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## Moore's Chapel Homecoming Service

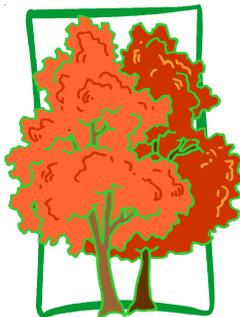
October 24, 2010

10:30am

Moore's Chapel will be celebrating its annual Homecoming and 139th anniversary on Sunday, October 24, 2010 for a combined 10:30 service. We welcome our bishop, The Rev. Peggy Johnson. Bishop Johnson serves the United Methodist Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula Delaware Conference.

Mary Beth Miller, Music Director and Worship Coordinator from Janes UMC will be the guest soloist. Moore's Praise Band, Choir and Sunday School Singers will also provide special music. Plan to worship with your family and friends for this joyful "Praise to the Lord" occasion on a colorful, fall Sunday. We invite anyone who would like to place flowers in the church in memory or to honor loved ones to do so.

A covered dish luncheon and time of fellowship will follow the service.



## Pastor's Pen

by Rev. KyungMo Koo

**Let's share our  
burden together!**

Moore's Chapel, as family of God, has faithfully served God in Blake for the last 138 years. We obeyed God's vision for the next generations to build a building and faithfully again showed our financial commitment for the Underwood Educational Building that is at an estimated cost of 1.5 million dollars. Since February 2005, many families committed to first and second pledge campaign, along with many fundraisers. As of August 31, 2010 –more than \$900,000 has been paid off. I believe this is a miracle of God for Moore's Chapel. I want to say thank you to the Moore's Chapel family for the financial commitment they showed for the last five years.

However, an inevitable result of stretching ourselves for the building fund under these economic conditions, we now are wrestling with the operating budget.

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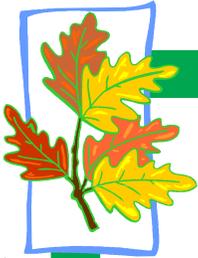
Save these dates-

- 10/09 Beef & Pig Roast 3:30-7pm
- 10/24 Homecoming 10:30am
- 10/30 A Knight at the Castle Dance 7-9pm
- 11/06 Tag Day Breakfast 6-10am
- 11/13 Beyond the Pews 8:30am-2pm
- 11/20 Charge Conference 4pm
- 11/21 Community Thanksgiving service 7pm  
at Cherry Hill, UMC
- 12/10 Sunday School Christmas Party 6pm
- 12/19 Candlelight service 7pm

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There is more than \$20,000 projected deficit for the operating budget as of August 31 and this has limited our mission and ministry.

We are now facing a large financial obstacle and we are at the point that we have to do something drastic to get past this crisis.

From the time I realized our financial difficulties, I have been praying for this issue before God. I don't believe this is business just for a few lay leaders, or the administrative council members or our treasurer Kenny or just pastor. As a family in faith we all have to know how serious our financial status is, should be concerned and pray together, and need to share the burden together, too. As your spiritual leader, I would like to introduce 4 different approaches to overcoming the financial difficulty before us.

First, there is a passive way, we cut our current spending. We can save money by spending less; reduce our routine expenses or postpone any activities or events that demand money. In fact, we already have been doing this after we acquired the debt for our building project. Each committee and ministry is on a minimum budget. The church staff's salary has mostly been kept the same. I don't believe any of the current church staff is overpaid compared with other churches. These methods are effective only for limited time.

The second way out of our financial difficulty is an active way, we try to earn more money. We can make more money through various fundraising events. Even though we had and are involved in successful fundraisers, we can do more on a regular basis. For example, we can serve luncheons or dinners for our church family and community once a month such as a Spaghetti Dinner, a Family Pizza Night, or perhaps a Taste of Italy. We can help the operating budget by changing the fundraising priority; we can temporarily use every fundraiser only for the operating budget; not only the proceeds from our current fundraiser (golf tournament, church yard sale, tag-day breakfast, pig-beef roast) but also the proceeds from youth, UMM, UMW or new fundraisers, too, until our financial situation stabilizes. Or, we can rent our new facility to the public more aggressively.

Third, there is an extreme or radical way to solve this financial crisis. We can change the fundamental structure of the church in a drastic way; For example, we sell the church property (we need to have property to sell first for this option!); Or if

we have a retired pastor or a student pastor (one who still is in seminary), or a local pastor (a pastor who hasn't gone to seminary), rather than a full time pastor like me, we would save half of the current pastor's compensation immediately. Or, if we change every staff position from paying to a volunteer position, that will also be a big savings. This looks like a very attractive option mathematically but this would be a serious risk and maybe would bring worst consequences. In my opinion this would be regressive, not progressive.

Lastly, we have the enthusiastic way, we can show a greater financial commitment and stewardship. Even though we have faithfully contributed our tithes, to the building fund and the regular offering, we can encourage each other in faith and evaluate again our financial priorities and commitment. Certainly this is the most demanding and painful way for all of us, however, I believe this is the most faith-based and compassionate way to solve our financial difficulty.

Some of you probably are not comfortable hearing this last option that encourages more giving to solve the lack in the church's operating budget. "Pastor, God ask too much. I think I have given my portion before God. Don't push me hard to give more. I don't have any money to give." I understand your financial difficulty and I perceive that our country is in a recession; Yes, everyone is in difficulty, many of us are having a tough time, and some of us are in desperate financial straits. I don't want to be a motivation speaker who touches people's emotions or a tax collector who forcefully squeezes people to contribute more money. But I have to plea once again, "Let's share our burden together!" Not because we have to do it as a responsibility of membership, but because we are family and we love God and Moore's Chapel dearly.

I want to share with you a short story that always speaks to me whenever I am struggling with the issue of money. The title is "How much to give?" "Go give to the needy sweet charity's bread. For giving is living," the angel said. "And must I be giving again and again?" My immature answer ran. "Oh, no," said the angel, piercing me through, "Just give till the Master stops giving to you." If we are really smart mathematically, we always remember this, "Give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving."

In Christ's Love - Rev. KyungMo Koo



# Beyond The Pews

*What's the next step?*

Beyond the Pews is a gathering for all who would like to grow in their walk with Christ.

**Date: Saturday, November 13, 2010**

**Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

*Breakfast, lunch and child care provided*

**Place: Moore's Chapel UMC**

**392 Blake Road, Elkton, MD 21921**

*What is God's will for my life?  
I feel like something is missing in my life?  
I think I am saved. How can I be sure?  
I have accepted Jesus as my savior, Isn't that all there is?  
I didn't grow up in church or Sunday School. Did I miss too much to catch up?  
How can I have a more loving, harmonious relationship  
with my spouse, children, family and others?  
What does it mean to have a personal relationship with God and why is that important?*

**We are all on a life long spiritual journey and sometimes it is confusing. If you find yourself asking any of these questions or others you are not alone. So come, relax and enjoy a day of fellowship, song and information sharing set in a warm, informal atmosphere.**

**Please rest assured you will not be put on the spot in anyway to share, read aloud or have any prior Bible knowledge.**

**Beyond the Pews is open to all, so bring a friend!  
There is no charge, but please register by  
Tuesday, Nov 9th to provide us with a head count  
and child care count.**

*Email: [missions@mooreschapel.org](mailto:missions@mooreschapel.org)  
Or phone: Sue McDade 410 287 7293*



## I'm a Little Tea Cup



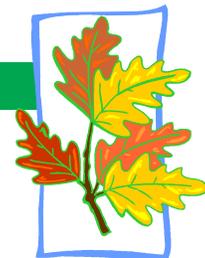
There was a couple who took a trip to England to shop in a beautiful antique store to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They both liked antiques and pottery, and especially teacups. Spotting an exceptional cup, they asked “May we see that? We’ve never seen a cup quite so beautiful.” As the lady handed it to them, suddenly the teacup spoke, “You don’t understand. I have not always been a teacup. There was a time when I was just a lump of red clay. My master took me and rolled me, pounded and patted me over and over and I yelled out, “Don’t do that. I don’t like it! Let me alone,” but he only smiled, and gently said, “Not yet.”

Then WHAM! I was placed on a spinning wheel and suddenly I was made to suit him and then he put me in the oven. I never felt such heat. I yelled and knocked and pounded at the door. “Help! Get me out of here!” I could see him through the opening and I could read his lips as he shook his head from side to side, “Not yet.” When I thought I couldn’t bear it another minute, the door opened. He carefully took me out and put me on the shelf, and I began to cool. Oh, that felt so good! “Ah, this is much better,” I thought. But, after I cooled he picked me up and he brushed and painted me all over. The fumes were horrible. I thought I would gag. “Oh, please, stop it, stop, I cried.” He only shook his head and said, “Not yet.”

Then suddenly he puts me back in to the oven. Only it was not like the first one. This was twice as hot and I just knew I would suffocate. I begged. I pleaded. I screamed. I cried. I was convinced I would never make it. I was ready to give up. Just then the door opened and he took me out and again placed me on the shelf, where I cooled and waited and waited, wondering, “What’s he going to do to me next?” An hour later he handed me a mirror and said, “Look at yourself.” And I did. I said, “That’s not me. That couldn’t be me. It’s beautiful. I’m beautiful!”

Quietly he spoke: “I want you to remember. I know it hurt to be rolled and pounded and patted, but had I just left you alone, you’d have dried up. I know it made you dizzy to spin around on the wheel, but if I had stopped, you would have crumbled. I know it hurt and it was hot and disagreeable in the oven, but if I hadn’t put you there, you would have cracked. I know the fumes were bad when I brushed and painted you all over, but if I hadn’t done that, you never would have hardened. You would not have had any color in your life. If I hadn’t put you back in that second oven, you wouldn’t have survived for long because the hardness would not have held. Now you are a finished product. Now you are what I had in mind when I first began with you.”

The moral of this story is this: God knows what He’s doing for each of us. He is the potter, and we are His clay. He will mold us and make us and expose us to just enough pressures of just the right kinds that we may be made into a flawless piece of work to fulfill His good, pleasing and perfect Will. So when life seems hard, and you are being pounded and patted and pushed almost beyond endurance; when your world seems to be spinning out of control; when you feel like you are in a fiery furnace of trials; when life seems to “stink”, try this: Brew a cup of your favorite tea in your prettiest tea cup, or coffee, sit down and think on this story and then, have a little talk with the Potter.



## Youth Schedule

Oct. 2010

Sun. Oct. 3	1-5pm	Crop Walk in Rising Sun, leave Moore's 1pm, return 5pm. All are welcome!
Wed. Oct. 6	5-6pm	Go Higher music practice ages 9-18
Sun. Oct. 10	6-7:30pm	Elevation-register for the youth rally grades 7-12
Wed. Oct. 13	5-6pm	Go Higher music practice ages 9-18
Sun. Oct. 17	6-8pm	Romans vs Christians at Walnut Springs Farm. Bring your friends, flashlight and strategy to save your fellow Christians from the Lion's jaws.
Wed. Oct. 20	5-6pm	Go Higher music practice
Sun. Oct. 24	6-7:30pm	Elevation
Wed. Oct. 27	5-6pm	Go Higher music practice
Sun. Oct. 31	8:30am	Go Higher special music at 8:30 service
	6-7:30pm	Elevation-What is Halloween all about anyway?



### You Ask Why I Follow Jesus?

**Author Unknown**

You ask why I follow this Jesus?  
 Why I love Him the way I do?  
 When the world's turned away from His teachings  
 And the people who serve Him are few.  
 It's not the rewards I'm after  
 Or gifts that I hope to receive  
 It's the presence that calls for commitment  
 It's the Spirit I trust and believe.  
 The Lord doesn't shelter His faithful  
 Or spare them all suffering and pain,  
 Like everyone else I have burdens,  
 And walk through my share of rain.  
 Yet He gives me a plan and a purpose,  
 And that joy only Christians have known,  
 I never know what comes tomorrow,  
 But I do know I'm never alone.  
 It's the love always there when you need it;  
 It's the words that redeem and inspire,  
 It's the longing to ever be with Him  
 That burns in my heart like a fire.  
 So you ask why I love my Lord Jesus?  
 Well, friend, that so easy to see,  
 But the one thing that fills me with wonder is  
 Why Jesus loves someone like me.



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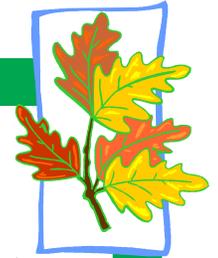
Beef & Pig Roast

October 9, 2010

3:30-7 pm

Adults \$12  
Children \$5 (10 & under)

Take out is available.



## Tag Day Breakfast

November 6, 2010

6-10 am

Adults \$6.50

Children \$4

(ages 4-11)

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.*

## Sunday School Christmas Party

December 10, 2010

6 pm

"Sharing the gifts  
God has given us"

Meat, Macaroni & cheese,  
rolls and drinks will be provided.  
Please bring a side dish to share.



## Candlelight Service

December 19, 2010

7 pm

"Take Us to the Manger" will be presented featuring music, drama and narration. This Christmas service, begun in 1951, has become a Christmas tradition at Moore's Chapel, not only for our church members but to the surrounding community as well. Plan to make this a part of your Christmas worship.

### Rehearsals:

November 28 - 2-5 pm - cast and choir

December 4 - 9 am - choir

December 12 - 2-5 pm - cast and choir

December 16 - 7 pm - cast and choir

December 18 - 9am - choir





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## *@ Masquerade Knight at the Castle*

*October 30, 2010*

*@ Family Dance from 7-9 pm*

*Music by The Perfect Beat  
Dance Lessons 7:30 pm*

*Mask Contest!  
Make a Mask, compete for prizes!*

*Tickets \$5*

*Call 443-553-8420*

