

# THE CHIMES

Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church

February 2015 Newsletter



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

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

**D**ear Starkdale Family (Members, Worship Guests, and Friends),

As the months and days go by, so are some unrepeatable opportunities for ministry.

In Ephesians 5:15-17, the apostle Paul says, “Be very careful then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.” This is God’s inspired Word to the church of every denomination and generation.

Please let me illustrate:

First time comers to our church who go into the fellowship hall’s hospitality hour in an attempt to meet new Christians and get more information about our ministry—whose responsibility is it to welcome, befriend, and acquaint such persons about who we are and what we are about? It is the

responsibility of all of us.

A parentless child whom God has brought to our church for spiritual and social reasons if not for more than these reasons—whose responsibility is it to become like a brother, a sister, a mom, a dad, or a grandparent to that child? It is the responsibility of each one of us.

A poor man or woman who may keep coming to our church, embarrassed to ask for help, hoping that God’s people would notice him or her and begin to address some of his or her needs—whose responsibility is it to love him or her, know more about him or her and refer the situation to the committee in charge? It is the responsibility of all of us.

A child that has requested to sing a song during fellowship hour, a teenager who has requested a Bible, an elderly woman who loves to come to church but cannot drive from and to her home, a person who has the desire to learn more about God on a personal (one to one) basis—whose responsibility is it to take the time to help in that capacity? It is the responsi-

bility of all of us to offer our help.

A nursing home (or an assisted living facility) that has requested that our church would hold a weekly Bible study for a group of twelve to fourteen of their residents-whose responsibility is it to respond to such a request? It is the responsibility of all of us taking turns.

When there is a group of people who have misunderstood something the pastor, an elder, or a church member has said or has done, and as a result some people begin to talk about it, and before you know it, different versions of the matter have spread all over the church-whose responsibility is it to stop the gossip, correct the misconceptions and bring the matter before the appropriate channels? It is the responsibility of all of us.

When a pastor, an elder, a deacon, or a church member considers himself or herself in charge of certain matters and begins to act independently from the appropriate committees, whose responsibility is it to alert the ruling body, the

Session, before things get out of hand and become hard to correct or reverse? It is the responsibility of all the people who are witnessing such behavior.

When the church suffers for lack of members' involvement, lack of funds, or lack in church attendance, whose responsibility is it to contact people, recruit for the work, visit absentees, etc.? It is the responsibility of all of us.

Opportunities such as these, and a lot more, must involve us all constantly. The devil would love more than anything to let things fall into the cracks, to confuse some, to cause others to doubt the leadership, to divide the body and to bring the local congregation down as has happened to many of our area churches. But when we all are watchful and alert to the needs, the concerns, and expectations of God's people, the church is edified and God is glorified. Don't think for a second that opportunities that need our attention will be managed one way or another. Moreover,

## **A Message From: Pastor Bobbyjon Bauman**

It was a busy but fruitful last few months of ministry. Here are some highlights...

We had 20+ attend the Dixon Nursing home Christmas gift distribution and caroling night. We sang Christmas Carols and provided 65 gifts for the residents.

We had 30 participants at the Starkdale Youth Ministry Christmas Party Dec. 16th.

Danielle Smoot of the Cole's Warriors organization spoke to around 40 adults and youth Dec. 7th about her son who lost his life from taking one Meth pill. Her message was powerful and well received by all in attendance. She then spoke the next day at the Indian Creek Middle School to 700 students and did an excellent job. Many students were in tears.

141 students have come to the Sonshine Bible Club and we usually average 90-100 each Monday. Things have been going much more smoothly the last few months as the students have begun to develop relationships with the adults and trust has been built and with the addition of some adult leaders who have been excellent disciplinarians. They have learned 14 Bible verses, 30 catechism questions and have nearly memorized the books of the New Testament.

There were over 20 participants at the Valley Youth Workers Network Meeting where we discussed a mentoring grant. The schools contacted me to help pull together some people to get it up and running in the schools.



Blessings,  
Pastor Bobbyjon

Bauman

## FEBRUARY 2015 CALENDAR

Pastor of Youth & Young Families

- **Feb. 1st "Super Bowl Party"** We will all the leave the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. and go to the Parkinson's home together as a group (so no one will get lost). It will include games, tons of food, contests (guess the score) with prizes, and a small group study at halftime on "God & Sports."
- **Feb. 8th "Ice Skating Night"** at PPG Place in Pittsburgh. By popular demand we are having an ice skating night in Pittsburgh at the beautiful outdoor skating rink downtown. Cost is a \$5 suggested donation. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. (have pizza) and return at 8:30.
- **Feb. 15th "Storytellers Night"** Join us for an evening of food and life stories/testimonies. This was one of our most popular events last year. Invite your friends. You won't want to miss it! Free Pizza & Soda. 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 22nd Firing Line Q&A Night Part I** Answers to Tough Questions About God, Evil & Suffering" We will look at the tough questions of the faith such as if God is good why is there evil in the world and is Jesus the only way to God? Free Subs & pop. 6:00-7:15 p.m.

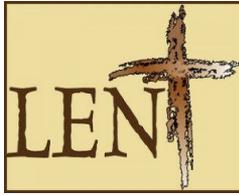
# *OUTREACH*

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Live Nativity in any way. Because you gave of your time, gifts, and talents, Christ was glorified as we celebrated the true meaning of Christmas, and some heard the story of Jesus' birth and God's plan of salvation for the first time. With approximately 500 in attendance throughout the evening, the event was a blessing to the community and our



A delicious holiday meal consisting of turkey, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and cranberry sauce with cakes from Two Ridges Presbyterian Church for dessert was served to 90 people by Ella Jane Burns, John Criss, Robbie France, and Stu Stukins on December 11, 2014.

On January 8th, 29 people were served by Ella Jane Burns, Jo Copeland, John Criss, Robbie France, and Stu Stukins. They dished out a hot meal of Chicken Patty Sandwiches with cheese, vegetable soup, salad, and dessert from Two



It is customary, Lord, to give something up during the season of Lent. What would you have me do without? I who have so much.

Chocolate?

Cream cakes?

Cigarettes?

Sweets?

Swearing?

The list is endless and I could give up all those things for the span of 40 days quite easily and almost painlessly. But what difference would it make other than making me feel *holier* than my friend who makes no such sacrifice?

What would you have me do without?

I who have so much.

Selfishness?

Conceit?

Envy?

Pride?

I fear before I ask, that the answer might be 'yes' and the giving up would be all too real, Lord.

It would be difficult, painful, sacrificial, a

## **Essentials of Our Faith**

*All Scripture is self-attesting and being Truth, requires our unreserved submission in all areas of life. The infallible Word of God, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts culminating in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible, uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority on all matters on which it speaks. On this sure foundation we affirm these additional Essentials of our faith.*

1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and praise for ever!

2. Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.

3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. In-dwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.

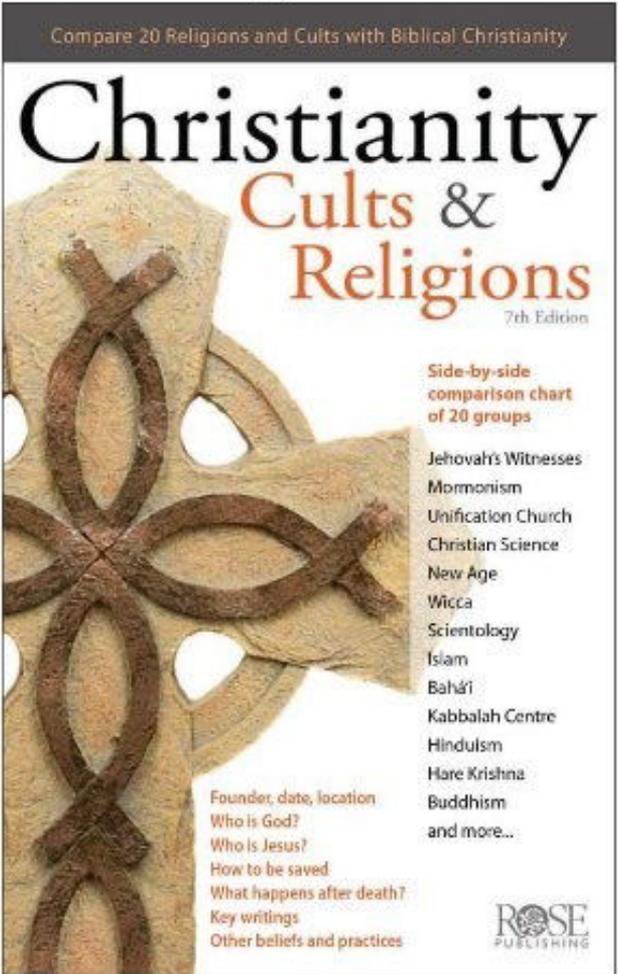
4. Being estranged from God and condemned by our sinfulness, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's free grace. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifies them in His sight. Only such as are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ become children of God and heirs of eternal life.

5. The true Church is composed of all persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the sacraments are administered in their integrity, where scriptural discipline is practiced, and where loving fellowship is maintained. For her perfecting, she awaits the return of her Lord.

6. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth—personally, visibly, and bodily—to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.” (Rev. 22:20)

7. The Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to proclaim the gospel throughout the world and to make disciples of all nations. Obedience to the Great Commission requires total commitment to “Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.” He calls us to a life of self-denying love and service. “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Eph. 2:10) These Essentials are set forth in greater detail in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

***In Essentials ..... Unity  
In Non-Essentials ..... Liberty  
In All Things ..... Charity***



**SIX WEEK SMALL GROUP STUDY  
DVD and DISCUSSION**

**Sunday Mornings 9:35-10:35 A.M.**

**Meets in the Fellowship Hall**

(Almost 50 people attended the first week and are eager to participate in the remaining studies!)

# February

Sun

Mon

Tue

1  
4 pm Kids Rock  
5pm Mthly Prayer Mtg.  
5:15 pm SYM Super Bowl Party  
**4th Sunday of Epiphany**

2  
2 pm Sonshine Bible Club  
6 pm Property Mtg.  
6:15 pm Cub Scouts  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts  
**Groundhog Day**



3  
10 am Bible Study  
6 pm Dart Baseball

4  
10 am Vill  
Bible Stud  
6 pm Bible  
7:15 Choir

8  
Communion  
Annual Corporation Mtg.  
4 pm Kids Rock  
4 pm SYM Ice Skating  
**Boy Scout Sunday**  
**5th Sunday of Epiphany**

9  
2 pm Sonshine Bible Club  
6:15 pm Cub Scouts  
7 pm Administration Mtg.  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts

10  
10 am Bible Study  
6 pm Dart Baseball

11  
10 am Vill  
Bible Stud  
6 pm Bible  
7:15 Choir

15  
1:15 pm Carriage House  
4 pm Kids Rock  
6 pm SYM  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**Last Sunday of Epiphany**

16  
6:15 pm Cub Scouts  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts  
**Presidents' Day**



17  
10 am Bible Study  
6 pm Dart Baseball

18  
10 am Vill  
Bible Stud  
7 pm Ash

22  
12:15 pm Lenten Luncheon  
4 pm Kids Rock  
6 pm SYM  
**Washington's Birthday**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

23  
2 pm Sonshine Bible Club  
6:15 pm Cub Scouts  
6:30 pm Outreach Mtg.  
7:30 pm Boy Scouts

24  
10 am Bible Study  
6 pm Dart Baseball

25  
10 am Vill  
Bible Stud  
6 pm Bible  
7:15 Choir

# February 2015

Wed                                      Thu                                      Fri                                      Sat

<p>la Vista ly e Study r Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 10 am Grief Support Group</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9 am Quilters InC. (Fh)</p>
<p>la Vista ly e Study r Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 9 am Soup Kitchen 10 am Grief Support Group 6 pm Session Mtg.  <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14    <b>Valentine's Day</b></p>
<p>la Vista ly Wed. Service   <b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p>19 10 am Grief Support Group CHIMES MAIL</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>la Vista ly e Study r Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 10 am Grief Support Group</p>	<p>27 2 pm 15th Stated Meet- ing of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies</p>	<p>28 8 am 15th Stated Meet- ing of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies  (Fh)=Fellowship Hall</p>

# W.I.A.A.C.C. of Jefferson County

Women in Action Against Cancer Coalition

We are taking donation of your unwanted household items, clothing, etc.

for our annual Yard Sale

Items may be dropped  
off at  
Manfred's Sunset Lounge

CHUCK IT  
4  
CHARITY!



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.

**Excerpt from the sermon “One of Us”  
Rev. Dr. Philip Makari  
Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
1-11-2015  
Church Calendar/Liturgical Seasons**

**Advent** speaks of our ultimate future with God, beginning with the return of Christ.

**Christmas** speaks of the Good News of Christ’s birth.

**Epiphany** speaks of shedding more light on who and what Christ truly was.

**Lent** speaks of what Christ came to teach and do.

**Easter** speaks of what Christ has done to sin and death.

**Pentecost** speaks of what we must do.

**Advent** speaks of Christ’s glory.

**Christmas** speaks of Christ’s incarnation.

**Epiphany** speaks of Christ’s identity.

**Lent** speaks of Christ’s teaching.

**Easter** speaks of Christ’s mission.

**Pentecost** speaks of Christ’s expectation of us.

**Advent** tells us to prepare for Christ.

**Christmas** tells us to meet Christ.

**Epiphany** tells us to know Christ.

**Lent** tells us to learn from Christ.

## Flock Talk



Welcome, **Camden Thomas Timmons**, born on December 10, 2014, weighing 8lbs. 5oz., and measuring 21 ½ inches. Congratulations to the proud parents, **Brian and Michelle Timmons**, and proud grandparents, **Tom and Tyra**



**Mary Beth Freshwater**, daughter of **Dave and Cindy Freshwater** and granddaughter of **Richard and Beverly Wyman**, has become the newest addition to the Century 21 family of real estate agents. Congratulations!



DeDe Foley enjoying the company of her two adorable furry friends, her kittens, Lucky and LaLa!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A CORPORATION MEETING** will be held on Sunday, February 8th following the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service to hear committee reports, answer the congregation's questions; and share changes in church by-

**15TH STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE ALLEGHENIES** will be held February 27 and 28 at the North Park Presbyterian Church, 600 Ingomar Road, Wexford, PA . 412-367-5000

**SAVE THE DATE: 2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be June 8th -12th. More information to follow.

**THE 2015 HOSPITALITY CHART** is up in the fellowship hall. We are in need of weekly hosts and hostesses to sign up in order to fulfill this important part of our lives together as a church family. It's easy, and the cost is covered by the church. Please see John Parkinson or Bob Archer if you have any questions or would like more infor-

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THE CHANCEL FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS** for a Sunday Worship Service as a celebration of an event, to honor someone, or in memory of a loved one, please sign the flower chart located in the narthex. The cost is \$20. Sponsors may take the arrangements after the worship service or leave them if they would like the flower arrangements to



Dear Starkdale Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls during my surgery. The outcome and recovery have been better than expected. I greatly appreciate belonging to a church family that is so caring.

Blessings,

Dear Starkdale Presbyterian Church,

I am honored to be sending this note of thanks and gratitude to all of you for your generous gift of \$200 for Valley Hospice.

We are blessed that you have chosen us to receive your gift. This gift will assure all our patients and their families have access to Valley Hospice end of life care. We honor your trust and belief in us. You all are our heroes.

Your life matters,

Dear Church Family,

On Halloween, I had hip replacement surgery at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV. To say that I was anxious is an understatement since I had never had surgery or been hospitalized in my entire life. I know that many of you, along with other friends and relatives, kept me in prayer before, during and after my surgery. This was deeply heartfelt and I know it has contributed greatly to my really rapid and complete recovery. The power of prayer is amazing.

Thank you so much for caring and praying. It is truly gratifying to be a part of Starkdale Church. I especially thank our pastors and church staff for what they do for all of us.

Blessings to all.

Reverend Makari and Congregation,

I do not know where to begin to thank you for all your church has done for the Center of Hope. Your continued support is amazing. Your church is such an asset to our community.

Love & God bless,

Kim Mumaw  
Center of Hope

**February Birthdays**

1 Douglas Freshwater  
3 Carol Daily  
3 David Daily  
3 Gerald Palmer  
4 Cindy Sagrilla  
5 John Minor  
7 Carla Hawkins  
8 Melanie Carver  
8 Wade Gambos  
9 David Good  
12 Helen Chociej  
12 Peggy Re kai  
13 Patty Dennis  
15 Steve Orwick  
18 Charlene Petrozzi  
18 Inez Zajdowicz  
19 Harry Bucy  
21 Donna Parkinson  
21 Marlene Rhueff  
22 Donna Baker  
23 Judy Mallet  
23 Ron Rousey  
24 Susie Dinger  
24 Ralph Freshwater  
27 Betty Braun  
28 Thomas Peterson

**February Leadership**

**Deacons on Duty**

Lisa Busby  
Rick Carver  
Laura Chanoski  
Pat Daily  
Charlene Petrozzi  
Andrew Stewart  
Toni Zajdowicz

**Committee on Duty**

**OUTREACH**

**Elders:**

George Allan  
Bryan Felmet  
Jane Gambos  
Bob Sagrilla

**15th Stated Meeting of  
the Presbytery of the**

**Alleghenies**

**Ruling Elder**

**Commissioners:**

Bryan Felmet  
Jane Gambos  
Carolyn Glaub  
Janice Whitaker

**Teaching Elder**

**February Anniversaries**

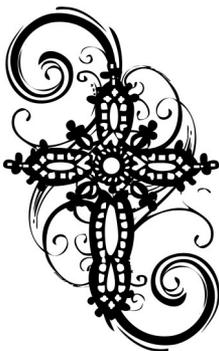
**Our Sympathy** is extended to:

Bryan and Kim Felmet and their extended family in the death of Bryan's father, John Felmet, on December 24, 2014.

Darene and Ray Waszkiewiez and their extended family in the death of Darene's brother, Dr. Keith Straka, on December 24, 2014.

We are delighted to receive into baptism, **Faith Ann Stewart**, child of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew and Jamie Stewart.  
CONGRATULATIONS!

It is a pleasure to receive into membership, **Destiny Franklin**. WELCOME and CONGRATULATIONS!



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