



Moore's Messenger

Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

Fall
2011

Chik-fila for the soul

By Kim Lewin



When my family moved north from Charles County, Maryland, we felt creating a home in Pennsylvania would answer all our prayers. Once we were settled in our home, we began what I called Church Shopping; the first step for any prayer to be answered. I grew up in a Methodist Church, but my last church membership was at a Presbyterian Church in Waldorf, Maryland. Jeff was from a Catholic Home, and his last Church Membership was also at a Catholic Church in Waldorf. We were not ruling out any denomination. We had a son now, and we were both committed to finding the perfect blend of youth activities and adult connections for our Sunday Mornings and beyond! Every week we would attend a different church until we found the perfect fit. One particular church we attended more than once had an amazing children's program! They had a theater in the children's room, a sound system, and enticing props!

During Peter's Sunday School Jeff and I would attend church. The connection for Jeff and I wasn't there. We felt no passion from the congregation because they were so large. Weeks had passed and we kept thinking it isn't about our salvation, but Peter's, so we endured. One evening Jeff was working late, so Peter and I decided to have dinner at Chik-fil-a in Elkton. It was the same evening the Moore's Chapel Youth Group was hosting a fundraiser. I saw children of all ages and many adults, that I immediately felt connected to. The following Sunday, Jeff, Peter and I began to attend Moore's Chapel. Each Sunday I am reminded of God's Power. Two years ago we started attending Moore's Chapel, I think that without a chik-fil-a chicken sandwich and waffle fries, Jeff and I could still be shopping around for the right church. Instead today, all of our bodies and souls are nourished, and not just from Chik-fil-a! We were hungry to hear God's Word and Moore's Chapel fed us!

Save these dates:

- October 7-First Friday
- October 8-Fall Pig Roast
- October 29-Knight at the Castle
- October 30-Homecoming
- November 5-Tag Day Breakfast

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Knight at the Castle

"Think of it as a wedding reception without the bride and groom."

That's how to best describe A Knight at the Castle, the family dance October 29 at Moore's Chapel from 6 - 8 p.m.. This will be the fourth year for this event. Wear your party finery or come in a costume. Either way, make a mask and bring it to compete for fun prizes! Admission is \$5 per person. Music will be provided by **The Perfect Beat**. We will have a free dance lesson too! Tickets will be available at the church. Please consider inviting your scout troop, soccer team, neighborhood friends and family to this wonderful event!

Call Jane Bellmyer 443-553-8420 for details



Youth Mission Trip





Homecoming

Sunday, October 30th, at 10:30

This year we are celebrating 140 years of Moore's Chapel's continuing service in our neighborhood, community and the world through a strong commitment to spreading the Word of god and the saving grace of Jesus Christ to missions, here and abroad.

Our guest speaker is The Rev. Derrick Porter, the District Superintendent for our Wilmington District. Those attending last year's Charge Conference at Moore's chapel heard his mini-sermon and were inspired. We look forward to his message.

Music will fill the church with specials by our Praise Band, a solo by Megan Weisek, the Choir and the congregation raising their voices singing favorite hymns.

A covered dish luncheon will follow. Plan to attend this day of worship and celebration.



Rev. Derrick Porter



Hospitality

We want to invite each and every one of you to share in our church family hospitality every Sunday. We meet between the first and second services in the fellowship hall starting at approximately 9:30. If you haven't attended yet, what are you waiting for? If you have been coming, please invite any guests we have at the service.

If you would like to help with hospitality, please let me know. We have a sign up sheet outside of the multi-purpose room, and we have a list of instructions in the kitchen. If you have not helped in the past, you will be gently guided through the process and you will not be left to set up by yourself.

Some of you have said that you can help set up but not clean up and vice versa. This can be a great compromise. Just let me know and we'll get you on the schedule. We are happy to have you in any way you can help.

Others have asked if they can bring something. Absolutely! Take it to the fellowship hall by 9:30. We thank you in advance.

The Moore's Chapel family hospitality time is a wonderful way to catch up with friends while getting a delicious bite to carry you through Sunday school. We look forward to seeing you!

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Candlelight Service

December 18, 2011

7p.m.

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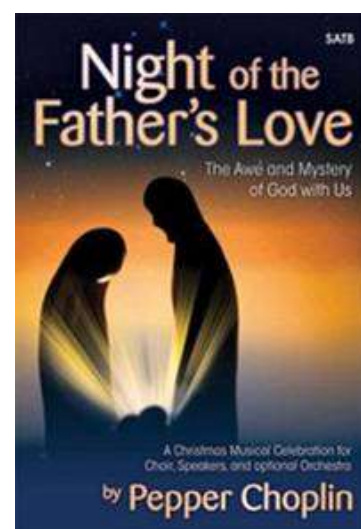
60th Year

In 1951, the first Christmas Candlelight Service was a highlight of the Christmas season at Moore's Chapel. This tradition has continued, and this year we celebrate 60 years of proclaiming the birth of Jesus to our church fellowship and our community.

Over the years the program has grown in complexity and outreach. Many volunteers (some may question this) become directors, actors, stage crew, decorators, readers, typists, sound and lighting technicians and musicians.

"Night of the Father's Love" by Pepper Choplin will be presented with music and drama ending with the candlelighting ceremony. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Any questions about these events, please contact
Ruthann Johnson 410-398-4313.





Elevation

Youth Activities for students in grades 6-12
Join us for fellowship and study each week.

October 2

6-7:30

How can I Love "Them"?

Last day to register for youth rally at discounted price

October 9

6-7:30

Meet a Need!

Bring money or donation for Ray of Hope

October 21

1:00 PM

Set up for Fire in the Darkness

Meet at Walnut Springs Farm

October 23

6-9:00

Fire in the Darkness

Bring your friends! Bonfire, Hayrides, Giant Sling-shot, Pumpkin Bowling, Corn Maze, Concession Stands, Stomp by GZ Master's Commission

October 30

6-7:30

Elevation at Moore's Chapel

For more information on these events or Elevation please contact Jen Arter 717-434-6179

FIRE
in the darkness

Free Bonfire Youth Event
for all teens in grades 6-12 so Bring your Friends!
October 23, 6 to 9pm

Guest Speaker: *David Burke*
Worship & Concert: *Defeat the Deep*
Special Guests: *GZ Master's Commission*

Mega Walnut Slingshot, Hay Ride, Pumpkin Bowling,
Corn Maze, Bonfire, Concession Stand, Concert, etc

3910 Blue Ball Rd Elkton MD 21921
on the grounds of the Walnut Springs Farm

TODAY'S FIRE DANGER
EXTREME

Teens and groups from all denominations welcome. **Group Leaders** should call Jen Arter 717-434-6179 to reserve space. We're also inviting Nonprofit Christian groups to bring information to share with the youth in our exhibit area.



Missions and Evangelism

The Missions and Evangelism Committee is tasked with reaching out to people with the Good News of Jesus Christ, welcoming them with genuine Christian hospitality so that they may develop a relationship with God and live as Christian disciples. To accomplish this role, we have been busy these past few months...



We organized or participated in:

Cabin Fever: We had 34 groups attend. They handed out information about their activities and brought a craft for the kids. Moore's Chapel had a booth and over 50 kids make Resurrection Necklaces.

ServeFest: This community event was held on May 14th. Our church completed a large roofing project as well as projects at Plumpton Park Zoo and Fair Hill.

SunFest in Rising Sun: We had 125 kids come to the Moore's Chapel booth to make panda puppets to advertise for VBS.

In addition to the events, The Missions and Evangelism committee has been putting together welcome bags for our visitors. The bags will contain a pen, bookmark, and folder personalized with Moore's Chapel information. The folder will contain a Welcome Letter from Pastor Koo, Sunday School, and Youth Group. These bags should be available soon to help our visitors feel welcome and learn more about our ministry.

Upcoming M&E events at Moore's Chapel are:

A Knight at The Castle: Moore's Chapel's family dance, returns from 6 – 8 pm. Admission is \$5 per person, kids 3 and under are free. Please bring a stocking stuffer type toy to benefit Ray of Hope Mission Center's Christmas Toy Drive. Dance lessons, a mask decorating contest and goodies too! Round up the neighborhood for an evening of family fun!

Winter Rotating Shelter: Moore's Chapel will host the rotating shelter for two weeks this January. Dates are January 16-30, 2012. This give us more time to get to know the residents and to minister to them. Sue McDade will be speaking more about this in the fall and asking for volunteers and donations.

We will also be participating in Stockings for Soldiers and Operation Christmas Child. More details will be available as the Christmas season approaches.

Please contact Sue McDade with any ideas or questions for the Missions and Evangelism Committee.



Humor

With Football season in full force, I think it is necessary to share some common language between football and church.

BLITZ-The strategic play that takes place two seconds after closing prayer as everyone rushes for their favorite restaurant.

BLOCKING-Talking endlessly to the pastor at the church door and keeping everyone else from exiting.

COMMERCIAL-Announcements.

DRAW PLAY-What many children (and not a few adults) do with their bulletins during the service.

END ZONE-The pews.

EXTRA POINT-What you receive when you tell the preacher his sermon was too short.

HALFTIME-The period between Sunday school and worship when many choose to leave.

HOLDING-Passing on the offering place without putting in a cent.

ILLEGAL MOTION-Leaving before the benediction.

QUARTERBACK SNEAK-How the pastor gets from the pulpit to the rear door during the benediction.

RAIN DELAY-Baptism

TIMEOUT-Refreshment time in the Fellowship Hall.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING-The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

BENCHWARMER - Those who do not sing, pray, work, or do anything but sit.

BACKFIELD-IN-MOTION - Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

STAYING IN THE POCKET - What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

END RUN - Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

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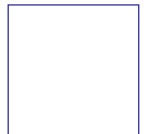
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