



Moore's Messenger

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Winter
2011

Pastor's Pen

Save these dates:

- Saturday, January 22
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?
- Saturday, February 13
Praise and Worship
Service with Covered Dish Dinner

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In 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10, Paul expresses thanks to God for the church in Thessalonica as seen in their spiritual growth. Paul is writing about why he thanks God for them more than any other church. He even goes so far as to call them a model church—they are 'an example to all the believers.' They must be really good, I believe, because Paul has always had a high standard for faith and Christian life. How did this church win such an honor from the apostle Paul? Why did Paul think so highly of them? It doesn't mean that they were perfect; however, they were enough to be a model of spiritual vitality—they fit Paul's profile of a healthy church.

What Paul gave credit to the Thessalonians for is not the excellence of their attendance numbers or annual budget, not the beautiful building or facilities, and not the overwhelmingly advanced youth and children programs. They have the right goals, attitudes, and priorities.

According to Paul's profile, the church in Thessalonica is characterized by faith, love, and hope. They have faith in Christ that produces work, love in Christ that produces labor, and hope in Christ that produces endurance; these people's lives are not only clear evidence that they are chosen by God the Father, but also proof the Holy Spirit is powerfully at work within them.

Just as Paul encouraged the church of Thessalonica, I would like to tell Moore's Chapel that we too can be a model church of our day. As a spiritual leader, I always give thanks to God for Moore's Chapel, constantly mentioning all of you in my prayers, and remembering our work of faith, labor of love and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. When I reflect on the life of Moore's Chapel in 2010, I truly feel that it is among the best examples of churches because of God's presence within us, because of the harvest of our faith, love, and hope. (continued on page 2)

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Everyone is invited to participate in the 13th annual Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? To be held on Saturday, January 22 at 6PM. It is an evening of good fellowship, getting acquainted and fine food.

Host and hostesses are needed to provide their homes for the dinner and a main course. You will know the number of guests, but their identity will remain confidential.

Guests may sign up and will be asked to bring a salad, dessert, bread, and maybe even a game. They will be assigned a host location, and will keep it a secret.

Please sign up by January 16th.

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Just like the past years, 2010 at Moore's Chapel was very full and well rounded as we sought to serve God and to love Jesus Christ in many ways: through worship, mission, Christian education for all ages, Bible studies, and a variety of Fellowship events. Among them, I would like to share three events that we tried for the first time this year.

This year, Moore's Chapel provided a very special Bible Study, "Spiritual Formation for Young Mothers." It was targeted to young mothers who have little babies. Since Moore's Chapel has many young mothers, there was a need and desire for a Bible study that would fit their unique schedule. Through presentations, sharing of movie clips, and arts and crafts, they learned the meaning of Christian motherhood and how it is a blessing to be a mother, and discussed the crucial lessons of what God wants them to teach their children.

We also invited a local Christian pediatrician, offered pedicures by volunteers from the church, and had a foot anointing service. We closed the study with a family luncheon. Seven young mothers participated and we successfully completed this spiritual formation program for four weekends; the feedback was very positive. For this, many prayer volunteers prayed long before it started, and they helped as baby-sitters, as well as provided activity materials and snacks.

We also offered a new opportunity to reaffirm our call to serve. We had our first "Ministry Fair" to help us discern what God wanted us to do in the church (March 14). After a combined service and luncheon, we celebrated Moore's Chapel's current mission and ministry and discerned what our members' gifts are, and how they can serve. This was a beneficial time to encourage each other to invest our gifts, and to be faithful in using that which God has entrusted to us.

Moore's Chapel has many compassionate lay leaders and strong lay leadership, and has always looked for the opportunity to discover and develop lay leadership. We prayed for, planned, and prepared the "Beyond the Pews" program, hosting it on Nov. 13. This was a one-day layperson centered training program for all who would like to grow in their walk with Christ. More than 30 people from our church, other churches, and the community participated. We praised God, saw skits, shared meals, and witnessed to each other. As a pastor, I was impressed, and I appreciate each person who prepared and participated in this special lay leadership-developing program.

In the midst of all of these programs, we also saw many changes in our family at Moore's Chapel. Even though we lost friends like Frank Lamborn, we also gained new lives, like Cailin Page, Elizabeth Weicek Kendall Lehr, and Talia Strauss. There were many goodbyes and reunions during this past year; Fred Cost was deployed and came back safe and sound; Scott King successfully finished up Marine boot camp and came back to us; our beloved Hannums and Wahlunds said "goodbye" to begin a new chapter in their lives.

This year we had five high school graduates. Nicole Brumbley, Scott Huller, Scott King, Nathan Ramberger and Cameron Weaver; all of them soon-to-be teachers, doctors, rangers, artists, engineers, soldiers, writers, businessmen, and much more, who will grow and share God's love and grace with the world.

We also celebrated four baptisms, Owen Yates, Roger White, Elizabeth Weicek, and Talia Strauss; a reaffirmation of the marriage covenant between Sam and Fay Pierce, and a wedding service for Morgan and Cheyenne Miller. We were grateful and blessed to witness these special events as a church family. God added more new faces and families this year and promises that we will continue to grow. Moore's Chapel received 9 new members through Baptism and the New Members Class. Tim and Sandy Bryant, Mark and Dana Huller, Jim and Cindy Klemencic, Jeff and Kim Lewin, and Roger White.

When we reflect on the year 2010, I give thanks to God for Moore's Chapel's diligence, commitment, faithfulness, and harvest in Christ. What magnificent love God has shown us through the year 2010! God has shown us countless blessings through our everyday members, lay leaders, our audio and video specialist (Bob), Sunday School teachers, and so many more. Moore's Chapel's family did a great job again as a team. I am so proud of everyone for all that we accomplished this past year, and believe that we were an exemplary church for others. At the same time, I believe our best years for Moore's Chapel have yet to come.

I pray that our loving God will continually bless our mission and ministry this coming year of 2011. I pray that Moore's Chapel continually strives to be an example for all the churches in Christ.

In Christ's Love,
Rev. KyungMo Koo



2010 Financial Report

In 2010 many people struggled with the economy including Moore's Chapel. In September the Ad Council met to discuss the financial situation. It was decided to ask the congregation to increase their giving by 10% to meet our obligations.

The response of the congregation was remarkable. What a blessing. The average income over the last 14 Sundays of the year increased by \$900.00 per week. This enabled Moore's Chapel to meet all of our obligations and to have a balance of \$1597.00 to begin 2011.

To help with finances for 2011, Ron and Ruth Hartman and Fay Pierce have volunteered to the secretary's job at no cost, and Bob Logan has reduced his salary by \$200 a month.

We have reduced the mortgage on the new building to under \$600,000. This was made possible by people meeting their pledges and gifts to the Building Fund.

Below is a brief financial report. If you would like a full financial report, please contact Ken Howett.

OPERATING BUDGET

Total Income from all sources	\$201,641.00
Total Expenditures	\$199,546.00
Balance December 31, 2010	\$ 1,597.00

SPECIALS IN & OUT

(funds raised by individual groups-Youth, Emmaus, etc.)

Received	\$9439
Expenditures	\$7033
Balance December 21, 2010	\$2406

BUILDING FUND

January 1, 2007 – our debt was	\$1,500,000
(funds saved before 2004 and sale of parsonage used to reduce this figure)	
December 1, 2008 – our debt was	\$ 735,000
December 31, 2009 – our debt was	\$ 647,000
December 31, 2010 – our debt is	\$ 597,000

January 3, 2011-made principal payment of \$15,000



Youth Rally 2011: Dead or Alive

By Justin Koo

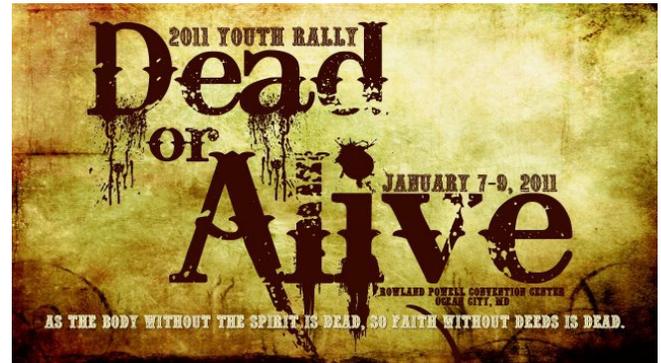
From January 7th to 9th our youth group went to Ocean City, Maryland for the annual Youth Rally. It was a fun and interesting time where everyone got to learn more about each other, God and His wonders, and what being a Christian was.

Day 1

Around 4:00pm, all of the youth and chaperones came to the Underwood Education Building to pray for the upcoming weekend and the excitement that was about to begin. Next, we piled into our assigned vans and trucks for the long trip ahead. In some cars, it was full of energy, fun, and texting. In other cars, it was full of Mario Kart and iPhones, and in the final category, the cars were either full of unconscious victims sleeping, or an awkward bunch that broke the world's record for being the most silent in a car ride. By about 6:00pm everyone stopped for food and no one needed to be told twice. After 30 minutes passed, we were at the convention center singing with Christian Stanfill. We heard a message about being Dead or Alive. Finally we went back to the hotel, had devotions, and partied the rest of the night into the morning (this was only for some hotel rooms like #526).

Day 2

By 7:45am we were all in the conference room. This room was where all the food and soda were. Breakfast was over by 8:00am and at 8:30am we were all at the convention center again singing songs with a new meaning and smiling to everyone. After the service, we did a service-learning project that included making school kits for the children in Nicaragua. We made 10,000 kits that day. After spending 2 hours at the convention center, we all had 4 hours of free



time to do whatever we wanted. Some went to the beach in the frigid cold while others went to the indoor pool. It was then 7:00pm and we went back at the convention center to hear a message from Steve Fitschu. He was a hilarious speaker who was not only funny but had a good message that impacted each and every person there. It was about making choices right now or else all of us would be dead in many ways. It was around 10:00pm when we got back to the hotel and had devotions. Afterwards, everyone was in bed.

Day 3

Again it was 7:45am and we were : upⁿ at^m. This was our last day and many of us were sad to leave. We went to the convention center and heard a message from Steve Fische. He rapped about how we had to wear the full armor of God and be strong in him. Awesome! After the final song was played by Christian Stanfill we all were herded out and piled into the vans. It felt like the beginning of the trip all over again. iPhones, cell phones, and Nintendo DSIs all came out and were played. After 3 grueling hours, we all made it back safely with only one ticket from the police.

For everyone who went, it was an awesome time of fun and fellowship. For those who haven't, I strongly recommend that you go and experience it, because it was THE BEST.



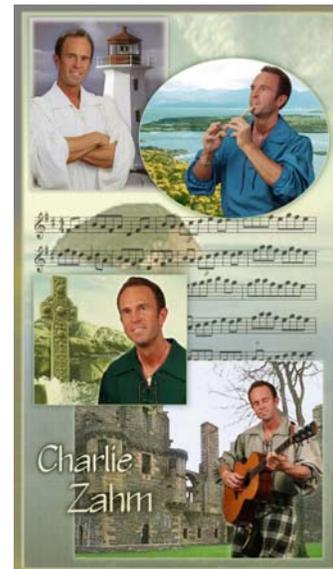
Save-a-Tape Fundraising Program

When grocery shopping at Redner's Market in Elkton or Oxford, use your Redner's Card to qualify for the Save-A-Tape program. Moore's Chapel receives 1% of your total purchases made only when using your Redner's Card. The receipts can be placed in the basket at the back of church. Currently we have collected more than \$2000 towards the building fund. If you have any questions, please contact Cooky Howett.



Praise and Worship Event

Moore's Chapel will again host an evening of "Praise and Worship". On Sunday, February 13, 2011 there will be a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. followed by the musical talents of Charlie Zahm, a baritone-soloist who has performed at many Celtic Music Festivals. A special guest speaker, to be announced closer to the event, will join him that evening. Plan to come to this evening of special ministry. For information on Charlie Zahm, please visit his website: www.CharlieZahm.com Check the weekly bulletin for more specific information closer to this event.



Hospitality Between Services

If you would like to help with Hospitality between services, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and training is provided. Please contact Dana Huller if you have any questions (443-270-4242).

Cleaningforareason.org

Cleaning for a reason is a non-profit organization offers free professional housecleaning and maid services to improve the lives of women undergoing treatment for cancer. Their slogan: "We focus on your home so you can focus on your health." This could be the answer to someone's prayer. Visit their website at www.cleaningforareason.org for more information.





With Much Appreciation



Dear friends and family,

Thank you all for coming today, I hope that you have plenty of time to enjoy yourselves and everyone else around you. Jessica and I are very grateful for all of the support we have received throughout this experience. The kindness and generosity of those we know and those we have just met has been both overwhelming and humbling.

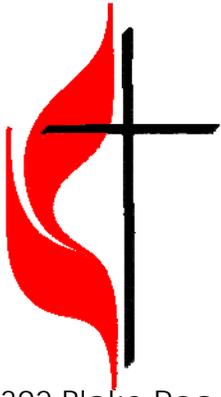
On a Tuesday in late May I was diagnosed with my cancer. That Thursday I was in surgery. Following a few days of rest, I was admitted to Rockingham Memorial Hospital for the first of what has become many rounds of chemotherapy. A cancer diagnosis is always overwhelming, and my case was no exception. The best advice I received was from our family doctor, Dr. Jesteadt. After looking at the results of my c.t. scan and giving me the diagnosis, he told me to go back home. He told me to go ahead and be angry; to go ahead and get upset. And that, at most, I was allowed to waste about an hour or two feeling sorry for myself. After that it was time to get serious about the business of fighting the disease.

What I quickly learned was that fighting this disease has very little to do with the individual. My end of the bargain was to stay positive and try to follow doctors' orders. The hard work, though, the work of curing the disease, has been carried out and continues to be carried out by people who have dedicated their lives to beating cancer in its many forms. By doctors who get pulled away from their own families at 2 a.m. for emergency calls, by nurses who stay at work through snow storms and by patients who have come before. These are the patients who have agreed to the experimental treatments and the studies. The people who, in the face of uncertainty, try to help others as much as themselves.

As a cancer patient, one quickly learns that time best not be wasted and that doubt and negativity are a waste of time. Not only will it affect how you are able to deal with the disease, but also those around you. I have benefited greatly from other patients, from other people whose situations are much worse than my own. When they talk about beating the disease and moving on with life, I see myself doing the same. Even more important is to go ahead and live life despite being dealt a bad hand. My friend Tyler has been a great example. Tyler and I were both admitted to the Medical College of Virginia to receive our bone marrow transplants on the same day. I settled into my room, unpacked my clothes and my books and tried to prepare for another round of chemo. Tyler was admitted and made sure he learned the names of all the nurses on the tenth floor of the north hospital. He asked what their favorite colors were. By coincidence, we were both readmitted on the same day for our second transplant. When Christmas came, each nurse got a handmade card decorated in their favorite colors from Tyler. As I drug my i.v. pole up and down the halls that day, Tyler came out of his room and handed me a candy cane. From behind his surgical mask, decorated with Mickey and Minnie Mouse, he wished me a merry Christmas. I doubt I will ever receive a better gift. Tyler is twelve years old and has a brain tumor. He is facing two more transplants. I'm sure he would have rather been safe at home for Christmas, but he did not let that stop him from making the day the way he wanted. He was still a kid on Christmas, even though he was in the hospital fighting for his life.

Adversity can be a great teacher. I know now that each day, despite what the weather is or how crummy I may feel; I know that each day is a gift. I know that I have a beautiful wife and daughter, a great family, and wonderful friends. I know that this will help me beat the disease. I know that one of the most important things any of us can do is to wake up and enjoy the day. If we get a chance brighten the days of others, then it is even better. That is what you are doing for me today. Enjoy!

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