



OPEN HEARTS

OPEN MINDS

OPEN DOORS



Don't miss
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 it's going to be great!!!
 July 6-10
 6:15-8:35 p.m.
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Pastor's Pen

By Rev. KyungMo Koo



Going to the Children's Ministry Conference

From the 22nd of April to the 25th, I had an opportunity to attend the Children's Ministry Conference at Willow Creek Community Church in Chicago with Jen and Montanna. We had been praying and planning for this Conference, and the outcome of the Conference was great. From 22 countries and 40 denominations, 3,200 participants attended and enjoyed this precious learning and sharing opportunity for our children. We participated in plenary sessions (led by a Disney animator and producer, the creator of Veggie Tales, and a variety of Children's Ministry specialists, authors, and ministers), contemporary worship, and breakout sessions (More than 100 breakout sessions were provided for our interests and concerns). We enjoyed their presentations and learned more about current children's culture, reviewed where Moore's Chapel Children's Ministry presently was, and were challenged by new concepts and methods of this special ministry.

Among the many lessons we learned, I would like to share three major points with you. First of all, they changed my perspective for Children's Ministry. We say that our children are the future congregation and future hope. This saying seem to emphasize Children's Ministry in the future, not a major part of our ministry now. However, children are not only our future but also our present reality. Children's ministry is not secondary, optional, or something to postpone; rather it is one of the urgent and burning ministries for families and churches.

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The great evangelist D.L. Moody was once asked, "How many converts did you have last night?" He answered, "Two and one-half." "You mean two adults and a child?" "No," he replied. "Two children and one adult." A child converted is an entire life converted. The great vision of tomorrow can only start with today's ministry.

Second, they brought up the importance of Children's Ministry with statistics. The Barna Research Group's nationwide surveys have determined the probability of people accepting Christ as their savior in relation to a person's age. Based on a nationwide representative sampling of more than 4200 young people and adults, the survey data show that people from ages 5 through 13 have a 32% probability of accepting Christ as their savior. Young people from the age of 14 through 18 have just a 4% likelihood of doing so, while adults (age 19 through death) have only a 6% probability of making that choice. The data show that if a person does not accept Jesus Christ as savior before the age of 14, the likelihood of ever doing so is slim.

They also showed a great concern about losing Christian families and kids to the world. We lose more of our own children to the world than we gain unchurched people to the church. The majority of today's students leave the church by the time they graduate high school (60% of churched kids are walking away from their faith some time in their twenties). They described this symptom as "Christian kids graduate from God."

It was a shock to me because I am always concerned about evangelizing the community and the world, and have not concentrated on as much our children. We lose many of our children from God's hand to the world, and it's still happening today. It is ironic that we try to bring in the unchurched through the front door and lose our precious children through the back door.

Third, the typical barriers against successful Children's ministry can be summarized into three things: lack of support from the Church, indifference of the senior pastor, and shortage of space and budget. Thankfully and hopefully, Moore's Chapel doesn't have any of these barriers. We have a supportive congregation and pastor that will help nurture this precious ministry. We will have more classrooms and multi-purpose space for children very soon. In addition, we have strong ties between the church and family (In fact, this is the most important factor for a successful Children's Ministry). I believe God has given Moore's Chapel an opportunity to serve our children near and far.

We anticipate many demands and expectations for the children's ministry as we finish our new educational building. There are many things on our

"Have-to list": well-prepared curriculum and teachers, a variety of programs or activities, capacious facilities, full support from the congregation, participation of the senior pastor, and a sufficient operating budget. We also need to have child protection policies, such as "Safe Sanctuaries"(We will attend a Conference on this soon).

However, the most important thing is how much we love our children, how much we care about their spiritual growth in Christ, and how passionate enough we are to reach out to children for Jesus Christ. If we do our best for our children, God will do something mighty and powerful through our hands. We will create and adopt new ideas, new resources, and new ways of doing ministry so that children and families at Moore's Chapel will choose to follow God and will grow in their faith.

In Christ's Love,



Rev. KyungMo Koo

*Our Congratulations to
Nick & Jessica Smith
who were married
Saturday
June 7, 2008*





The Moore's Chapel Educational Building
is almost complete, we move in this month!

Please join us in praying for our church as a body and the new building.

Moore's Chapel "Day of Prayer"

June 20th 6 p.m. - June 21st 6 p.m.

You may sign up in the back of the church for a time
that you could come to the church and pray.

(After 11 p.m. there will be someone else
there at the church so you will not be alone.)

If you would like to join us, please call 410.398.7245 or e-mail
mphillips@mooreschapel.org and we will gladly add your name, we would
love to have someone praying every hour!!!

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A Collection of drawings from those who attended the Bible Study gathering on Prayer.



Doug and Bob pray for others souls

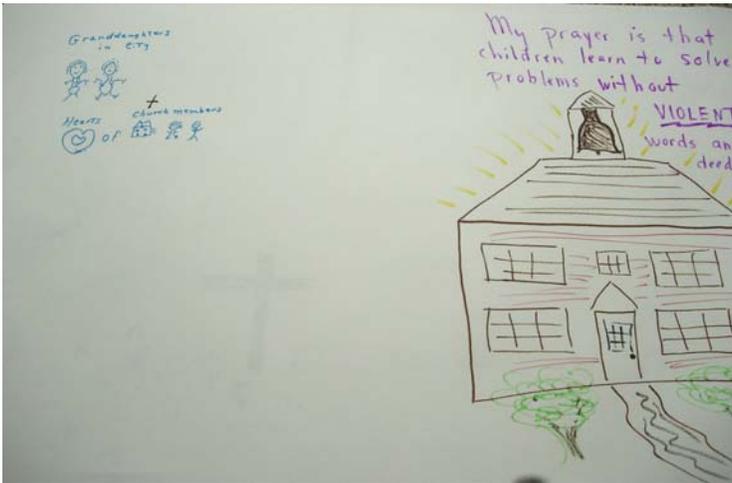
Fay and Sam pray for children and grandchildren



Emily and Sue pray for Praying lives of Christians

Phyllis and Ruth Ann pray for children





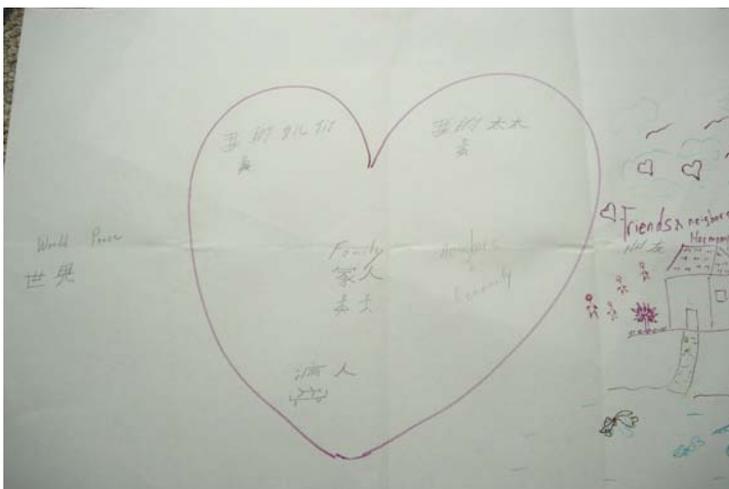
Dot and Ruthie pray for children to be in peace, in faith

A Prayer from Ephesians. 3:14-19

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen ME with power through his Spirit in MY inner being, so that Christ may dwell in MY heart(s) through faith. And I pray that I, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge —that I may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:14-19)



Bob and Tom pray for Christ's saving love for us



MieMie and Charlie pray for love on earth

“Growing in Faith Campaign Update”

May 31, 2008 marks the end of the first quarter of the last year of our three-year “Growing in Faith” campaign. In March of 2006 sixty-nine households made commitments of \$391,000. As of May 31, 2008, \$341,000 has been received which represents 87% of the pledged amount. We were told by the fund raising company that advised us in the beginning of our campaign that we should expect to collect approximately 85% of the commitment.

With nine months to go in this campaign Moore’s Chapel is doing well above the average, however much work needs to be done. With God’s help we are faithfully fulfilling our commitments. To quote Pastor Koo in the 2007 Spring Moore’s Messenger... “God can accomplish his vision through our faithful stewardship of time, talents, and treasure”.

Soon we will be using our new building for Sunday school and the many activities that the large room can provide. Commitments, fundraising, memorials and gifts have raised \$739,000. This will leave approximately \$750,000 debt for our next campaign. Most banks are paying 3 to 3.5% on Certificates of Deposits. Our Capital Revenue Notes are paying 4 to 4.5%. By purchasing Capital Revenue Notes you would be helping Moore’s Chapel reduce the loan interest. If interested or need information about Capital Revenue Notes, contact Sally Hawk.

Keep the faith,

Ken Howett

“For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done.” Matthew 16: 27



“Cosmic City”

Vacation Bible School

July 6-10

6:15-8:35 p.m.

Ages 3-Grade 6 (completed)

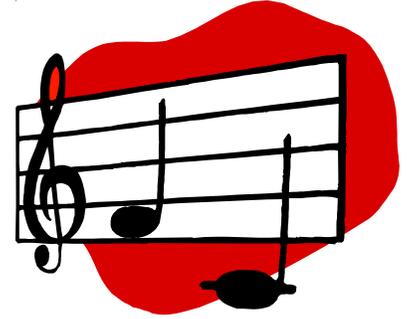
We prefer if you pre-register, but walk-ins are welcome.



VBS for students that have finished grades 7-12 same dates & time. Being held at the home of Leigh and Betsy Bates. Meet at Moore’s Chapel the first night. This is a Bible study with a swim time each night. Bring your Bible, towel, and conservative swim suit (no two piece). **You must pre-register for the older youth VBS.**

Contact Jen Arter to register at youth@mooreschapel.org or 410.398.7245.

Summer Music



- June 29 - Christine Spencer & Yvonne Walters (11 a.m.)
 July 06 - Jennifer Sabatino (11 a.m.)
 July 13 - Della Lied (8:30 & 11 a.m.)
 July 20 - Nancy Williams from Elkton Presbyterian. (11 a.m.)
 July 27 - Debbie and Jake Schneider (11 a.m.)
 Aug. 03 - Alison DiFilippo (8:30 & 11 a.m.)
 Aug. 10 - "Singing Cousins" Suzanne Lamborn, Nancy Lehr, & Bob Logan (8:30 & 11 a.m.)
 Aug. 17 - Megan Lehr (8:30 & 11 a.m.)
 Aug. 24 - Ken Lang (Moore's Picnic 10 a.m.)

Choir will return from Summer break the Sunday after Labor Day and rehearsals will begin the Thursday after Labor Day. We welcome new members. Rehearsals always blend hard work and enjoyment. We are always uplifted spiritually and go home with a smile on our faces. Some say they sleep better on Thursday nights! Even Chris, who doesn't sing but plays her heart out. It is always a blessing to make music to the Lord!

Congratulations!



Sarah Ibrahim, daughter of Mary & Rey will be graduating from Oxford Area High School. During high school Sarah participated in the color guard, chorus, school yearbook, and played the clarinet. She will be attending college at West Chester University. After college she would like to be a nurse or a teacher. She works at Pocopson Home in West Chester. During her free time she enjoys hanging out with family and friends, and she loves to bake cookies!



Sarah Ibrahim

Christmas in April a great program

From: Valerie Davenport, Elkton

I would like to thank Christmas in April, the president Bunny Martin and the members of Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church: Sam and Fay Pierce, Ruth and Ron Hartman, Ken and Doris Howett, Gene and Trixie Waddell, Sandy Scott, Doug Johnson, Kelly Hannum, Colin Weaver, Cameron Weaver and Jimmy Thompson.

Thank you so much for giving your time, energy and hard work to make repairs to my home that I could not do or afford myself. I'm so blessed to have found a program like Christmas in April. Last year Christmas in April repaired my window and weather stripping and replaced my porch railings. I didn't realize until this year that they take on much bigger projects. I had my bathroom remodeled, exterior housework and yard work done. I met some very nice people. They felt like friends instead of someone I was meeting for the first time. I felt very comfortable with this group that was assigned to my home.

Bunny Martin opened my eyes to much more than I ever knew about Christmas in April. She really helped me a lot. I am told not many people know about Christmas in April. There are requirements you must meet, but I would suggest trying Christmas in April next year. They just might be able to help you too!



Who Needs Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministers are there for those who are dealing with low self-esteem, illness/hospitalization, family frustrations and challenges, moving, death, or serious loss, financial setbacks, faith issues, terminal illness, loneliness, job loss, aging and elderly, teen and youth concerns, separation/divorce, pregnancy/adoption or the disabled and their families.

Stephen Ministers only purpose is to give people who are in need, someone who will not give advice, will not judge, but will be a sounding board when they just need to talk. All conversations and identities will be held strictly confidential.

Anyone who wants the services of a Stephen Minister for themselves or for a friend or relative need only call. They do not have to be a member of a church.

Please call: Pastor KyungMo Koo
410 620-3126

OR

Stephen Leaders: Fay Pierce 443-309-4407
Sam Pierce 443-309-4422

*Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you
the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4*

Fundraising News By Jane Bellmyer



Cinderella Dance October 24 at Moore's Chapel Community Center 7-10 pm

Don't wait until the wedding day to dance with your daughter. Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church presents a unique event; a family dance. It's a chance to dress up a little more than you do every day for work or school and have some face time with your daughter or your son. Yes we will have all those dances you have come to expect...Electric Slide, Macarena and other line dances. However, there will be beginner dance lessons too so your family can learn the simple steps of ballroom style dancing. Then you can take your daughter in your arms and sway across the floor.

Tickets will be \$30 for a family of four. Additional children will be \$5. There will be refreshments and a Cinderella Slipper contest.

This will be a great way to get the families in your neighborhood to come to Moore's Chapel. Think of it as a wedding reception without a bride or groom.

Obviously we need a few volunteers for refreshments, decorations, set up and clean up. Call Jane Bellmyer at 443-553-8420 or jmbellmyer@yahoo.com.



Santa Camp November 28 at Moore's Chapel Community Center 8 am - 4 pm

It is the day after Thanksgiving. Sales are on in every store and you want to get your shopping done in one day. How do you shop for the children when they are right beside you? Drop them off at Santa Camp. From 8 am until 4 pm your school aged child will play games, have snacks and meals, make new friends and make and wrap two gifts they can give. At the end of the day you will both be happy.

Slots are limited so reserve one for your child today. \$40 per child for a safe, caring environment and a day of fun for your child and a day of accomplishment for you.

This will be another great way to introduce families to our church. Each child will make two sheets of wrapping paper and two gifts of their choice for mom or dad, siblings, friends or other family members. We will also provide a welcome snack, lunch, and snacks throughout the day plus games, activities, a Bible lesson and a movie. Volunteers will be needed for the food, activities and gift making. Call Jane Bellmyer at 443-553-8420 or jmbellmyer@yahoo.com.



Youth Schedule

Elevation is open to everyone grades 6-12 and Youth Praise Band is for ages 9-18.

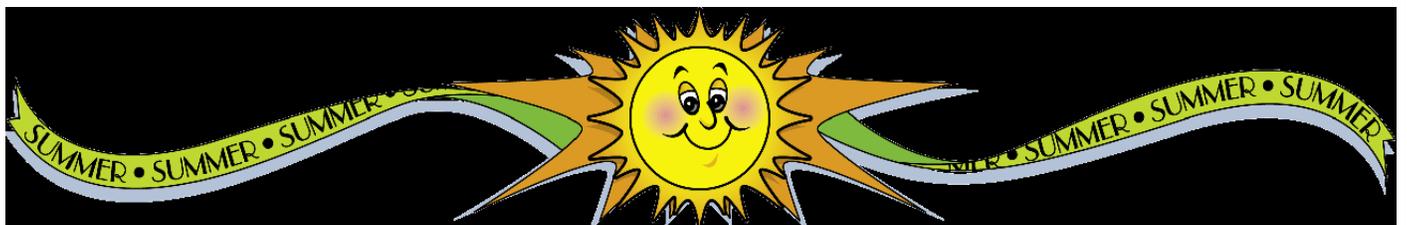
June

Sun.	June 08	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation, pizza dinner, movie & newsletter folding. Please let Jen know if you coming for pizza so we have enough. Bring a 2 liter of soda or water.
Tues.	June 10	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sat.	June 14	12:30-10:00 p.m.	Witness Festival in Quarryville, PA. Great Concert. Leave Moore's 12:30 return 10:00 p.m. Bring money for food, love offering and t-shirts.
Sun.	June 15		No Elevation, Father's Day! Spend time with your Dad.
Mon.	June 16	7:00 a.m.-7 p.m.	Global Aid Network-work at a warehouse in Lancaster to help Global Aid get ready for upcoming mission trips around the world. Come be the hands and feet of Christ.
Tues.	June 17	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	June 22		No Elevation!
Tues.	June 24	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	June 29	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Softball game at Jen's house, bring a snack to share.

July

Tues.	July 01	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.-Thurs.	July 06-10	6:15-8:35 p.m.	Vacation Bible School for students going into grades 8-12 at Leigh and Betsy Bates house. This is a Bible study and swim time, bring a Bible, conservative swim suit (no two piece) and a towel. Meet at the church the first night. VBS for students grades 6 & 7 is at the church.
Sun.	July 13	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation "To Mission or not to Mission"
Tues.	July 15	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	July 20	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation
Tues.	July 22	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	July 27	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation
Tues.	July 29	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Band

Elevation is at the church unless otherwise stated. Any questions about Youth Activities please contact Jen Arter at youth@mooreschapel.org or 410.398.7245.



Church Picnic



Outside enjoying God's creation...
Awesome Message...

Great Food and Fellowship...

It must be the **Moore's Chapel**
Sunday School and Church Picnic!
August 24, 2008 10 a.m.

at the **Cherry Grove Pavilion on Wilson Rd.**

Bring your favorite picnic dish to share and a chair.



Moore's Chapel Yard Sale

Friday & Saturday September 12 & 13

at the Calvert Grange Hall

Start saving your Spring and Summer cleaning treasures now!

Join us for lunch or dinner
at the Moore's Chapel
BEEF AND PIG ROAST
October 4, 2008
3:30 p.m.



If you would like to view our newsletter on-line please contact Marsha Phillips at mphillips@mooreschapel.org and we will gladly add you to our list. You will be sent a reminder when it's updated.

Join us anytime for Worship Sunday Mornings
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
ages 3-adult

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

FALL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008!!!

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ARTICLES TO
MARSHA PHILLIPS AT
MPHILLIPS@MOORESCHAPEL.ORG.



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*Worship
With Us*

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m!

QUEST

**A PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-12
THAT DEALS WITH:**



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE **BIBLE
UNDERSTANDING THE **B**IBLE
EXCITING **A**CTIVITIES
SPIRITUAL **T**RUTH**

**JOIN US JULY 17 & 31 AND AUGUST 7 & 14
6:30-8:00 P.M.**

**AT MOORE'S CHAPEL, UMC
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