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# THE CHIMES



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

fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
(Isa 41:10 ESV)

How do we trust God? How does the Spirit of God's power, love, and self-control overcome the fear of our age (Zeitgeist)? How do we fear not? These questions have become critically important for us, especially in the midst of the COVID19 pandemic and the recent eight weeks of quarantine. The future seems uncertain. Will things ever get back to normal? How do we answer these questions? Does our Christian faith have an answer to these questions? Are there any words of encouragement for us as Christians during these discouraging and uncertain days?

I want to give you three words of encouragement, the same words of encouragement that the company of pastors, led by John Calvin in the midst of the Black Plague, gave to those who were living in uncertain times!

1. Death does not have power over the Christian.

The first thing to remember is that the power of death over the Christian has been taken away. The power of death is the fear of death that the devil holds over man. The author of Hebrews says, " <sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery." (Heb 2:14-15 ESV). Jesus' death destroyed Satan's power of death which is our fear over death. This is why Paul could say "To live is Christ, but to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21). And we can say the same thing. Take courage in this, that even in a worst-case scenario, like contracting COVID19, you and I have nothing to fear! The best is yet to come when the "roll is called up yonder!"

*Birthdays*

- 1 *Richard Wyman*
- 8 *Helen Unsold*
- 9 *Suzie Rousey*
- 12 *Howard Peterson, Jr.*
- 15 *Vincent Gambos*
- 15 *Rhonda Moore*
- 15 *Janet Stukins*
- 16 *Andrew Kinney*
- 22 *Wayne Hackathorne*
- 24 *Robert Daily*
- 27 *Robert Main*
- 27 *Philip Makari*

*Anniversaries*

- 5 *Fred and Donna Huff, Sr.*
- 6 *Jeff and Kim Criss*
- 9 *Mark and Cynthia Bordash*
- 14 *Tom and Tyra Timmons*
- 16 *Michael and Kylee Paris*
- 21 *William and Christy Paul*
- 28 *Pat and Leanne Pendleton*

# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10a Bible Study	3 6p Bible Study	4	5	6
7	8	9 10a Bible Study	10 6p Bible Study	11 6p Session Mtg.	12	13
14	15	16 10a Bible Study	17 6p Bible Study	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23 10a Bible Study	24 6p Bible Study	25	26	27
28	29	30 10a Bible Study				

- Remember the message of the gospel of grace: confess your sins and flee to the mercies of God

Scripture teaches that the greatest existential threat to man is not a plague, or virus, or cancer, or natural disasters, etc. The greatest existential threat is sin and its effects on humanity. At most, all COVID19 can do is destroy our bodies. Jesus said do not fear that. What should we fear? Jesus' warning is this: "do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Mat 10:28 ESV). The cure for the spiritual disease of sin is the gospel. God sent his Son into the world to save us from sin and sin's wages. Through faith in Jesus we receive mercy, righteousness, and eternal life. In order to receive this gift, we must repent of our sins and trust in Jesus where we are safe in His arms.

- God protects, loves, cares, and watches over His people

Revelations teaches us that throughout history— i.e., between the first coming of Christ to His second coming—God sends judgments: <sup>9</sup> They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed<sup>1</sup> the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory. (Rev 16:9 ESV). The purpose of these judgments is to warn sinful man of the impending Day of the Lord. On that Day (when Jesus returns) there will be a total destruction of this "evil age." This will be the end of human history (this present age) and the beginning of the "age to come," of the New Heavens and Earth, of cosmic regeneration! What we see in Revelation is God's patience and long suffering: His slow, incremental increasing of judgment. Each vision (seven in all) is a snapshot or picture of God's judgment on every generation until Jesus returns for the Judgment, called the Day of the Lord! What does this mean for our world today?

It means that our world is under God's judgment, that COVID19 is God's wakeup call (a trumpet) for sinful mankind to repent before it is too late. Eschatologically speaking, COVID19 (like all plagues, diseases, natural disasters, etc.) is a warning! But, alas, the world (as it says in Revelation) will not repent and give God glory. The question for us, the Church, is how do we fit into all of this? Revelation was written to address that question. Revelation's basic message is that God is in control, that the Lamb of God is victorious, that the wicked will not repent and glorify God, but will continue to curse God who has power over these plagues (including COVID 19); however, in the midst of all of this, we the Church, are protected, loved, and cared for by God, who is watching over us!

Dear Christian, remember that death does not have power over you; remember the gospel of grace; and remember, God is in charge; He's protecting you, loving you, caring for you, and watching over you in the midst of this global pandemic! As the prophet Isaiah says, Fear not!

In Christ,  
Pastor Carl

## SOUP KITCHEN



On February 13th, soup kitchen volunteers served a hot lunch to 58 people. The menu included sloppy joes, tater tots, and baked beans. Servers were: Jo Copeland, Ella Jane Burns, Bob Kramer, Brad Moore, Joyce Palmer, and Pastor Carl.

On March 12th, soup kitchen volunteers served lunch to 50 people. The menu included: Vegetable soup, hot dogs and cakes from Starkdale.

Dear Starkdale Presbyterian Church (Outreach)

Words cannot begin to express our gratitude for your support of our 2020 concert season... Your very generous donation of \$50 is greatly appreciated, and we could not present a successful concert season without you.

With extreme gratitude,  
Erik R. Waugh, Conductor/Artistic Director  
Ohio Valley Chorale

## LOST!

A book, "Where the Crawdads Sing." Whoever finds it, please return to the church office..



*Dear Starkdale family,*

*We wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers over the last few years for my*

*father.*

*Thank you to all who sent cards, came to the funeral home and attended his service.*

*Suzanne and Tom Brown, the “clinging cross” was beautiful and a great comfort for him. He had it in his hand from the day he received it!*

*A special thank you to Rev. Bullard and Pastor Carl, who visited weekly, whether at home or in the hospital. Pastor Carl was such a blessing and source of peace, especially during the last few weeks when at home with Hospice Care. His daily visits, prayers, and reassurance were a comfort to all of us.*

*Please continue to pray for my mom and our family at this difficult time.*

*God Bless,*

*Pam, Tom, Gabrielle Peterson, Marlene Rhueff*



## **FROM THE CHIMES STAFF**

*Just a note to say we are very sorry that the April/May Edition of the Chimes did not go out due to the Corona Virus, and the office being closed. We are publishing a June Chimes to include your wonderful comments and articles that you hearing from you with receiving news for the July Chimes.*

*To Betty, Wayne and all their team - Bravo!*

*The Starkdale congregation is so blessed to have so very many dedicated individuals and families who make things happen!*

*The Valentine's Day dinner and celebration was once again a beautiful, bountiful and fun event.*

*Those of us who just sit back and enjoy, wish to thank all who make this possible.*

*Marge Bedortha*



*Sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with our Valentine party. It would not have been possible without all the willing, cheerful and capable people who said "yes" no matter what we asked of them. From our office staff, those who helped in the kitchen, servers, table movers, decorators, storytellers, our humor person, picture taker, piano player, choir and outstanding Master of Ceremonies, provider of the beautiful cake and flowers, Pastor Carl, our wonderful helpers, the Dopp boys, the Session who generously gave us the go ahead financially. We are so blessed and extremely grateful!!*

*A party is only as good as those who attend it and we had a super turnout! So it seems that we simply need to thank our entire church family! We look forward to next year and another great time together.*

*Thanks from the bottom of our hearts and much love,  
Wayne and Betty*

To: Starkdale Presbyterian Church Outreach and  
Presbyterian Women

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of the Urban Mission in 2019. Your commitment to helping those we serve through the Urban Mission is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to serving with you in 2020!

Sincerely,

Rev. Ashley Steele  
Executive Director



*Dear Starkdale Family,*

*We want to express our sincere appreciation for the prayers and condolences for the passing of my son-in-law, (my daughter's husband), Richard Rodriguez.*

*Janet Haverfield  
Vicki Rodriguez*



Dear Outreach Committee,

It's sometimes easy to forget that there are nice people out there doing nice things for others.

Thanks for being such a special reminder. Our sincere thanks for the four large boxes of stocking stuffers. God Bless you for caring for those in need.

Jerry Boyd,  
Wintersville Good Neighbors

Dear Starkdale Presbyterian Church (Outreach)

Thank you for your donation of \$200 to *A Caring Place Child Advocacy Center* in 2019. Your support allows our 501-C3 non-profit organization to continue to serve the children who have been victims of abuse.

Thank you also for the toy donation. The kids who come to the center will love them we are so grateful for your generosity.

Sincerely  
Marisa Bortz, Director & Advocate

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### A BASEBALL STORY

One Sunday morning I got up, turned the TV on and low and behold there was a well-known TV evangelist talking about his old pal, Rev. Pastor Carl. He would never amount to a ball player, never hit a single, never hit a double, never hit a triple and never hit a homerun. This infuriated his old Pal Rev. Pastor Carl and gave him confidence beyond any imagination. Despite all the negativism Pastor Carl stepped to the plate with boldness and confidence never seen before. He placed the bat upon his shoulder and pointed to left field and the very first pitch hit the longest homerun ever hit in that ballpark. As Rev. Carl rounded the bases you could hear his melodious voice through the ballpark singing, "Oh Lord It's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way – but I'm trying." The ball was never found. The only traces of the totally disintegrated ball were the stitches and shredded pieces of the cover scattered throughout the ballpark. With his Louisville slugger on his shoulder and the cheers of the crowd, Rev. Pastor Carl walked to the dugout with a swagger never, ever seen before and never to be seen again.

Wayne Hackathorne



## OUTREACH COMMITTEE THANK YOU NOTES

*Dear Friends,*

*“Shalom! I want to thank you for your recent gift of \$250 to Jews For Jesus.....Thanks for having a heart for my Jewish people around the world. Your prayers and support mean more than we can say.”*

*David and Giselle Bruce*

Giselle has spoken at Starkdale in recent years. Her message and her joy for Jesus is evident in her life. Please continue to pray for this devoted couple as they share the gospel message to Jews in 2020. Also, keep Giselle in prayer in the loss of her father in August.

Dear Starkdale Presbyterian Church (Outreach)

Thank you for your support of the Center of Hope, Friendship Room in 2019! Your donation of (\$200) is a visible sign of Christ's love for the world and your deep desire to share His love with those who are lonely or in need. You are faithfully answering God's call to bring His compassion to others.

Thank you,  
Molly McGovern, Director



## NATIONAL FIRE SAFETY COUNCIL, INC.

Thank you Starkdale Presbyterian church for your recent donation of \$105.

On behalf of your local firefighters, parents, and their children, we thank you for recognizing the need for this type of life-saving prevention program. Your donation may directly save the life of a child.

Sincerely,

*Firepup*

And National Fire Safety Council, Inc.

Dear Starkdale Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your contribution in the amount of \$250 to the Annual Purple Palooza Fundraiser for the Tony Teramana Cancer Center and the Trinity Health System Foundation.

Sincerely,

Catherine M. Poludniak, Manager

Dear Starkdale Presbyterian Church,

We are so grateful that you have chosen to sponsor the 2020 Annual Aim Women's Center Banquet at the \$500 level....We are excited that you are joining us! It's going to be a wonderful night as we celebrate all that God has done through us, and in faith, all that he is going to do in 2020.

Yours in the service of life,  
James Surzler, Director of Development