



OPEN HEARTS

OPEN MINDS

OPEN DOORS

## Calendar

**10/25** - Homecoming 10:30 am followed by a covered dish luncheon

**11/07** - Tag Day Breakfast 6-10 am

**11/13** - Dinner & A Movie "Fire-proof", dinner 6-7 pm, movie 7:15 pm, bring a friend!

**11/22** - Community Thanksgiving Service 7 pm at Baldwin, UMC.

**12/05** - Christmas Band Concert, 7-8 pm Upper Chesapeake Community Band

**12/13** - Sunday School Christmas Party & Dinner 5-7:30 pm

**12/17** - Charge Conference 7 pm

**12/20** - Candlelight Service 7 pm

**12/24** - Christmas Eve Service 9 pm

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## Pastor's Pen

By Rev. KyungMo Koo



### A Call to Tasks

In Mark 1:14-20, when Jesus called Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow him, he told them to leave their fishing business and become "fishers of men," to help others find God. We must note what Jesus offered them when he called the first disciples. He offered them a task. He called the disciples, not to a comfortable ease, not merely to keep or maintain a position, and not to a lethargic inactivity; he called them to a task in which they would have to spend themselves and burn themselves up, and, in the end, die for his sake and for the sake of their fellow men. He called them to a task wherein they could win something for themselves only by giving their all to him and to others.

Even though to serve God and others is a valuable and precious job, it is not easy to say, "Yes Lord. I am ready. May it happen to me as you have said." "Melt

me, mold me, and use me." Or "Here I am Lord, send me!" Many of us still hesitate to respond to Jesus' call to task. Throughout my personal ministerial experiences, I have found that there are two major and typical excuses of hesitating to answer the call.

First of all, we talk about our lack of qualification to serve. "I love you, Lord. I want to serve you, but I don't know what to do. I don't have a talent or gift to serve you. I am a rooky Christian and I do not know much about the structure or dynamics of the church. I don't think I am the right one to serve your mission and ministry."

It is interesting to note what kind of men the first disciples were. We often assume that Jesus' disciples were great men of faith from the first time they met Jesus. They were not men of great scholarship, or influence, or wealth, continued on page 2



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or social background. They were simple working people with no great background, and certainly, anyone would have said, with no great future. The Gospels record the constant failings, struggles, and doubts of these twelve men. They were just fishermen, a tax collector, and a revolutionary. It was these ordinary men whom Jesus chose.

No one ever believed in the ordinary man as Jesus did. Lincoln said, "God must love the common people—he made so many of them." The great commentator, William Barclay, wrote: "It was as if Jesus said, 'Give me twelve ordinary men and with them, if they will give themselves to me, I will change the world.'" It is not important whether we are a special person or not, whether we have special talent or not, rather, it is important to know first that our God is special, extraordinary, all-knowing, and all-powerful. God always uses ordinary men, someone like you and me, to accomplish His extraordinary tasks. If we are ready to surrender our plan and ready to obey God's calling, God will provide us the gifts, talents, resources, and whatever we need to accomplish these tasks.

Our second typical excuse for responding to the call is the delay excuse. How easily we say, "I will follow you and serve you, Lord, but not right now. I am not ready yet, Lord!" It sounds like the guests who were invited to God's heavenly banquet in Luke 14, "At the time of the banquet the Master (God) sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'"

In contrast, when Jesus called the disciples, they immediately dropped their nets and went with him. The manifestation of God's kingdom through Jesus brings good news. But it also brings certain tensions—leaving jobs and family relationships. Even more, do it immediately. It seems that this is what being a disciple has always required. Jesus' call motivated the first disciples to get up and leave their jobs immediately. Surprisingly, they didn't make excuses about why it wasn't a good time. They left at once and followed. We have to remember that delayed response is one of the un-responses.

To accept God's calling to task and to do His mission or ministry requires your self-denial, surrender, commitment or sacrifice, you don't hesitate or even mind, dropping your nets to follow Him. However, it

will give you a wonderful opportunity to mature spiritually. To be a servant for God and others, will benefit you the most. I'll just let you know the simple truth. The great violinist, Niccolo Paganini willed his marvelous violin to the city of Genoa on condition that it must never be played. The wood of such an instrument, while used and handled, wears only slightly, but set aside, it begins to decay. Paganini's lovely violin has today become worm-eaten and useless except as a relic. A Christian's unwillingness to serve may soon destroy his capacity for usefulness.

As pastor, I will continually and intentionally encourage you to start or to keep your current mission and ministry for the sake of your spirituality and God's glory. For this, from this October we have a plan for sharing information of each ministry or committee by an insert in every Sunday bulletin, a spiritual assessment, Bible Study, a preaching series, and a Ministry Fair. I look forward to seeing more of Moore's Chapel family accepting the invitation to serve God and participating in a more diverse ministry; whether Praise Band, Senior Choir, Stephen Ministry, Bible study, small groups, children and youth ministries, fundraising events, or various committees, a variety of missions and ministry opportunities, and, not the least, worship.

Jesus is calling each one of us still today. I strongly believe every one of us have a special place in the body of Christ, the Church and each of us has a gift to serve. After Jesus' invitation, the disciples' lives were changed forever; their perspective, way of thinking, way of living, and priority of life. It is a thrill and joy for me to see your life changed just as the lives of the fishermen on the Sea of Galilee were changed. Moore's Chapel is the place for transformation of our lives.

In Christ's Love,



Rev. KyungMo Koo



# DINNER & A MOVIE

November 13, 2009

Dinner 6-7 pm  
Movie begins at 7:15 pm

Movie - "Fireproof"



Mark your calendar and bring a friend!

Sunday School singing at our annual church picnic



## MOORE'S CHAPEL PICNIC



Be ye fishers of men...and an occasional fish



# Sunday School Christmas Party

December 13, 2009

5:00-7:30 pm

Dinner is being served at 5 pm.

Followed by our special guest

Jack Foreacker,  
with a puppet show.

Everyone is sure to enjoy  
this fun filled evening!

## Christmas Candlelight Service December 20, 2009 7 p.m.

The 58th Christmas Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, December 20 at 7 p.m. This year we are "Proclaiming the Miracle" in song, narration and drama. Many are preparing and giving of their time to make this evening a Christmas blessing for all attending. A special thank you to our resident seamstress, Trixie Waddell, who is turning the choir into "angels"! A miracle for sure!

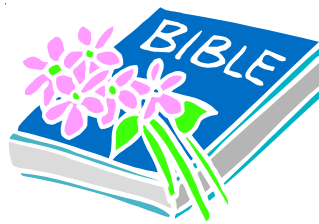
Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

**If you haven't before, make this a Christmas tradition for your family.**



**IF YOU WANT...**

- To restore the original image of God in you
- To find the meaning of being a mother
- To pray for your baby
- To live under the reign of God
- To say "yes" always to God
- To live a loving life in faith



**COME AS YOU ARE AND...**

**SEE** what the awesome God has planned for you.

**SHARE** whatever you are concerned about.

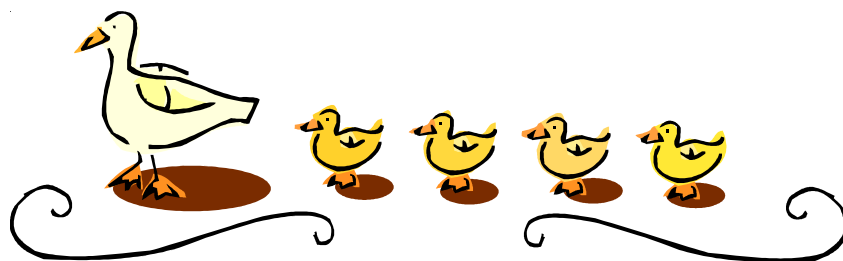
**DO** painting, drawing, writing, dancing, watching, and meditating.

**LEARN** that God has a vision for you.

**BECOME** co-walkers in the ongoing journey toward the kingdom of God.

**BIBLE STUDY FOR MOTHERS WITH BABIES**

4 Saturdays from January 9, 2010  
9:30 - 11:45 a.m.



**Candlelight Rehearsal Schedule**

Sun.	Nov. 29	2:00 pm	Cast & Choir
Sun.	Dec. 13	2:00 pm	Cast & Choir
Wed.	Dec. 16	7:00 pm	Cast & Choir (dress rehearsal)
Sat.	Dec. 19	9:00 am	Choir only
Sun.	Dec. 20	6:15 pm	Service begins at 7:00 pm

## Financial Report

August 31, marks the end of the first 6 months of our second Capital Campaign. \$71,725.00 of the approximate \$250,000 pledged has been received.

The Underwood Education Building cost \$1,500,000.00. To date the debt has been lowered to \$679,500.00. This has been achieved by financial commitments of our members, fund raisers, gifts and memorials.

Our loan from the bank has been a pay the interest only with the option of paying lump sums when they became available. Soon our pay interest only option will expire, and we must set up a principal interest payment each month. The monthly payment has yet to be determined.

The Finance Committee working with WSFS has lowered our interest rate from 6.75% fixed loan to 4.50% adjustable rate. This has lowered our monthly interest by \$2,000.00.

The Operating Budget is running behind the projected need each week. The budgeted amount needed each week is \$3,799 and the average weekly offering is \$3,348. However with the prudent spending of the committees involved we are still meeting our operating costs.

Much work has been done, much work is ahead of us. Whatever we place in God's hands will not be lost.

### Free Savings Programs

**Redner's** - Ask the cashier for a Save-A-Tape card and then use it each time you shop and save your receipts.

**Acme** - No card needed, just save your blue receipts.

Accumulate your receipts in an orderly fashion and place them in the blue folder at church. Redner's & Acme will donate 1% of your purchase to Moore's Chapel.

**iGive.com** - Before searching or shopping online visit iGive.com and select Moore's Chapel. A penny a search and portion of your purchase gets donated to Moore's Chapel.

**Tag Day Breakfast**  
**November 7, 2009**  
**6 am-10 am**

**Adults \$6**  
**Children \$3 (under 12)**



Join us for a delicious breakfast while you and your family are out picking that perfect Christmas tree at Pine Valley Tree Farm.



*Craft & Baked goods will be available for purchase.  
Proceeds benefit the building fund.*

## we are Merely humans vs. we Are humans... by SunAe Lee-Koo

One day Justin and I were conversing about good habits in terms of the antonym of an addiction. We were talking about incremental growth in his video-game and T.V. time, and even his eating habits. As a parent, I tried to give him good advice, not pushing him hard, telling him about our proneness to old habits even though we don't want to. I soon found that I gave him an excuse to say, "We are all only humans!" It spurred me to ponder the reason why we, Christians, who ask for God's help should excuse ourselves from doing what we think is right, by saying "well, we are just humans..." Right away, I told my son that it would be wrong to use and blame our humanness as an excuse for what we ought to, but failed to do. There are many Bible verses and socio-behavioral studies that can support that human nature is evil, and therefore, we are not able to do good as we want to. However, here in this little space, I want to present a thought that has rarely been treated in our thought process of 'well, we are only human.'

When we admit we are human, we are aware that God creates us and He desires our well-being according to his purpose and will of creation. When He created Adam-the representative of all human beings- humans were intended to tend and steward animals and other creatures through God-given governing ability; differentiating humans from animals. When He created Adam and Eve, humans were meant to be mutually accountable in the love of the community, through God-given loving ability. When God created the Garden of Eden, therefore, He saw "it ... very good" (Genesis 1:31). If we continue to blame our humanness as an inescapable cause of our weaknesses, then we are blaming God, who creates us in His goodness; we, as creatures, are telling Him, "Your creation is defected. The humans cannot do well because of the humanness that you put into us."

We may say that the good and perfect state of humanness was in the past, that is, before the fall of the first human. On one hand, it is true because we all spiritually died when Adam and Eve did not follow God's will, according to Genesis 3. Thence, all we can do is nothing but evil. On the other hand, it is not all about the story of God's creation, since Christ Redeemer came to save us; Christ Physician came to us to heal us; Christ the Lord came to us to be with us, as his name is Immanuel (God is with us). Christ Jesus, our Lord and Almighty God, in whom we trust, did not come to let us remain in our old habits. He came to us to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In Him are we able to find a seed of good habits "because God's seed abides in [us]" (1 John 3:9). In Him do we have hope to be transformed through the help of His Holy Spirit into the image of God.

When we keep saying "Oh well, we are humans," we are thinking of the situation without Christ; we keep the seed as a seed without hoping for its growth up till it becomes fruitful. To go back to our old habits, knowing it wrong is to act as if we were animals, rather than humans. Giving up on being humans as God created us to be is making ourselves lenient with our excuses, going back to old bad habits. We may have to say "Well, I just act like an animal, don't I?" rather than, "Well, I am just a human being."

We are created out of God's love. That love is an everlasting love. He is faithful to the end, despite our constant turning away from His love. He desires that we respond and return His love through our lives of loving, which restores the image of God through faith in Christ our Lord. It is not likely that we will find our way home when we say, "We are only humans." We, Christians, are to confess that we are humans; therefore, we are able to recover the image of God through Him, in Him, according to His will. When we confess in the sincere love of God that we want to return His love, not only our minds, but our hearts are in line with God's will. We, as a community of love, can uphold each other because we are one in the one same Love. Together we can grow and mature by cutting off our old, bad habits.

My Justin seems to have understood because he shows a difference in his life. Now it is my turn; I want to love God more and more through cutting off of my otiose undertakings... "Dear heavenly Father, Lord God Almighty, have mercy on me!"



October

is

Pastor Appreciation Month!

## Youth Schedule

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

It's amazing how much fun a room full of teenagers can have with something as simple as a ping pong ball. This is a good example of the fun that can be found during the Sunday night Elevation Youth Group meetings.



### October:

Sun.	Oct. 18	5:00-6:00 pm	Go Higher
		6:00-7:30 pm	Elevation
Sun.	Oct. 25	6:00-8:00 pm	Elevation-bonfire, marshmallow wars, & capture the flag at Walnut Springs Farm.

### November:

Sun.	Nov. 1		No Youth Activities
Sun.	Nov. 8	5:00-6:00 pm	Go Higher
		6:00-7:30 pm	Elevation
Sun.	Nov. 15	5:00-6:00 pm	Go Higher
		6:00-7:30 pm	Elevation
Fri.-Sat.	Nov. 20-21	8:00 pm-7:00 am	Lock-in at Moore's Chapel - open to all churches. Cost \$5 per person covers pizza at 11 pm. Bring a snack to share and a sleeping bag.
Sun.	Nov. 22		No Youth Activities
Sun.	Nov. 29	5:00-6:00 pm	Go Higher
		6:00-7:30 pm	Elevation

### December:

Sun.	Dec. 6		No Youth Activities-Girls Chrysalis closing.
Sun.	Dec. 13	5:00-7:30 pm	Sunday School Christmas Party
Sun.	Dec. 20	7:00 pm	Christmas Candlelight Service
Sun.	Dec. 27	6:00-11:00 pm	Elevation game night and movie, bring a snack to share.

### January:

Sun.	Jan. 3	5:00-6:00 pm	Go Higher
		6:00-7:30 pm	Elevation-practice for youth service
Fri.-Sun.	Jan. 8-10		Youth Rally-Ocean City, MD
Sun.	Jan. 10		No Youth Activities
Sun.	Jan. 17	5:00-6:00 pm	Go Higher
		6:00-7:30 pm	Elevation
Sun.	Jan. 24	5:00-6:00 pm	Go Higher
		6:00-7:30 pm	Elevation
Sat.	Jan. 30		Student leaders and adult volunteers Ignite Conference
Sun.	Jan. 31	5:00-6:00 pm	Go Higher
		6:00-7:30 pm	Elevation

Elevation is at the church unless otherwise stated. Any questions please contact our Youth Leader, Jen Arter at youth@mooreschapel.org or 717-434-6179.



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*Join us for our Family  
Christmas Eve Service 9 pm*



Moore's  Chapel

**Homecoming  
Celebrating 138 years  
1871-2009**

**Oct. 25, 2009  
10:30 am**

Moore's Chapel will celebrate its annual Homecoming service on Sunday, October 25 with one service at 10:30 a.m. Bruce Fite will bring the message and the special music. There will be lots of singing by the congregation as well as by the Moore's Chapel Praise Team and the Choir.

After the service, everyone can get together for a covered dish luncheon and fellowship.

