christ’s return as King) **is illustrated by the purple** color (the color of royalty), which is applied to the pulpit, the communion table and the clergy’s stoles.

Christmas and its twelve days are illustrated by the **white color**. **The Season of Epiphany and its six to seven weeks** are illustrated often by the **white color and sometimes the green color**. **Lent is purple**, which has the dual purposes of royalty and sorrow or remorse (over sin). **The Easter Season is white** illustrating the joy and the hope of our resurrection. **The Pentecost Season is green**, the color of growth and prosperity (of the church of Jesus Christ).

Looking at what colors being used on a given Sunday, church members find it easy to identify the season being emphasized and celebrated.

There is no doubt in my mind that those who designed these themes did so to help followers of Jesus Christ of every age to never lose sight of the essentials of the faith and to help (continued on page 8)

Live Nativity Cookie Reminder:

The Outreach Commission is once again asking for Starkdale's Delicious Homemade Cookies to serve our guests at the Live Nativity. Please bring a batch or two of your favorite cookies to the church anytime before December 15th. Please label your container "Live Nativity" and place your cookies in the freezer. God Bless you for your willingness to help this Community Outreach Ministry.



Christmas Caroling

December 14

Meet in the parking lot of the church
at 8 A.M.

We will visit our area shut-ins and
nursing homes to spread Christmas
cheer through music and fellowship.



THERE'S STILL A LITTLE TIME

There is still time to donate mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and underwear (new items only please) to keep little hands and heads and bodies warm this winter.

Please place your donation on the Christmas tree in the narthex anytime from now until November 25th. The Outreach Commission will deliver the items to the Urban Mission for distribution.

Thank you and may you be blessed,

Outreach Commission

DONATIONS ACCEPTED THRU NOVEMBER 25!

(Evangelism Retreat-continued from page 6).

As the weekend progressed, we found ourselves absolutely engaged in the message. Why? Because the message was the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The message that we are sinners for whom Christ died became front and center. We were hearing the message of the cross with urgency. Our special local guest, Mike Smith from Weirton Covenant, spoke from his heart about the world's need for Christ and the message of the cross that saves. We left Oglebay with a better understanding of what it means to be Christian and how to proclaim the greatest news of all time.

We were reminded that the message of Christ must be of first importance to us and that we must love God well! We were encouraged to preach the gospel to ourselves and families so that we might become shining lights in today's culture. Our Bibles need to be read and understood with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We need to meditate on the gospel! Pray the gospel! Sing the gospel! And, remember how it transforms lives! Jay made it clear that "the message must come before the mission." The cross should be taking on new meaning for us, as we live in, trust in, and learn to glory in the Cross of Christ.

Thanks to all who helped and all who participated. We could not have had such a beautiful event if it wasn't for your prayers, love and support. For certain, we were guided by the Lord!

Blessings,

Janice Whitaker

Evangelism Chair

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:1-12



Charity Hospice is looking for volunteers to man their Poinsettia Tree that will be displayed at the Fort Steuben Mall through the end of December. The opportunity to remember a family member, friend or loved one who has passed away is the meaning behind the tree. The volunteers will help find names on the tree and give out pre-stamped envelopes for those interested in making a donation. If you would like to help out, please call Tiffany Hartzell at 740-317-6871.



December 24, 2013

8:00 P.M.

Please join us!

WAYNE'S



Wisdom:

Many times we disagree with people and we can't keep an open mind to new ideas. But just remember, no matter how flat you make a pancake, there's always two sides to it.

Wit:

This mother was calling her daughter to get up and go to school. Time and time again she called through the closed door: "Get up and get ready for school". The exasperated daughter calls back to her mother: "I don't want to go to school. The kids all make fun of me, the teachers dislike me, and there's just too much work. I'm not going!" The mother yells back: "But you gotta get up and go to school. YOU'RE THE PRINCIPAL"!!

INFANT BAPTISMS

Rev. Dr. Philip Makari and the congregation of Starkdale were honored and privileged to celebrate with three families as their infants were baptized in the worship services on November 3 and 10.

November 3, 2013 at the 11 A.M. worship service:

Kendall Zanovia Criss, born May 30, 2013 in Columbus, Ohio to John Steven and Kristen (Wilcox) Criss. Congratulations were also extended to grandparents Jeff and Kim Criss, Nolan and Heather Wilcox, great grandfather John Criss, and great grandmother Joan Copeland; Aunts - Caitlin Criss and Brittany Wilcox and big sister, Katie Criss.

And

Skylar Addison Tegano, born August 21, 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA to Justin and Sarah (Brown) Tegano. Congratulations were also extended to grandparents Dr. and Mrs. (Suzanne) Thomas Brown, grandmother, Dotty Tegano, and great grandmother Braunda Berresford, aunts and uncles Jen and Paul O'Neil and Erika and Tommy Brown, and great uncle Ron Berresford.

November 10, 2013 at the 11 A.M. worship service:

Casher Joseph Dopp, born May 23, 2013 in Weirton, WV to Kelly (Bordash) and Chris Dopp. Congratulations were also extended to big brother Beckett; Mark & Cynthia Bordash - grandparents; Vicky Dopp - grandmother; Dave & Joyce Dopp - grandparents; Matt Bordash - uncle; David Dopp - uncle; Shirley Hammack - great grandmother; and Bertha & Bud Myers - great grandparents.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Is extended to the family of:

Earl Arnold "Arnie" Dennis, who passed away November 10 at Trinity West. Arnie and wife, Patty Dennis, are members of Starkdale Church.

2013 Evangelism Retreat

The Evangelism Commission began plans in February for the 2013 conference. Oglebay was chosen as the place and by faith we signed a contract in advance. At that time it was impossible to know if enough people would come, if rooms would be filled, or if we could even find a speaker.

However, in September everything fell into place. Rev. Jay Bauman (Bobbyjon's brother), a pastor and missionary, traveled from Brazil with his wife Luciane to be with us. The message he gave and the connection we made with Jay and "Restore Brazil" could only have been set in motion by God. (Continued on page 17)



(Above) Enjoying fellowship time are from (l) Ron and Suzie Rousey, Carolyn Glaub and Cathy Thoburn (to the top right), Jay and Bobbyjon Bauman look over materials to be presented at the retreat. (to the right) Rev. Dr. Philip Makari finds a comfortable chair.



(To the left) Janice Whitaker, Evangelism Committee Chairperson, and Jeanne Cox greet and register the attendees of the retreat at the beautiful Oglebay retreat center.



Helen Carrocci Child Advocacy Award 2013

Presented to
Starkdale Presbyterian Church.

The Helen Carrocci Award was established in 2011 to honor the memory of Mrs. Helen Carrocci. As the first president of A Caring Place, Helen was a driving force in establishing Jefferson County's first child advocacy center. In 1957, Helen embarked on her personal charge to serve our local youth as she started a Girl Scout and Brownie troop at St. Anthony's Church in downtown Steubenville. Helen was later hired as a Jefferson County Sheriff Deputy in the 1980's, becoming the lead investigator in the county's child abuse cases. Although she was just over five feet tall, Helen's small stature was a 'misunderstanding' when one was confronted by her towering tenacity in protecting the young of Jefferson County. She continued in this role for 10 years. After retirement as a deputy, she remained active in her mission to protect children. In 1994 Helen volunteered in helping form and chaired the county's first multidisciplinary team (MDT). The MDT is the working group of professionals from the agencies that deal with child abuse.

From 2000 - 2005, Helen also voluntarily served as the vice-president and later as president of Jefferson County's Children Services Board. She worked as president until the board's responsibilities were later relinquished. Though her bones and muscles may have grown somewhat brittle over those years, the heart of her mission only burned more brightly through her efforts. She recruited enough support and raised community awareness to be a

key instrumental piece in establishing A Caring Place in 2002.

Later on, as president of 'A Caring Place' Board, Helen oversaw the center's movement to becoming its own, nonprofit agency. Furthermore, Helen worked hard to contact others within the community and gain their support during those first 'toddler' years as a center. Her work was highly effective in raising funds for the center to continue its services.

"Helen was Helen, and if it were up to her, she would not have wished for us to make such a fuss over her. For Helen, her reward was not earthly; her reward for all her suffering and sacrifices was that she had fully followed the burning mission of her heart to be an advocate for our children.", stated Jean-Philippe Rigaud, President of the Board of Directors.



From (l) Jane Gambos, Cindy Sagrilla, Rev. Dr. Philip Makari, Vicki DeLeonardis, Rev. Bobbyjon Bauman, Ann Dulany, and Jean-Philippe Rigaud.

YOU'RE INVITED

To Attend **SPLENDID SOUND**

4th Annual Christmas Concert

"The Sounds of Christmas" featuring Splendid Sound, Gem City Brass, George Melhorn, Marla Inderbitzen, Ron Knapp, Jason

Ray, Burl Jernigan, Brayn Ray

7 p.m. Sunday December 8, 2013

Riverview United Methodist Church

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Toronto, OH

Offering will benefit the Salvation Army

To Contribute

The Eastern Gateway Community College Alumni Association is once again collecting books which will be donated to the Urban Mission for distribution to families for Christmas. Through these donations we are encouraging reading and hopefully to brighten someone's Christmas. We believe education is important and reading is a vital part, so if possible give "A Gift of Imagination."

The books can be for children or adults and our only request is that the books are in "good condition" or "new."

We will be glad to arrange pick-up or books can be dropped off at the college. The deadline is Friday, December 6, 2013. If you have any questions please contact Amanda Coburn at 264-5591 ext. 110.

Thank you!

John O'Brien

Director of Alumni

To Enjoy

Steubenville High School Drama Club

Presents:

A Christmas Carol

December 5, 6 and 7 at 7:30 P.M. at the

SHS Auditorium

FLOCK TALK:

Congratulations to David Kinney for earning his first Varsity Letter in soccer as a Freshman. He also earned Eastern District Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association Honorable Mention. David was a starting defender on the Edison Boys Soccer Team.

Andrew Kinney was a member of the Edison Jr. High Football team this fall.

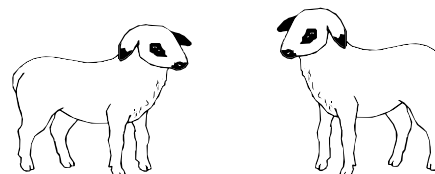
Abigail Kinney was a member of the Edison Jr. Wildcats JV cheering squad.

Congratulations to Kayla Huff for being elected treasurer of the Junior Beta Club at Edison Middle School.

Also, to Kayla and her volleyball teammates who came in 2nd place in the BMC's.

Starkdale members boxes of contribution envelopes will be available December 1st in the narthex. Using your contribution envelopes with your individual number streamlines and simplifies the record keeping each week as the offering is processed by the church office staff.

Thank you for your faithfulness to Starkdale through monetary gifts and for using your envelopes.



IN THE MAILBAG:

Thank you very much for all of the cards and prayers that our family has received during this difficult time with the passing of my sister Brenda. We feel blessed to have such a caring church family.

Love,
Ann Huff

To all the Starkdale Church Family,

Thank you so very much for all your calls, prayers, visits, cards and concern for me throughout my hospitalization, surgery and recovery time. Your words of encouragement and knowing the concern of the family of God means so much.

Sincerely,
Kate Stringer

The Flower Dedication chart has been posted in the narthex for 2014. Please feel free to select a Sunday and reserve it for your dedication.

The cost of flowers remains at \$20.

The generosity of the Starkdale Presbyterian Church has again been demonstrated by the gifts collected at the Sunday services on October 28th and November 3rd of \$1,180 for the Mozingo family.

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them not only learn the story of faith, but also live it and act it out on a daily and weekly basis .

Having shared such a review of the seasons of our faith, the most popular of the seasons are the three that pertain to the doctrine of the Trinity. Advent (including Christmas) celebrates God the Father coming to earth in human flesh. Lent (including Easter) celebrates God the Son suffering, dying and rising from the dead to save us from sin and death. The Season of Pentecost celebrates God the Holy Spirit indwelling us and giving us the power we need for living and ministering in Christ's name.

As we embark on the end of another liturgical year and the beginning of a new year, may God give us the wisdom and discipline to remain focused on our story of faith as we seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

God bless,

Philip

Philip Makari



Starkdale Church Staff:

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- ♦ Pastor of Youth and Young FamiliesRev. Bobbyjon Bauman
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Upcoming Youth Events in 2014:

Winter-Jam 2014— March 21—leave the church at 5 p.m.

Ginny Owens “Abigail’s Angels” Benefit Concert – March 22— Starkdale will welcome Grammy Award winning artist Ginny Owens. Ginny will host a concert of contemporary Christian music here at Starkdale. All proceeds from this concert will benefit “Abigail’s Angels”. Ginny lost her own site at the tender age of five. Now she travels singing and glorifying the Lord. All ages will enjoy her music.

Reggie Dabbs - April 7-8, 2014 He speaks to more teens than anyone in the United States each year (2.5 million) and Reggie is coming to Steubenville to speak to our teens at several local schools as well as to the entire community at Big Red High School.

Jews For Jesus “Christ In The Passover” Presentation for our youth and the whole congregation Sunday night, April 13th at 6:00 PM.

Sean McDowell – October 14-15, 2014 – Our fall Evangelism retreat next year which will be a combined youth and adult event. Sean speaks to thousands of teens each year and is an expert in answering tough questions about our faith.



YOUTH EVENTS CALENDAR DECEMBER/JANUARY

November 24—5 P.M. “Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service” Join with a number of area churches participating in this annual event. The service will be held at Word of Life Fellowship, 565 Lovers Lane, Steubenville..

December 1—6—7:30 P.M. “Pizza & A Movie Night” featuring the film “Behind the Sun.” Open to the entire family! This 56 minute movie is appropriate for all ages. Free Pizza, Popcorn and Soda provided.

December 8—6—7:15 P.M. “Not a Fan Night” Are you a fan or follower of Christ? Is there a difference? We will watch a portion of a DVD called “Not a Fan” that features teen testimonies and a dynamic message. Free Chinese food and Soda provided.

December 15—Starkdale Live Nativity

January 5—6—7:30 p.m. “The Bible-Part I—The Journey from Victim to Victor”. We will explore the Old Testament stories of David & Goliath and Daniel in the Lions’ Den using clips from the TV series “The Bible” and how students can overcome difficulties in their lives through God. Free Pizza and Soda provided.

January 12 “The Bible – Part 2 – The Journey from Religion To Relationship”. We will explore the NT stories of the Lord’s Supper and Persecution in the Early Church using clips from the TV series “The Bible” and how students can find peace in their heart through knowing Christ personally and not through doing “good things/deeds”. 6:00-7:15. Free Pizza & Soda provided.

January 19 “God & Science Night...How Great Is Our God” - DVD by Louis Giglio (The speaker who spoke at the Chris Tomlin Concert we went to last year)– This DVD is simply dynamite... do you think God & Science are at odds? If so come on out tonight and see how God’s Word & Science are friends, not enemies. 6:00-7:30. Free Sub Sandwiches & Soda.

December Birthdays:

- 3 Rick Patterson
Don Vandeborne
- 4 Evelyn Bodor
- 7 Shannon Starr
- 8 Tom Cox
R.J. Stewart, Jr.
- 10 Denise Miller
- 11 Stu Stukins
Jeff Shimon
- 13 Joyce Palmer
- 17 George Huber, Jr.
- 18 Betty Vujnovic
Terri Throckmorton
- 20 Russell Wickham
- 21 Joan Copeland
Emily Bauman
- 23 Rick Baker
Rodney Louk
Nathan Bauman
- 24 Jennifer Starr
- 25 Bud Wickham
- 27 John Parkinson
R.J. Stewart
- 28 Sarah Wickham
- 30 Leanne Pendleton
Helen Bayne
Devin Ferguson
Scott Binkiewicz

December Anniversaries:

- 3 Howard and Judy Cooper
- 9 Conrad and Ruth Carson
- 17 Steve and Felecia Elliott
- 23 Don and Dianna Vandeborne
Bobbyjon and Renee Bauman
- 31 Chris and Kelly Dopp

January Birthdays:

- 2 CarolynLee Barrett
David Turkaly
- 5 Ruth Carson
- 7 George Allan
Jeff Criss
- 8 Ted Whitaker
- 10 Marlene Almond
- 11 Joshua Orwick
- 12 Laura Daily
- 13 Lori Kinney
Ann Huff
- 14 Bethanie Bube
- 15 Sharon Patterson
- 16 Mary Louise Morgan
- 17 Adam Wickham
Margaret Stewart
- 18 Olivia Chanoski
- 19 Sandee Huber
- 20 Faith Bauman
- 22 Leah Ferguson
- 23 Colton Giusto
- 25 Bob Oklok
Beverly Wyman
Judith Cooper
- 27 Vickey Makari
- 29 Robbie France

January Anniversaries:

- 6 Doug and Charlene Freshwater

“Wishing you all joy and happiness on your special days”

WHAT'S NEW IN YOUTH?

I have decided to start an organization called "**Valley Youth Workers Network**" composed of all of the leaders working with youth for the sake of bringing the gospel to students in the upper Ohio Valley. I have been in youth ministry nearly 20 years and have found that the communities I have served in who had such networks had a much greater impact on the youth of the community for Christ than if one did not exist. I feel that all of the youth ministry leaders have something to bring to the table and they all love working with youth and want to see them growing and thriving in their faith. A wonderful vehicle for assisting youth workers/pastors in this task is for leaders to come together and pray, plan joint activities, and encourage each other as we carry out the unique work God has called us to do.

The Network will be having an organizational meeting at Starkdale Presbyterian Church Monday December 2nd from 7:00-8:00 with coffee, drinks and light snacks provided. All youth ministry leaders paid and unpaid, part time and full time will be encouraged to attend. I will also share about an exciting community wide outreach that is already in the works in the area featuring the inspirational speaker Reggie Dabbs who speaks to 2.5 million students a year and will be speaking at a number of area schools and community wide rallies April 6-8th. Please pray for this venture as we look forward to seeing what the Lord will do through the area youth leaders as they join together as one to further the kingdom for the sake of our Lord and our area youth. Thanks!
Pastor Bobbyjon

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ATTEND CONFERENCE

Youth Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman, and youth staff assistants Jeanne Cox and Kylee Paris attended the National Youth Workers Convention in Nashville, TN on November 22-24. The conference equipped them to relate to teens better by gaining an understanding of "youth culture" as well as how to share the gospel with them more effectively. (See photo on page 11).

ALL HALLOWS EVE

The Starkdale Presbyterian Church Youth Ministry hosted an "All Hallows Eve" celebration on November 3 honoring the ancient martyrs of the Christian Church. More than 30 participated in events such as pumpkin bowling, bobbing for apples, "pumpkin" piñata, "All Hallows Eve" themed Pictionary and a talk led by Youth Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman on the early Christians who gave up their lives—martyrs—rather than give up their faith in Christ. Students were invited to come to the party in costume if they so desired. A group picture of participants appears on page 11.

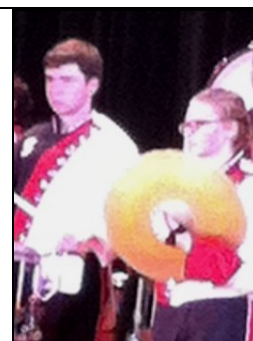
YOUTH IN PHOTOS



Olivia Chanoski (l) and Courtnie Bube ® completed an undefeated soccer season. Congratulations!!



Gabrielle Peterson is our newest licensed driver at Starkdale. Congratulations!!



Brien Beattie and Emily Bauman playing in the SHS band.



From (l) - Kylee Paris, Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman, Jeanne Cox



The Starkdale Youth Ministry—All Hallows Eve –