

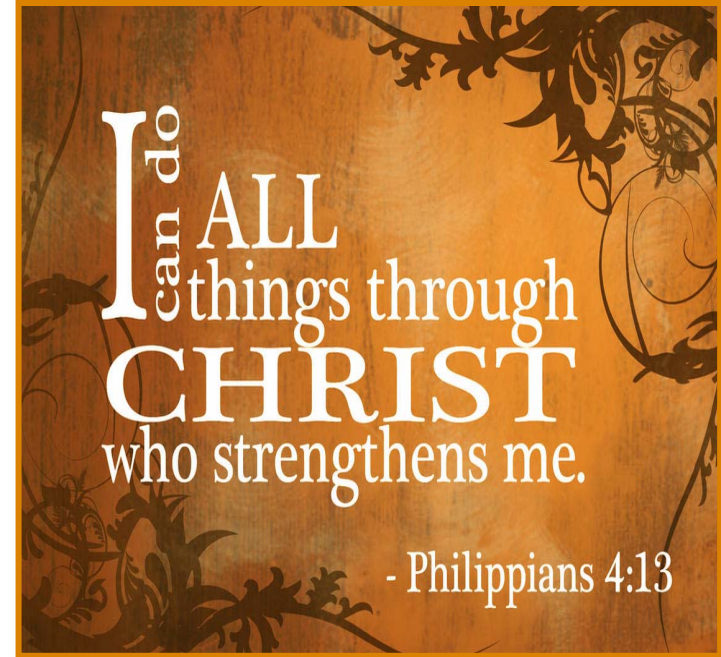


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Starkdale Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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**MESSAGE FROM
REV. G. CARL MOORE**

*“These all died in faith... having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.”
(Hebrews 11:13 ESV)*

As Alistair Begg asks in his recent book *Brave by Faith: God-Sized Confidence in a Post-Christian World*, “What does it look like to live as a Christian in a society that does not like what Christians believe, what we say, and how we live? How are you going to live in this new normal?” As I noted the last time, this is a great question, one that the Bible has an answer. Over the few months I’ll be providing the answers both from Begg’s study of Daniel and gleanings from my own study of 1 Peter.

The first thing for us to remember is that no matter how good the “good old days” were, America has never been a “city on the hill” where we as a nation at one time enjoyed a special status before God. Contrary to “pop theology,” unlike with the ancient nation of Israel, Yahweh never made a covenant with the USA. The unique blessings God covenanted with the ancient theocratic nation of Israel are not translated or transposed in



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

the current experience of our national identity as Americans. Unlike Daniel, we never grew up in Jerusalem. America was never Jerusalem. The UK was never Jerusalem. Where is Jerusalem? Theologically speaking, Jerusalem is in heaven. If Jerusalem is in heaven, then where are we? Theologically speaking, all Christians are living in Babylon. Like Daniel, all Christians are in exile, exiled from our home which is actually the kingdom of heaven! This is what we have mostly in common with Daniel. Like Daniel (and all Old Testament saints according to Hebrews 11:13), we are resident aliens living as strangers and exiles on earth from our true home, i.e., the kingdom of heaven. The apostle Peter says it this way:

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you (1 Peter: 1:1-2)

So even in the best of times, we Christians have never (and should never) feel like we are at home. In the best of times, America was as a God-fearing nation. In the best of times, our society, leaders and institutions reflected the ethos of a Christian world-view. However, Christianity is no longer dominant. As our cultural experiences further spiritual and moral declension, the greater our sense of exile will be.

However, this awakening isn't bad. It reminds us of the reality that all along America has never been Jerusalem, but Babylon. And second, this awakening isn't bad because it forces us to long for heaven, especially for the creation of the new heavens and earth when Christ returns to bring heaven to earth after He has destroyed every kingdom of man. As D. L. Moody noted in the late 18th century this world is ship-wrecked. The only hope for survival is to get into the lifeboat. The lifeboat is the gospel of Jesus Christ. And the only hope for safe passage is Jesus and His church! Next time when I come back to this subject, we'll talk about how and where we must "draw the line" as we engage our society and culture. But I hope this short message has encouraged you and has set your mind straight and at ease.

In Christ
Pastor Carl



Dear Starkdale Family,

Thank you for all your support—the visits, flowers, repast meal and cards.

We appreciate everything you have done and all your prayers.

The Family of Martha A. Wilson



Dear Starkdale family,

We would like to express our appreciation to Rev. Moore and the Congregation for the prayers, cards, and visits during our Mom's hospitalization and passing.

The family of Matsue "Judy" Kawai Merryman



Dear Starkdale,

Thank you so much for your donation! We will put it to good use in helping others.

With warm regards,

The Cynthia Rose Phillipson Charitable Foundation

Todd, Carol, Veronica & Cynthia

SAVE THE DATE

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

SPEAKING EVENT

**NOVEMBER 10TH AT THE
BIG RED HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

7:00 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER

MICHAEL FRANZESE

Michael Franzese was once one of the leading Mafia crime bosses in the U.S. As a Capo in the feared Colombo Crime Family he brought in over 5 million dollars per week through illegal activities.

Come hear his amazing story of his life, his conviction, and his eventual salvation through grace, faith, and forgiveness as he left the mob and lived to tell about it.

The event is Wednesday November 10th @7PM in the Steubenville High School Auditorium.

Mr. Franzese is presented by Starkdale Presbyterian Church and tickets are purchased online @ starkdale.org/tickets.

Leave feeling inspired with a renewed sense of God's grace and love.



Our Sympaty is extended to the following families:

The family and friends of Birney Wells in her death on June 25, 2021

The family of Frank Merryman and his extended family in the death of Frank's mother, Judy Merryman on July 5, 2021..

Mary Bohach and family in the death of Mary's mother Martha Wilson on July 23, 2021.

The family of Connie Freshour, in her death on July 24, 2021.

To wife Jane Neal; family; friends and longtime friends, Jody & Carolyn Glaub, in the death of Bob Neal on August 22, 2021.

To daughter, Karen (John) Manferdonia; son, Allan (Ginny) Kirklangitis; siblings: Betty (Wayne) Hackathorne, George Allan, Barbara (Thomas) Grimm and Claudia Dorich; sister-in-law, Mary Beth Allan; their extended family and friends in the death of Ruth Carson on August 27, 2021.

Janet Stukins, Ted and Janice Whitaker, their extended family, and friends in the death of Janet's husband, Stu Stukins on September 3, 2021.





Big Fish Bay Vacation Bible School was held August 2-6. Children learned about God's mercy and grace through exciting Bible stories of Jonah. Each day a sit-down lunch was provided by our wonderful kitchen staff. Games were lots of fun! The music program by the children was one of the best, and the crafts and Marina shopping store were a HUGE hit!



11TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY DECEMBER 12, 2021



Take time out of your busy holiday schedule to reflect on the TRUE meaning of Christmas, the Savior who is Christ The Lord. All ages will be blessed by the experience which reminds us that Jesus came as a babe in a manger. His name is called Emmanuel which means God with us. The Live Nativity is arranged to present the Good News to all. Your whole family and your friends will be moved by the real Christmas story.

Presentations repeat at:

5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00 & 7:30 P.M.



COOKIES NEEDED

If you are able to donate a dozen or so cookies for this year's Live Nativity, please place them in the freezer marked "Live Nativity" by the morning of December 9th. Thank you!



**PLEASE JOIN US IN
SINGING PRAISES TO OUR
LORD
AT THE
23RD ANNUAL HYMNFEST
OCTOBER 3RD
7:00 P.M.**



**PRE-K
TIME TO
MARCH**

**FAVORITE
SNACK
DIP AND
CHICKEN
TENDERS**



**READY TO
PAINT!**



**A WHALE OF A
CAKE
THANK YOU TO
JANICE AND VBS
CREW**





Dear Starkdale Family,

Your prayers and caring hearts meant so much to us during Stu's illness and recent passing. Thank you for your phone calls, cards, food and the beautiful chimes that you sent to our home. Your kindness will always be remembered and appreciated.

With love,

Janet and Chad Stukins.

Dear Starkdale Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and support during my recent leave of absence. I am blessed to have such a caring Christian family. I am grateful for each and every one of you.

Jane Gambos



Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of the Josh Merriman Foundation Annual Golf Outing.

Your generous Hole Sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Josh Merriman Foundation



Dear Starkdale Family,

Thank you for your loving prayers, gifts, flowers, cards, and generosity to our family during Olivia's illness and continued recovery. We appreciate your caring thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Mason, Alexis, Vincent & Olivia Gambos

Dear Starkdale Friends,

It has been my privilege to serve as your Pastor of Visitation for the Starkdale Church during the past several years. I have enjoyed getting to know the shut-ins and their families, and I want to thank you for your thoughts and prayers for me. Your cards and phone calls have lifted my spirits. Due to my own health concerns currently, I find it necessary to resign my position as Pastor of Visitation.

Because I have made some wonderful friends through this ministry, I will continue to keep in touch with those who are shut-in and those who are in the nursing homes, when I am able.

God Bless You All!

Pastor Tom Bullard