



# Moore's Messenger

Open Hearts

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## Pastor's Pen

### We are better together

#### Save these dates:

- May 7<sup>th</sup>-Taste of Italy
- May 9<sup>th</sup>-Calvert Manor
- May 14<sup>th</sup>-Serve Fest
- June 5<sup>th</sup>-Praising @ the Pond
- June 20-24 VBS
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There are many differences between Western culture and Eastern culture; from the way of thinking and way of living to food, housing, and family structure. One of the most obvious differences between the East and the West is the concept of individualism and independence. When I was a child in Korea and got into trouble, it was common to hear, "Who's your dad? Or which family do you belong to?" When I asked SunAe to marry me, my family and parents' opinions were just as important as my own. Marriage was definitely not a decision between SunAe and me, but business between the Koo family and the Lee family. Whether it was school, community, work, military service, or church, personal interests or wants were always secondary.

However, Western culture, in comparison, can simply be described as a culture of individualism. We believe that the individual and his or her interests are held to be more important than what is best for the community. "I" certainly is more important than "we," and an individual's freedom is always ahead of community order, and personal independence is held as a virtue. Unlike Eastern culture, here, we only ask "Who am I?" and "What is my responsibility?" Here, I decide who I marry and then let the family know about it later; we guide our children in financial and relational independence. We teach them to live a life of independence, a clear line between "I" and "you," and that every individual needs space and privacy. We encourage them to be creative individuals and advise them, "Be Yourself." The belief is that if we are dependent, we are a burden to our family, community, and society.



## SERVE

Living Proof of a Loving God

Hundreds of churches providing thousands of volunteers from the Baltimore area will team up to participate in ServeFest, a one-day, hands-on serving event taking place on Saturday, May 14th in various locations across Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County, Howard County, Cecil County and Anne Arundel County aiming to show kindness to others and build the community.

ServeFest is a one-day event open to anyone that would like to spend a day serving others in the Baltimore area in dozens of different types of projects in a variety of locations including public schools, clean-up projects, park clean-up projects, home and facility repairs, volunteering at facilities assisting disabled individuals and seniors, serving non-profit organizations, taking part in care giving opportunities and participating in prayer teams. Churches and community organizations will work during the day to serve others through ServeFest with the goal of providing living proof of a loving God to people in the community.

Cecil County is in need of volunteers to assist in the eight projects Serve Fest has planned. Please visit the website at <http://www.servefestmd.org/cecil-co/> or see Jane if you have questions.



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However, Christianity is beyond individualism and far beyond independence; Christian faith requires interdependence. As we well know, Christianity is not about *my* righteousness, but about the grace of God; not my good works, but faith in Jesus Christ; not my power or ability, but the power and strength of the Holy Spirit. Even though this dependence makes some Christians uncomfortable, through this vertical relationship with God, we are called to totally depend on Him and His plan. In our horizontal relationships with fellow Christians, God calls us not to a declaration of independence but rather to a declaration of interdependence where we say, "We need each other," within our community of faith, the church.

As Christians, we are in the greatest danger when we are isolated. We simply need each other. We need each other for affirmation and accountability, for direction and discipline, for companionship, for protection, and for comfort. That is how God designed us and that is what God intended for us. We all need each other and we need to build a community because we are better together! Christians rarely survive when they are apart from the faith community. As Christians, we are a community of faith and are called to serve Christ and the world together.

Recently, we finished the Bible study, "Better Together." It introduced us to the reality and essential characteristics of faith, such as interdependence, relationships, and our community in the journey of our faith. Doug and Jane Johnson served dinner every Friday night, volunteers served as baby-sitters, and more than 50 people attended this six-week Bible study. It emphasized that it is impossible to fulfill God's purpose for our lives by ourselves; we need each other. We learned that we can fulfill God's purpose in a community with other people; This was a great opportunity to realize that if, "we fellowship better together, we grow better together, we serve better together, we worship better together, and we reach out better together!" I believe that this study has taught us that God wants us to realize our need for others in order to grow into the people He desires us to be.

In terms of sports, our faith journey in life can be described as a marathon. The marathon is one of the most difficult sports in the world because it not only has a physical distance of more than 26 miles, but also a psychological test of doing it by oneself. Even worse, can you imagine running the marathon by yourself without other runners? It is hard for me to run even two miles by myself.

When we describe our faith, it is usually described as a walk or journey. Have you been trying to go alone in your walk with Christ? Do you believe God intended you to face every challenge in life without the support of other believers? We all know that there are situations in life that nobody should ever have to go through alone. The good news is that we were not meant to face the crises of life alone. Even though bad things will happen in our lives, God has given us the church and fellow Christians so that we can support each other, pray for each other, and love each other. If we're walking with Christ, we're walking with one another. Thankfully, God has given us a beautiful church, Moore's Chapel, and a wonderful church family where we are on a walk together, all heading for the same destination: eternal life with Christ. We need other believers to walk with us, to work with us, to watch out for us, to weep and laugh with us, and to witness with us. Together we are better! Let us commit to live our lives through a dependent relationship with God and interdependent relationships with others. We are indeed better together!

Amen.

In Christ's Love,

Rev. KyungMo Koo



## Cabin Fever 2011

By Jane Bellmyer

In its third year Cabin Fever was bigger and better than ever. Moore's Chapel hosted Cabin Fever March 12 with 29 groups operating booths in the gym and another 5 outside. Kids of all ages made birdhouses, duck calls, nature journals, flowerpots, pressed flower bookmarks and Gospel necklaces. There were opportunities to learn about safe boating, erosion, animal footprints, bicycle safety and more. This year Cabin Fever friends also got to meet some pretty cool animals; a peregrine falcon, a barn owl, screech owls and Zoe the zebra.



Some of the demonstrations included a rain gutter regatta, which is racing boats in a 10-foot length of rain gutter, and Fatal Vision goggles. These goggles imitate the sensation of being drunk. It was a good lesson for all who tried to navigate wearing these goggles.

Of course the goal was to connect friends with new places to go outside and play and new activities for when spring arrived. Mountain biking, camping, trail walking, and Frisbee golf were among the offerings.

There were a lot of new faces at our church this year and we hope to see them come back and worship with us soon. Moore's Chapel's Vacation Bible School had a booth and Montanna Elliott and Stacy Cost report lots of children have already signed up for VBS, which takes place in June.

Plans are already being made for Cabin Fever 2012.





## 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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## Praising @ the Pond

Come join us for Ministry and fun as we worship at Montgomery Pavilion on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

Feast on nourishment for your body including hotdogs and strawberry shortcake.



Nourishment for your soul will be provided as well. Kingsfield a Praise Team from Jacob's Well in Chesapeake City will be on hand for our entertainment.

Check out the band link at  
<http://www.kingsfieldband.com>

You won't want to miss out on the fun including our very own Fisherman Doug on hand to instruct on the finer points of fishing.

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## Night at Calvert Manor Nursing Home

Please join us for a rewarding experience as our choir and children perform at the Calvert Manor Nursing Home on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

There are many other ways to volunteer at the nursing home if you can't join us in May. Please see the list of opportunities available at Calvert Manor and also check them out on the web. <http://www.calvertmanor.com>

### Volunteer Opportunities

You can visit once a week, once a month, or annually - we schedule to suit your needs.

- Visit one-on-one with residents
- Read
- Sing
- Play games
- Crafts
- Computer
- Play cards
- Help with organized programs
- Play musical instruments
- Pet visits (*pets require current health certificate*)



## Golf Outing



Dust off your clubs for the Duffers and Divots Golf Outing to benefit the Moore's Chapel building fund. Tee off time is at 8:00 AM on Saturday, July 23. The golf scramble will take place at Furnace Bay Golf and Country Club. Even if you are a better spectator than golfer there are many ways to contribute to the success of this event. For more information about playing or sponsorship, please contact Jeff Lewin at [bluenose1970@verizon.net](mailto:bluenose1970@verizon.net) or 610-932-8586.



## Vacation Bible School

What happens when a pack of fun-loving panda bears invades your church?



A wild celebration of God's unconditional love!  
At PandaMania VBS, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that He crafted each of us with his own loving hands. For more information including dates and times And volunteer opportunities please contact Montanna Elliott at [montannaelliott@marykay.com](mailto:montannaelliott@marykay.com)



## Taste of Italy

**Ciao! Come join us in a Villa like atmosphere as we celebrate a "Taste of Italy!" on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will include a variety of Italian cuisine, family recipes of age-old Italian family recipes. Special music will be provided and a handsome wait staff will meet your every dining requests. This event will directly benefit the Moore's Chapel Building fun. Tickets are available now! Bring your family, neighbors, shut-ins, and friends to this special evening.**

**We are asking for donations of 1-2 jars of "gravy" or commonly referred to as "Spaghetti Sauce".**

**All leftover food will be donated to Ray of Hope.**

**The event coordinators, Rosie Rierson and Lois Taylor are in need of yard umbrellas and artificial trees and plants.**

## Better Together

Janet Tamargo thanks the members of Moore's Chapel who, during the Better Together bible study, decided to help Janet clean up and clean out her home and yard. Better Together taught us how to respond to our congregation, our neighbors and the world.





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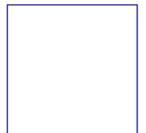
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