



Moore's Messenger

Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

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2012

Pastor's Pen

**Let us respond to the grace
of Jesus Christ!**

Save these dates:

April 13-Chicken BBQ
May 1-Begins Financial
Peace
June 3 Praising @ Ponc
June 8-Golf Outing
June 18-22 VBS

Moore's Chapel is now entering the final pledge campaign for the building project.

Moore's Chapel, as family of God, has faithfully served God for the last 140 years. We obeyed God's vision for the next generations to construct the Underwood Educational Building and faithfully showed our financial commitment for this project, which is at an estimated cost of 1.5 million dollars. It was a blessing, and at the same time, a challenging time for all of us; we were a small congregation in rural Maryland beginning a large-scale project right before the economy plunged. There was a leadership change, and the new pastor had no experience of handling a building project, let alone the necessary capital campaigns.

Moore's Chapel already had a plan for this new building project before I arrived as the new pastor. Before I had time to settle down to the church, I jumped into this uncertain and huge project. When the District Superintendent introduced Moore's Chapel to me, he didn't say much about this project. So it was an overwhelming situation for me, causing me to kneel down constantly to seek God's wisdom and strength. I still clearly remember the night I went to Bill and Sylvia Underwood's house to express Moore's Chapel's gratitude for their land donation, or the day we invited the District Building Committee for a presentation, or when we had a town hall meeting, or when we had the first pledge night at Kenny's house, or the ground breaking service, or when we placed a Bible verse on the unfinished concrete floor of the new building, or the day of our Consecration Service. Finally, in September 2008, we finally opened our new educational facility.

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Vacation Bible School

Get ready for exciting wilderness thrills as you head out to beautiful SonRise National Park!

As kids explore SonRise National Park, they'll learn the most important survival skill of all: they can always depend on Jesus and His promises of true peace, true riches, true power, true love and true hope!

At SonRise National Park, kids will learn to trust Jesus as their all-powerful guide and Savior!



June 18-22 6:20-8:20 @ Moore's Chapel



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However, we had a long, long way to go financially. Since February 2005, many families committed to the first and second pledge campaigns, along with many fundraisers. As of February 2012, more than 1 million dollars have been paid back. I believe this is God's miracle for Moore's Chapel; from an economist's point of view, the timing and scale of this project made no sense, but God, as always, beat the odds. I want to say thank you to all of Moore's Chapel family for the financial commitment you showed for the last seven years, despite the terrible economic situation. And we all need to thank God, for God has been graceful every step of the way. Now, we face the last hurdle as we begin our third and final pledge campaign, which will enable us to retire the debt on our building.

Whenever we face financial challenges and difficulties, I have big wishes, such as having one or two big donors in the congregation who will offer thousands of dollars, or that a millionaire will send us all the financial means we need. Once, I even dreamed of winning the lottery. But I realize that this is not the way that God works. God works differently from my thoughts and works; they're better than any idea we could come up with. Our miraculous two pledges did not come from one or two big givers. God provided what we needed to build, not from one exceptionally generous source, but from the persistent faithfulness and generosity of our whole congregation. In the life of any church, including Moore's Chapel, God's provision usually comes, not like manna in Exodus that drops mysteriously overnight from heaven, but through the faithful, sacrificial giving of his people. God provides you with what you need and much more, so that you have the opportunity to be blessed by providing our church with what we need. In the process, we get to experience the joy of giving and seeing our gifts used for God's kingdom.

I want to encourage all of you in this room to participate in our final pledge campaign in one way or another. The important thing is not "What shall I give?" or "How much can I give?" Rather, the real issue is, "How can I respond to the grace of Jesus Christ?" and that everyone at Moore's Chapel joyfully participates in this precious opportunity. It is obviously challenging for all of us, but at the same time, it is a blessed opportunity to respond to the grace of Jesus Christ that is freely given to us. Through Christ, we are graced with provision far beyond ourselves, so that we might provide for his work, well beyond our means.

As I encourage you to participate in our final pledge, I acknowledge how hard it is for all of you. The housing market is flat, gas prices are out of control, and even grocery shopping is tight. Everyone is hurting. If I only looked at the economy, I would not stand here and ask you to pledge. But I still believe this is not an issue of money, but an issue of commitment, priority, and faith.

I have no idea how exactly God is going to provide us with what Moore's Chapel needs to pay off the debt; only God knows. I don't know the details of God's plans. However, I do know one thing. I know it from my experience as your pastor. And I know it, most of all, because of the truth of God's Word. Here's what I know: God will provide. In God's way, in God's time, God will provide. Our God, who began this project, will end this project. God will finish this project not through a rich select few, but through the entire congregation of Moore's Chapel; male and female, young and old, and rich and poor. God will complete this wonderful project through our resources, our commitment, and our prayers. The most important thing is, the more we let the grace of Christ pervade our souls, the more we'll become people who practice gracious generosity.

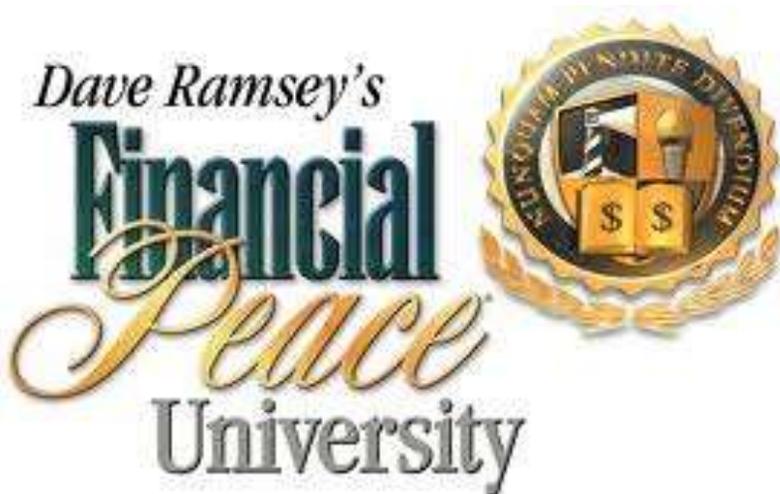
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God will provide what Moore's Chapel needs through you; through your faithfulness, through your commitment, through your obedience, through your generosity, through your sacrifice, through your love for the Lord. Do not look at what you lack, but look at what God has given. Let us respond the grace of Jesus Christ in every part of our lives, including our finances. It has continually been a wonderful journey filled with grace, in which we both receive and give, and I pray and believe that this journey of Christ's grace for Moore's Chapel will continue.

In Christ's Love,
Rev. KyungMo Koo



Finance and Stewardship

Moore's Chapel will be hosting a study of God's Principles of Finance and Stewardship. The study will be presented by Financial Peace University. Instruction will be given by bestselling author, Dave Ramsey, and will incorporate small group discussion and participation. FPU has put together a highly informative and entertaining program, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice and biblical messages.

This study is being offered to all who wish to join us.

The cost of this course is \$100 per family unit (payment plans are available if needed).

The classes are scheduled to run from Tuesday May 1 through July 24, 2012. More information will be presented in the next few weeks. Contact Sam Pierce with any questions.



Cabin Fever 2012

By Jane Bellmyer

Our 4th Cabin Fever was a HUGE success! On March 10 we had more than 200 people visit Moore's Chapel to learn where they could go outside and play. As many as 7 of the 28 non profit groups were new to Cabin Fever and all said they would be back next year! Among the fun this year was making bee condos with Woodlawn Wildlife Habitat, making and sailing a kayak with Conowingo Fisherman's Park, tin punching with Friends of Jerusalem Mill, trying on colonial clothes with Brandywine Battlefield, and dancing to bagpipe music with the Pipes and Drums of the Delaware Valley. Elevation, Moore's Chapel's youth group raised \$355 toward the mission trip to Kentucky by selling food and refreshments.

Mark your calendars now for March 9, 2013. Cabin Fever will be back!!





**DON'T MISS YOUTH GROUP
CHICKEN BBQ**

Friday - April 13th – 3:30-7:00pm
Eat In or Take Out

MOORE'S CHAPEL 392 BLAKE RD
ELKTON

To place an order call
717-434-6179

1/2 Chicken, Baked potato, Applesauce,
Coleslaw, Roll/butter, Dessert.
Cost: \$9.00

All money goes towards youth
mission trip to Bear Branch, KY.

Praising @ the Pond

Come join us for Ministry and fun as we worship at Montgomery Pavilion on Sunday, June 3rd at 5:30 PM.

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

Nourishment for your soul will be provided as well. The worship time with our guest musicians, Thom and Debbie Slaughter of Second Wind Ministry, will begin between 6:30 and 7:00p.m. The Slaughters, from Clayton, DE, sing and give testimony all around the DelMarVa area.

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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Elevation Upcoming Events

All events held at Moore's Chapel unless otherwise stated.

- March 25 – 6-8pm – International Dinner – Bring a friend
 - April 1 – 4:15-5:15pm – IMPORTANT Practice for Good Friday Service.
5:15-8:30pm - Open Gym Night @ Ogletown Baptist
 - April 6 – 7:00pm – Good Friday Service students participating should arrive at 6pm.
 - April 8 – EASTER – NO EVENING MEETING
 - April 12 – 4-7pm – Setup for Chicken BBQ – Bring wrapped brownies for BBQ.
 - April 13 – 3-8pm – Chicken BBQ – Arrive as early as possible after school.
 - April 15 – 6-7:30pm – What is your IDOL?
 - April 22 – 6-7:30pm – Who is your IDOL?
 - April 29 – 6-7:30pm – You STILL really think you don't have an IDOL?
 - May 4 – **Spring Spectacular** - All Nighter
 - Meet @ Moore's Chapel 6:00pm
 - GZMC @ Janes UMC at 6:30pm
 - Back to Moore's at 9pm Gym Games
 - Then on to Laser Tag at 11pm
 - Return to Moore's @ 6am
- Cost for the night \$30** Includes Laser tag, free games, popcorn, pizza, soda.
Partial scholarships available see Jen for information.
- June 18-22 – 6:25-8:30pm – Vacation Bible School
 - July 29 – Aug 4 - Mission Trip to Kentucky

Call Jen Arter with any questions 717-434-6179



"If God Should Go on Strike"

It's just a good thing God above has never gone on strike
Because he wasn't treated fair or for things he didn't like.

If he had ever once sat down and said "That's it! I'm through, I've
Had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do.

I'll give my orders to the sun, cut off your heat supply
And to the moon, give no more light and run your oceans dry.

Then just to really make it tough and put the pressure on,
Turn off the air and oxygen, till every breath is gone."

Do you know he'd be justified if fairness were the game
For no one has been more abused or treated with disdain-

Than God-and yet he carries on supplying you and me
With all the favors of his grace, and everything for free!

Men say they want a better deal and so on strike they go.
But what a deal we've given God whom everything we owe.

We don't care who we hurt or harm to gain the things we like.
But what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike.

This came from a Philadelphia Restaurant many years ago.
Bookbinders
125 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA

Check out our Facebook Page for additional pictures and current
information.



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