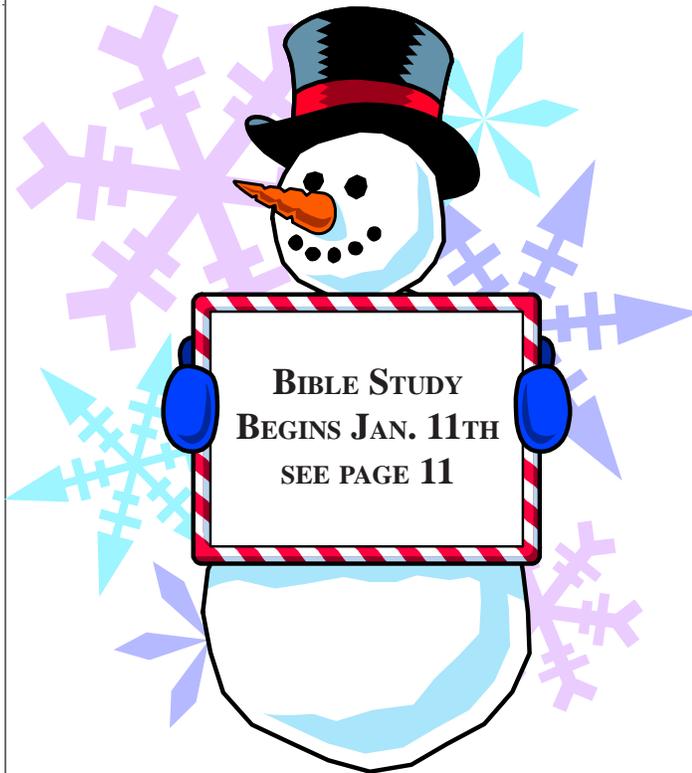




OPEN HEARTS

OPEN MINDS

OPEN DOORS



ARE YOU ON AUTO PILOT?

By Jane Bellmyer

There are things we do every day. We don't think about them. We just do them. Get up. Go to the bathroom. Shower. Get dressed. Make coffee. If you think about it, it's pretty boring.

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Pastor's Pen

By Rev. KyungMo Koo



MOORE'S CHAPEL 2007

When I reflect on the ministry of 2007 at Moore's Chapel, I have been blessed because God allows me to serve such a friendly and active congregation, Moore's Chapel. I have many things to celebrate concerning my family and my ministry at Moore's Chapel in 2007. I finally obtained the Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) degree in May from Princeton Theological Seminary after 7 years of studying. My project at Princeton was: "How can Korean Pastors in Non-Korean Local Churches in the United Methodist Church Minister Effectively?" As a Korean pastor who has served and is currently serving an Anglo congregation, this has been my life. I believe this study has been a benefit for my ministry and for the Moore's Chapel congregation. My thanks are extended to the congregation for its concern and prayers.

My family and I have completed systematic visitation of the congregation. We have visited 66 families since I arrived at Moore's Chapel, missing only those whose schedules were too full. I believe through this regular visitation I was able to get closer to the Moore's Chapel family. Through this personal contact, we built a solid foundation of trust between pastor and congregation, and together we became effective in ministry.

Moore's Chapel has successfully followed the mission and ministry God has given us this year. We joyfully participated in every activity of mission,

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Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church

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Going, Going... Yours!

Moore's Chapel will be holding an Auction on Saturday March 29, 2008

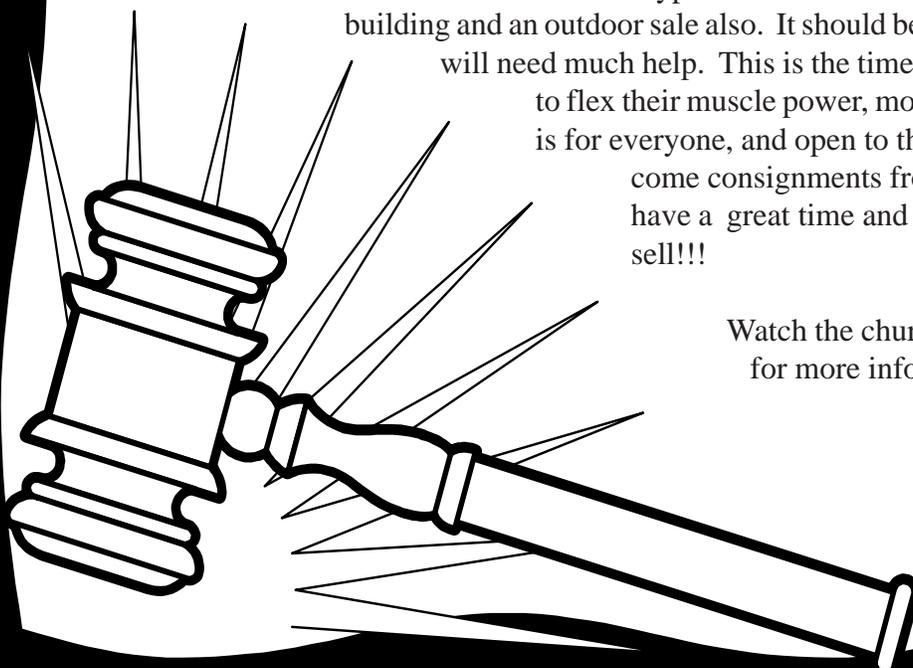
(Heavy Snow date will be announced, please check
the church bulletin or our website www.mooreschapel.org)

**Located at Barnyard Boys Compound
(Rt. 272 Wakefield-7 miles North of Herr's potato chip factory)**

This will be an absolute auction, meaning everything will be sold. Items may be donated or put up for commission for the Moore's Chapel Building Fund. We would like things that are very salable, as example: antiques, jewelry, quilts, decoys, lawn mowers, cars, tractors, old/new tools, old toys, old posters, games, pictures, coins, stamps, good china, crystal, cupboards, hay, straw, etc... If you have never been to our auction look in your local paper as to ideas that are salable. Ask friends and neighbors if they have anything to sell or donate. There will be a pickup service for large items. Make a list of your consignments and submit them to: Phil Johnson-Chairman, Doug Young-Co-Chairman, Molly Brumbley, or Lois Taylor. We will have numbers or e-mail to contact after Christmas. No Yard Sale type items. This is a heated indoor auction

building and an outdoor sale also. It should be lots of fun for all and we will need much help. This is the time for all of the young guys to flex their muscle power, moving things. The auction is for everyone, and open to the community. We welcome consignments from the community. Lets have a great time and bid, bid, bid or sell, sell, sell!!!

Watch the church bulletin
for more information!



Moore's Chapel United Methodist Women

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative and supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global and local ministries of the church. All women who attend Moore's Chapel are members of the United Methodist Women and are warmly invited to attend and participate in the monthly meetings that include devotions, planning and fellowship.

The United Methodist Women had a very busy 2007 with a variety of fundraising activities to support world and local mission projects as well as the building fund. Missions supported this past year included the Convent of the Transfiguration in the Dominican Republic, missionaries Gary and Rebecca Mink in Africa, CAM International, The Ray of Hope Mission Center and the Cecil County Help Center. Financial help was also given for youth to attend Camp Pecometh in the summer.

These women also coordinate any needed fellowship dinners, funeral luncheons, etc. We want to thank everyone who helps with serving and donating food and time to these activities. Also a big thank you to all who donated toys and gifts for the Help Center and Calvert Manor Nursing Home for the holidays.

A recap of 2007 fundraisers include:

Soup and Potato Lunch - \$600

Beef and Pig Roast - \$1,800

Yard Sale - \$2,000

Wolfgang Candy Sale - \$1,000

Tag Day Bake and Craft Table - \$900

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

February 3 – Soup and Potato Lunch

March 8 – Beef and Pig Roast

Respectively Submitted,

Molly Brumbley

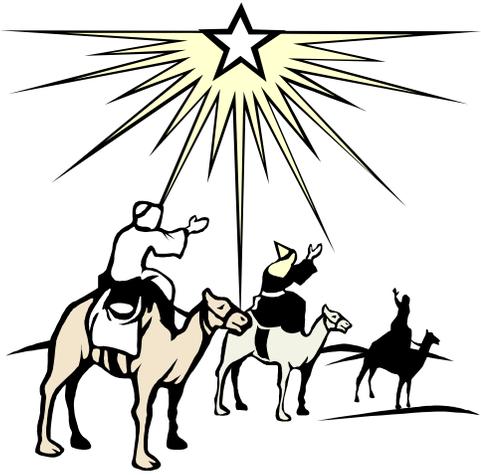
UMW President



Yard Sale



Ladies ready to serve!



A Christmas Story

by: Jason Lehr (as a high school class assignment)

“Quiet down! Quiet everyone!” Another church Christmas play practice had begun. Every year since I could remember, and probably before that, our small church had put on a Christmas play for our congregation. The practices were always the fun part.

This year we were doing the Christmas story, or the story of Jesus’ birth. Even though this was a dress rehearsal, and the week before the presentation, most of the actors did not know what to do.

“When do we do this?” and “What do we do now?” were the two questions most commonly asked. No one had their words memorized, and we constantly had to pause for people to find their places.

The choir was equally awful. I’ve heard dying cows sound better than some of the choir persons singing their solos. One observant bass exclaimed, “Oh look! There is a second verse to my solo!” Other basses missed entrances, tenors and altos sang wrong notes, and the sopranos did not even seem to get the melody.

The baby Jesus turned out to be a stuffed bunny, shoved under Mary’s ragged looking costume, which was actually a blue sheet. While talking to the innkeeper, the bunny slipped out and landed on the floor. “Oh my God, she’s given birth, but it was not even on cue!” Someone screamed from the choir. Everybody laughed and “Jesus” was put back where he came from.

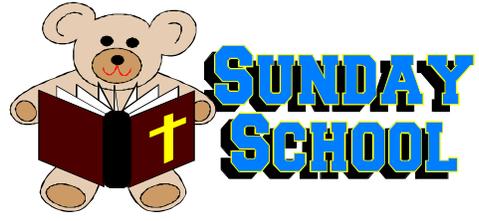
There were also some problems with the scenery. A board that was not tightly secured almost decapitated the shepherds. It did, however, crush a sheep that was sitting behind them. Then the stable framework fell down and disemboweled the baby “bunny” Jesus. Thankfully, no one suffered serious injuries. Those with minor injuries were treated and released from Christiana Hospital. No lawsuits were filed (all right, I got carried away. . . no one was hurt). The practice was finally over, and everyone went home, worried about what was going to happen next Sunday when we had to do the play for real.

When I arrived at the church Sunday night the place was already packed. Someone had brought two Amish boys, and a mother had to quiet her son after he started yelling, “Look at the cowboys, Mom! Look at the cowboys!”

I went downstairs to get ready. Joseph, wrapped in a yellow sheet and a matching towel on his head, wished me luck and went upstairs. I laughed when I realized that if someone painted his large protruding nose yellow, he would look like Big Bird. I put on my choir robe and we warmed up to the downstairs piano which was working on it’s twentieth year of being out of tune and sounding like it, too.

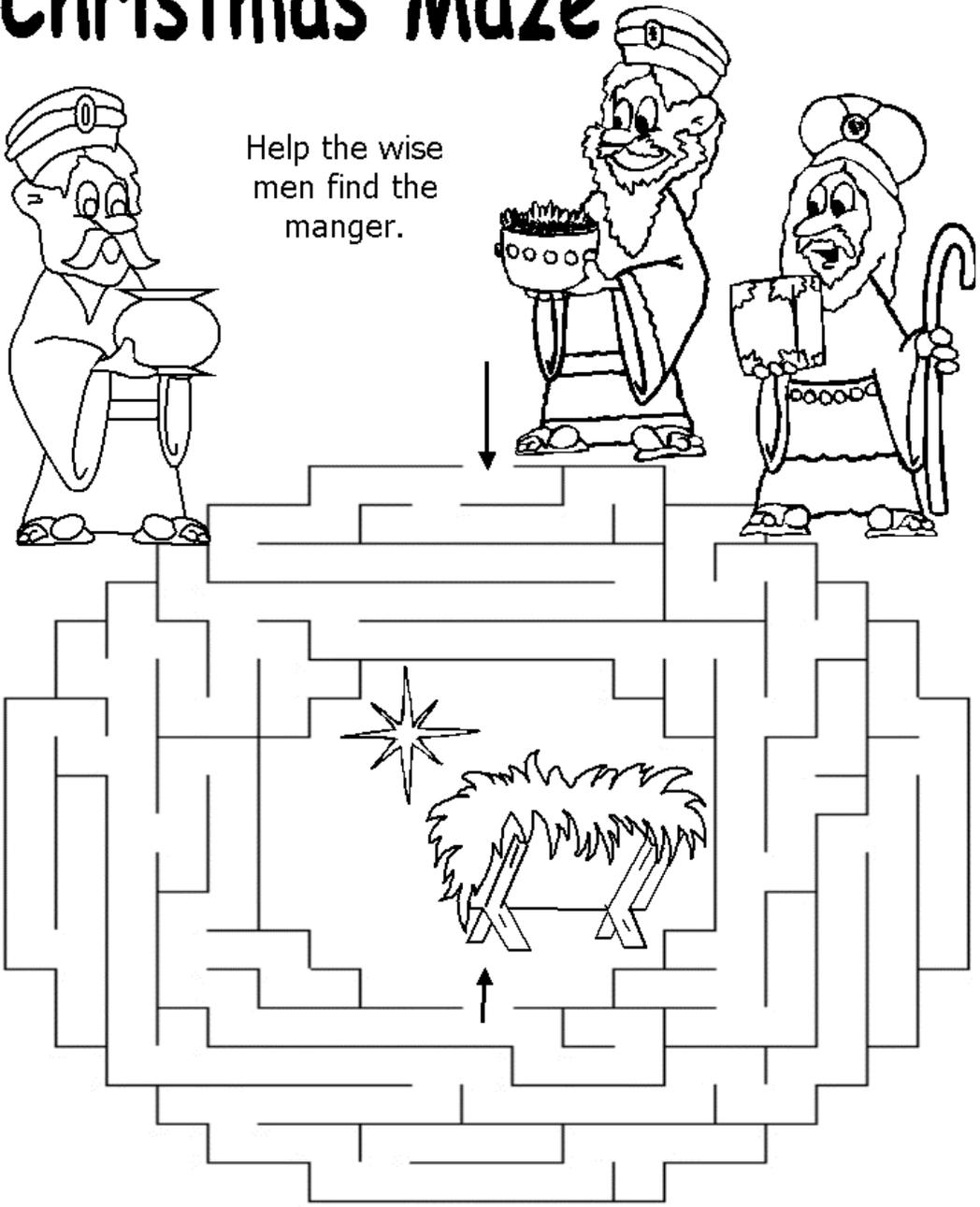
The service progressed according to plan, and to tell you the truth, everything went well. Who said miracles never happen! The choir kept the wrong notes and other mistakes to a minimum, the play went through with only a few pauses, and a loud whisper of the next word that came from the front pew was enough of a reminder to keep going. Nothing collapsed or broke, and the baby Jesus, which was a real baby this time, did not even cry once, awaking only when the choir cracked a high note. No one went home with burns from the candle lighting except for a few kids who had sore fingertips from trying to put out their candles with spit covered fingers.

Everything went better than people expected, and we managed to pull the whole thing off. Maybe it was the extra practice some people put in at their homes, or maybe it was the praying of the people that made the show a success, but that night was special to a lot of us. It showed what Christmas was all about, and will always be one of my favorite memories.



Join us anytime
9:45-10:45 a.m.

Christmas Maze



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ministry, and fellowship and matured under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I would like to summarize some of this, focusing on what was new in 2007.

The children's ministry has the full support of the congregation. However, as we build our new classrooms and gym, we now have even more responsibility for future children's ministry because God expects more and better ministry from those who have the means and facilities. Since teacher training is a key element for a successful children's ministry, we had a teacher training program led by Devon Fite in November. Nine of our Sunday school teachers attended this training and the experience was very positive and helpful. We dream and pray that Moore's Chapel will be a haven for children's ministry around the community, and a model for other United Methodist Churches.

For youth ministry, in January our youth group went to the annual Youth Rally in Ocean City, provided by the conference. Through this rally, four of our youth made a decision to follow Jesus and we can see that these same youth are still following Him. This year we started the "Movie Night" event at church. This is a new opportunity to reach out to local kids and un-churched adults. "Facing the Giants" and "The Ultimate Gift" were our selections, and in addition to the positive feedback, there were more than 100 people for the three times we held it.

Not only did we begin our first Youth Bible study in July, we also celebrated Youth Sunday in November. The youth planned and led a worship service by themselves, showing great capability, passion, and their love for God with skits, praise, and a great message by Cameron Weaver. He was able to creatively and successfully connect a popular video game (Halo) with Christianity. The youth group has the full support of the congregation as they build a bright future for Moore's Chapel.

In terms of missions, nine of our Moore's Chapel family went down to Gulfport, Mississippi in May to continue helping with the rebuilding efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. This was our third trip for the last two years. Even though there is still plenty to be done, we are very thankful to be the hands and feet of Jesus. This year we washed windshields at a local gas station in July as a random act of kindness. We handed the drivers cards that invited them to Moore's Chapel and told them of God's love.

We finished the Disciple 1 and 3 Bible studies, led by Ginny Lehr and me. Even though these studies required a heavy commitment (35 weeks), most of the students (23 people) successfully finished their journey of study and their feedback was positive. We will continue to work at understanding the word of God and applying His Word into our daily lives through these kinds of Bible studies.

During 2007, small group ministry team explored the best way to adopt or activate this ministry into Moore's Chapel and the wider community. We formed and met as a Small Group Pilot Group meeting on the last Friday of every month. We are still eagerly searching for tangible and visible fruit in this tentative plan.

Moore's Chapel started the Stephen Ministry this fall. Under the leadership of Sam and Fay Pierce, we now are in an 18 weeks training session for this ministry, meeting every Sunday afternoon. As of now, there are a total of 12 candidates being trained, and we are confident we will see the fruits of their ministry soon.

We decided to have a "Good Samaritan Fund" collection every Communion Sunday. This is a charity fund that helps people in need in our church family or local community. Whenever we receive the elements and remember Jesus' love for us, it is good to pay that love forward to our neighbors. The response at our November and December communion service was very positive and we look forward to having an additional outreach through this fund.

One of the strengths of Moore's Chapel is a strong lay leadership. This year we celebrated Laity Sunday in October under the leadership of Harvey Arter. The Laity Sunday service consisted of testimonies from several saints in the congregation. The congregations' response and feedback to this service was positive and appreciative.

The Underwood Education Building project is now under construction and will be completed within the next three months. Every Sunday we see how the project progresses. We are actually seeing our vision come true. We undertook a fundraising campaign for the building project and it has been truly successful. As we fulfill our pledges made last year and are now faithfully fulfilling that covenant to God, we have not yet reached our goal for the resources and support needed for this project. We are very grateful for the effort and passion of our building and fundraising committee.

Just as life and death are a part of the circle of

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life, Moore's Chapel has lost loved ones, but also gained new life. This year, two good friends have gone to be with the Lord, Warren Ewing, and Gene Webb. We received 11 new members through the New Members Class; Eric & Lora Strauss, Charlie Strickler, Cecilia Powell, Ed & Sandy Costello, Stephen & Liz Yates, Troy & Tracey Weismiller, and Nick Smith.

I pray and have hope that Moore's Chapel will continue to grow in Christ and that all of us may be beacons of light in the local community and the world as God desires. As a pastor, I am very happy to serve God with you, and look forward to ever more effective ministry for the Kingdom of God in the year 2008.

In Christ's Love,



Rev. KyungMo Koo

A SPECIAL **Welcome** TO
MOORE'S CHAPEL NEW MEMBERS

Ed & Sandy Costello
 Eric & Lora Strauss
 Nick Smith
 Charlie Strickler
 Cecilia Powell
 Stephen & Liz Yates
 Troy & Tracey Weismiller



Look at a CANDY CANE, what do you see?

Stripes that are RED like the BLOOD shed for me!

WHITE for my Savior, Who's sinless and pure!

"J" is for JESUS, My Lord that's for sure!

Turn it around And a staff you will see —

Jesus, my SHEPHERD, Is coming for me!

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Building Fund Update

February 28, 2008, will mark the end of the second year of our three year Capital Campaign. In January of 2005 we started the Capital Campaign with \$210,000 in savings. The \$210,000 came from the sale of parsonage, gifts to building fund and savings from the general budget. The "Growing in faith...Building for the future" was started with 69 households and friends pledging \$397,000 over the next 3 years. As of November 30, 2007, the amount of \$300,283 has been received. The following have added to the fund: Fundraisers totaling \$40,500 which include Golf Tournaments, Dances, and auction, Dinners, Acme/Redner tapes, and Breakfasts. \$33,000 has been received from Memorials, \$27,000 from Gifts, \$60,000 interest from investments.

Capital Revenue notes have raised \$50,000. These are loans from individuals at a lower rate than we get from the bank. If interested in this program, please contact Sally Hawke.

As I am sure you have noticed by the muddy parking lot, much ground work which included the burying of tanks and elevation work have been completed. The building is well under way and will be weather tight soon.

All of this ground work and construction, of course, must be paid for. We have income of \$720,000 and have paid bills amounting to \$618,000 leaving a balance as of November 30, 2007, of \$102,000.

If a family or anyone would like to participate in the third year of this campaign, please fill out a form that is on the table in the back of the church or contact me. After December 31, I will be sending individual financial reports for your records or tax purposes.

To this point we have not borrowed funds from the bank, but will need to in the near future. Moore's Chapel is to be commended for its support of this project. Keep up the good work as we walk in our journey of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Ken Howett



*"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good
will toward men."*

-- Luke 2:14

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I have several routes to take to get me from Rising Sun to my office in Elkton. I switch them around so I don't get bored. Some days I travel Blue Ball Road, other days I go up Biggs Highway and travel Route 40. On occasion I will go up to Route 213 to get to Elkton. This is even more critical on the return trip after a long day. Even though it is only a 25 minute drive there are the days I have to fight to stay awake. Did I just drive through a red light? Where did that truck come from? Oh! Those days when I feel like I am just going through the motions. Auto pilot. Are there other ways in which your life is on auto pilot? What about your faith?

In the 21st chapter of John there are two accounts of the disciples being on auto pilot. The first is when they are out on the boat fishing and Jesus comes and tells them where to cast the nets. Even though they had spent as much as three years with Him, Simon Peter, Thomas and Nathanael did not recognize the Man who told them to cast their net off the right side of the boat. They knew Jesus was gone so it couldn't possibly be Him. They were not paying attention to the details. Auto pilot. In the next verses Jesus is sitting next to Simon Peter eating some of the fish which had just been caught. Peter is just going through the motions so Jesus has to ask him three times about his commitment to Him. Feed My lambs. Take care of My sheep. Feed My Sheep. It is as if Peter is just telling Jesus what He wants to hear. No passion. No emotion. If you are a parent you remember teaching your children the simple graces. Say please and thank you. Say you are sorry when you hurt someone. How shallow did that sound coming from the mouth of your six year old, who wasn't the least bit sorry he hit his little sister? That's how I feel some Sundays. If I am on auto pilot I can sing all the verses of Amazing Grace without thinking about what each verse means. The Lord's Prayer, if said without passion and emphasis, is as exciting as reading a boxed cake mix. I almost feel as if God is rolling His eyes at me when I come to Him this way. So next time The Lord's Prayer is spoken I challenge you to think about every word.

Our Father who art in heaven : Can you see Him up there smiling with anticipation?

Hallowed be Your name: Hallowed means sacred. Say it that way.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done: We know who is in charge.

On earth as it is in heaven. Act like you are already there.

Give us this day our daily bread: Not the sliced kind. The kind that sustains us.

And forgive us our trespasses: Oh Lord you know I need this one.

As we forgive those who trespass against us: No time to list them here, but help me forgive them just the same.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: See "forgive us our trespasses."

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever:

Is there anything bigger, greater, wiser, or stronger than God?

Amen!

So I challenge you. The next time you say The Lord's Prayer, say it with meaning and passion. Say it so it evokes something way down deep in your spirit.

Don't go to The Lord on auto pilot.

The way,
The truth,
The light

YOUTH SCHEDULE

December:

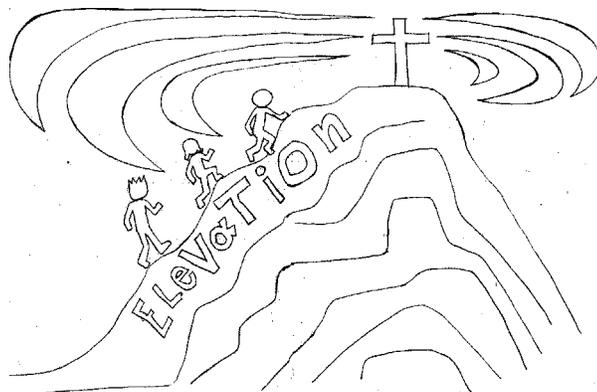
Sun.	Dec. 16	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Deliver Christmas treats and carol to Senior Saints
Tues.	Dec. 18	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Dec. 23	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Candlelight Cantata for everyone
Fri.	Dec. 28	7:00 p.m.-Midnight	Late night at the church! We will be having a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift that did not cost you anything, be creative!!! Also bring a friend and a snack to share .
Sun.	Dec.30		No Elevation today

January:

Fri.	Jan. 04	4:00 p.m.	Leave for Youth Rally
Sun.	Jan. 06	3:00 p.m.	Return from Youth Rally
Tues.	Jan. 08	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Jan. 13	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation at the church
Tues.	Jan. 15	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Jan. 20	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation at the church
Tues.	Jan. 22	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Jan. 27	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Confirmation class - grades 7-12
		6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation at the church

February:

Sun.	Feb. 03	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Confirmation class - grades 7-12 No Elevation tonight
Tues.	Feb. 05	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sat.	Feb. 09	8 a.m.-6 p.m.	Tubing trip, leave church 8 a.m.-return 6 p.m. Cost \$20 plus money for food.
Sun.	Feb. 10	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Confirmation class - grades 7-12 No Elevation tonight
Tues.	Feb. 12	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Feb. 17	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Confirmation class - grades 7-12
		6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation at the church
Tues.	Feb. 19	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Feb. 24	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Confirmation class - grades 7-12
		6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation at the church



We welcome everyone grades 6-12 to Elevation, come join the fun!!! Youth Praise Band is open to everyone ages 9-18.

Any questions about Youth Activities please contact Jen Arter at youth@moorschapel.org or 410.398.7245.

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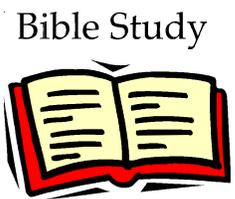
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DECEMBER 24, 2007 9 P.M.



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Join a group of friends old and new to discover what the Bible says about finances, fitness, your home, your time and your relationships.

Video driven Bible study begins
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Friday nights from 7-9pm
Study runs 8 weeks

The study will meet at the home of
Harvey and Jen Arter
Call Jen Arter 410-398-9150

PSST!!! Secret Sisters, want to know who has been praying for you all year? Mark your calendars for Saturday **January 26, 2008**. We will gather for a time of fellowship and find out who it is! More details to follow.



**SOUP & POTATO
LUNCHEON**
FEBRUARY 3, 2008
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BEEF & PIG ROAST
SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2008

VICTORY IN JESUS 2008

March 30, 2008 - April 2, 2008
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Thanks!

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FEBRUARY 24, 2008!!!

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Moore's Chapel Christmas Candlelight Cantata

December 23, 2007
7 p.m.



The Moore's Chapel Choir, special singers and actors will present "**The Promise of Christmas**" - the story of Christmas in song and tableau. Come join in the carol singing and watch the story of the birth of Jesus unfold in the glimmer of candlelight. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

Plan to be part of this Moore's Chapel Christmas Tradition - a special tradition for 56 years!