

Pastor's Post



Pastor's Post 8-9-18 "Thank You"

Dear Starmount Friends,

As you read this, I will be "across the pond" with my family on vacation. I wanted to take the chance, however, before I left to write you a brief note with one clear, simple message:

Thank You!

Last week, the Carpenter family suffered a deep loss with the passing of George Carpenter. So too, did our Starmount family feel this same sense of loss, as George and his family have been such an important part of this community for decades. Many of you were members here when George served as the installed pastor and have shared with me your memories of when he performed your wedding or baptized your child. Others have simply shared the many "ordinary" ways that he loved and cared for you throughout the years.

It should have come as no surprise, that when the time came to celebrate the life of our brother in Christ, George, so many of you volunteered to serve. I simply wanted to say thank you to all the individuals and groups who worked so hard to make George's funeral a special event. From the ushers, and parking lot attendants, the set-up volunteers that moved tables and chairs, the staff members who went above and beyond, our technology volunteers who enabled us to live-stream the service, the choir and musicians who lifted their voices, and the Presbyterian Women who created an atmosphere of hospitality for our guests at the reception.

For their work and the work of so many others, I am extremely grateful. I know the family also appreciated everything you did to help them celebrate the life of their loved one. I also know that due to your hard work, the outside community got to experience just a taste of the warmth and welcome found here at Starmount.

Your spirit of service and willingness to reach out to the community only continues this week, as I know many of you are volunteering for our VBS. As I am writing this letter, we already have 110 children signed up to attend, and over half are ones who currently don't attend our church or preschool. I know that they too will feel the warm embrace of this congregation as you share with them the good news of God's love!

In Christ,
Charlie Lee