



# Moore's Messenger



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## Victory in Jesus 2005!

with Rev. John Hobbs and Rev. Kenny Davis



Sunday, March 20th -  
Wednesday, March 23rd

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## Holy Week Services

- 3/24 - Holy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 pm
- 3/25 - CCM Good Friday Crosswalk 12:00 - 3:00 pm
- 3/25 - Good Friday Service at Leeds UMC at 7:30 pm
- 3/27 - Easter Sunrise Service at 5:55 am
- 3/27 - Easter/Resurrection Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am



## "Maybe we should go down there"

Local church sends mission workers to Florida

By Jane Weaver

The congregation at Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church near Elkton gathers every August for the annual church picnic at Cherry Grove.

They worship together with the sun shining down, making the pond nearby sparkle with the morning dew. Some would even go into the pond to be baptized. There's lot of singing followed with great food.



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## Pastor's Pen

by Rev. Jack D. Cohen



### "Walking Where Jesus Walked"

By Rev. Jack D. Cohen

If you have internet access, a newspaper, or have watched a news program you have probably heard a report about the nation of Israel. As a Journalism undergraduate, I have always enjoyed the media approach to world events, but why so much attention to this land half-way across the world that is about the size of New Jersey? This "Holy Land" has been the site of wars and civilizations since the onset of human existence, yet it also is a centerpoint of world religion. From February 23 – March 4, 2005 thirty-eight "pilgrims" from all over the United States journeyed to Israel.

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## Pastor's Pen (Continued)

Not only did we travel from the modern-day areas of Tel Aviv-Yafo to the Golan Heights over looking the border of Syria, but we traveled through the ancient city of Beth Shean, road a boat on the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, followed the way of the cross (via dolorosa), visited the Upper Room, David's tomb, the Garden Tomb, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and many other sites in Jerusalem. Being my fourth trip to Israel, I was excited but had figured I had seen all there was to see and experienced all I possibly could – boy was I surprised and wrong as I saw things I never saw and through the Holy Spirit experience blessings beyond words.

Not only was it amazing to be in the area where all the greats of the Bible, David, Solomon, Rachel, Peter, Paul, Joseph, Gideon, and many others were, this is the place that God sent His son Jesus to be our Savior by giving His life for us upon the cross, being placed in the tomb and rising from the dead on the third day.

As much as I have loved and do love traveling to Israel, and I would love every believer to make a pilgrimage, I realize that the most important walk is not in Israel, not the United States, not in Iraq, not in Cecil County, Maryland, not in Chester County, Pennsylvania – it is a walk in the Spirit of God. In this season of Lent, or preparation for Resurrection Sunday/Easter, the words of the Apostle Paul rang true to me. As I looked for God to not only surprise me as I walked in Israel, I look for God to surprise me as I walk with the Him each day. ***“<sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25).”*** The walk we must all take is one of growing each and everyday through an ongoing relationship with Jesus, our risen Savior and Lord. This happens through prayer, study of the Word of God, Christian fellowship, etc. The Apostle Paul had previously shared the evidence, benefits, and the “fruits” from this on-going walk in the Spirit by saying, ***“<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control”*** (Galatians 5:22-23). When we look around us in the world today we see so much evidence of lives that are void of the aforementioned “fruits” of the Spirit, because in so many ways we have not been walking where Christ is and wants us to walk in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

As our trip to Israel concluded with a communion service in a traditional site of Jesus' resurrection, the

Garden Tomb, our lives must start there with fellowship with the risen Jesus. My prayer is that for every person that comes in contact with a member, attendee, staff, or any contact from Moore's Chapel, you will find someone who is “walking with Jesus” and displaying the evidence of a life in the Holy Spirit of God.



As the old hymn, *In the Garden*, states, ***“And He walks with me and He talks with me.”*** This Easter Season I pray that all will spend time walking and talking with Jesus.

Shalom & Agape (Peace & Love),

Jack D. Cohen, Pastor

More pictures from the Israel pilgrimage are on [www.moorechapel.org](http://www.moorechapel.org).



**Internet  
Evangelism  
Day**

**24 April 2005**

### There's a Day on The Way

on april 24, churches and inDiviDuals around The WorlD Wil l be Taking parT in The firST 'inTer neT evangelism Day.

moorechapel.org latest facts & figures:

A total of 465,000 pages read to date.

The site is averaging 500 people visiting each day.

Total visitors to date is 63,000.



## Victory in Jesus 2005!

with Rev. John Hobbs and Rev. Kenny Davis

Sunday, March 20th thru Wednesday, March 23, 2005

Four nights of spiritual growth through God's Word and powerful music

### Schedule:

Sunday	5:30 pm	Victory in Jesus Dinner
	7:00 pm	Service - Special Music by Blue Heaven
Monday	9:30 am	Coffee, Discussion & Feedback Session with our speaker
	7:00 pm	Service - Special Music by Rev. Kenny Davis
Tuesday	9:30 am	Coffee, Discussion & Feedback Session with our speaker
	7:00 pm	Service - Special Music by Ed Arnold
Wednesday	9:30 am	Coffee, Discussion & Feedback Session with our speaker
	7:00 pm	Service - Special Music by Rev. Kenny Davis



## Update from the Moore's Chapel Building Committee

On January 17, 2005 the members of the Moore's Chapel Building Team met with Jim and Giff Nowland of Nowland Associates, Inc., Design and Build contractors. This was a follow up meeting after the team met with and listened to presentations of three very popular Design and Build contractors on several occasions. After much deliberation and thought, we selected Nowland for many reasons. The following are just a very few:

1. A well known and local company. We looked at as many of their buildings as possible and spoke with a few of their previous clientele.
2. People who we thought would walk and guide us through the process with sensitivity, integrity and most of all listen to our needs for our building.
3. The company knows and has a very close relationship to Maryland engineers, surveyors, county officials and is thoroughly familiar with Maryland codes.
4. An established firm of over 60 years.

At this point the following has been accomplished:

1. The land graciously donated by Bill and Sylvia Underwood has been transferred to the church.
2. Boundary surveys have been completed.
3. Plot plan has been completed.
4. An engineer has been secured and at this time we are waiting for him to start.

As you know each and every process takes time. Although we would like to move along at breakneck speed, the county does not move that fast. It is a fact that before all things are set in place so that we may break ground by *approximately* the end of 2006, a large number of environmental studies and site planning have to be completed including: topographic studies, storm water management, perk studies, input of zoning buffers, landscaping, parking, Board of Health, soil conservation, M.E.D. etc., etc. Then onto alternative evaluations for items like building requirements and codes, fire walls, and/or sprinkler systems, special exits, elevations. *These and many, many more requirements must be satisfied.*

We will try to keep you informed of all that will be taking place as we move forward. We are sure this will be a time of questions. Please direct them to our team members Linda Seward and Tom McDade. Some stress is inevitable as we remodel and build on, eat a little dust and plan for a future for our children and God's people.

We will do all we can with God's help to incorporate as many of your needs as the budget and the county allows. Please pray for all involved in this project which includes each and every one of you. Since it is impossible to have every member of a church on a building committee or do all of what each individual would want, we ask for your trust and prayers, your uplifting faith, without negativity or undue criticism. Also that you will give financially with all your hearts for the love of God and youth and a historic country chapel that wants to continue what it has stood for over the past 134 years. This is your church, your place to freely worship Jesus, Son of God.

**Make Him proud!**

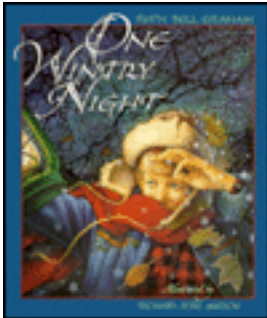
*This update was read Sunday 1/30/05 at both services.*



## One Wintry Night

A book review by Linda Seward

*One Wintry Night* by Ruth Bell Graham (the wife of Billy Graham) is the Christmas story for all seasons. Young and old, whether you know the Bible or not, are captivated by this story of God's redeeming love for us from creation to the resurrection.



A few years ago I helped care for a lovely lady who had Alzheimer's disease. Her attention span was very short and she could only sit still for a few seconds. God kept leading me to read *One Wintry Night* to her; finally, I listened to Him. She sat still, listened attentively to every word, her eyes glistened as she looked at Richard Jesse Watson's stunning illustrations. This truly was a miracle!

Singer Twila Paris states "Reading this book I felt as if I was curled up by the fire in Ruth Graham's cozy mountain cabin listening to the Christmas story for the first time – the story of a Father whose love is so great it can light a fire in even the coldest heart. What child would not want to visit this wonderful place and listen to this story? What parent could not want to come along?" I certainly agree with Ms. Paris.

The Bible is my favorite book and next is *One Wintry Night*. I highly recommend this book. It makes a great gift also. So whether you are sitting down drinking a hot cup of cocoa in the winter, a cool glass of lemonade in the summer, or eating jelly beans during Easter, this book will leave you fulfilled. A copy of *One Wintry Night* is in the Moore's Chapel Library.

### Beyond The Pews

A Spiritual Growth Gathering for new Christians and all Christians who would like to grow in their walk with God.

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Held at Moore's Chapel**

*I feel like something is missing in my life.*

*What is God's will for my life?*

*I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior – Isn't that all there is?*

*There is a next step...what is it?*

*I attend church, isn't that enough?*

*I think I'm Saved...how can I be sure?*

*Why do I need a personal relationship with God?*

*I didn't grow up a Christian, is it too late to catch up?*

*How can I have a more loving, harmonious relationship with my spouse, children, family and others?*

**Maybe you find yourself asking some of these questions.**

**Set this day aside for you and The Lord, come, relax and enjoy a day of fellowship, song, and information sharing set in a warm, informal atmosphere.**

**Rest assured, you will not be put on the spot in any way.**

**All welcome ~ so bring a friend.**

There is no charge but please register in order to give us an approximate head count.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, or you may call

Susan McDade, or Rev. Jack Cohen, before April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Childcare will be provided. Breakfast and lunch provided

### Mommy And Me

Mommy And Me is a ministry of Moore's Chapel. It is designed for Christian mothers and her children up to and including age 5. This is a great way to get together with other moms just like you and for your children to interact with other children.



We will meet on a bi-weekly schedule. It will include maybe a craft, a story, game time between children, and maybe even a trip to a park, playground and/or zoo, as well as time for socialization between moms.



For more information please contact Judy



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But last August the mood was a little different. Even though Cecil County had escaped serious damage from the chain of hurricanes that visited the east coast, many had family and friends in Florida where four horrific storms had struck.

Pastor Jack Cohen knew the church would want to send money to help. "We're good at giving money," Cohen told his congregation, "maybe we should go down there." Immediately people responded, asking when and where they should go. Cohen contacted United Methodist headquarters who told him the church would be put on a list to send a crew to the Sunshine State. "We knew there was going to be such a need," the pastor said.



A crew of 12 got their marching orders for early December. Even though the state was pounded in August, in December there was still massive damage in Florida that had not been addressed. "We were told even if there were no other hurricanes it would take three years to repair all the roofs that insurance wouldn't replace," Cohen said.

Cohen, along with Joe Cox, Ken and Cooky Howett, Doug Johnson, Tom and Sue McDade, Sam and Fay Pierce, Lois Taylor and Sallie Teague from Moore's Chapel and George Tyson from Hopewell United Methodist Church, made the trip to Avon Park, Fla. "The area we were in is repairable," said Johnson. "That's probably why we were sent there. There was no reason to go to Punta Gorda." Punta Gorda was the hardest hit in Florida. Johnson said the town was stripped of buildings. He described it as "leveled."

So the 12 set about the task of replacing the roof on the home owned by the Furedys. Johnson explained that the Furedys had insurance to cover having their roof repaired. However because of the scope of the damage contractors were in short supply. So the church crew repaired their roof and the Furedys would give the insurance money to First United Methodist Church. The church would use the money to buy shingles for homes which did not have insurance. For most this was their first experience at replacing a roof. "I'd never done a roof before," said Johnson, adding, "not that I would admit to."



While some were on the roof, others were on the ground dodging the fall-out of damaged shingles and roofing nails. "We were the dump chicks," said Cooky Howett.

Cooky said her crew had the job of gathering up the debris and placing it on a blue tarp. Then they would lift the heavy tarp into a trailer and drive it to the dump. "It worked well by having people on the ground and on the roof," said Cohen.

Up on the roof in the Florida heat the men worked with a young lady who had come all the way from Seattle Wash., to help. "Sionna Stallings-Alailima...she worked circles around us," Cohen said. "She was a worker!" Ken Howett chimed in.

After their dump duties were over the Dump Chicks became The Organizers. Their host church, First United Methodist, was expecting an important shipment. "We had to organize them because they were getting a shipment of shingles and they had to make room for them," Cooky said. So The Organizers had to neatly stack case after case of Jockey undershirts, Rubbermaid storage chests, water coolers, toys, stuffed animals, and a seemingly unending supply of candy from the M&M Mars Company. "The problem for them was storage and distribution," Johnson said.



"They had cases of stuff in the hallways and on the stage," said Ken. There was so much that it even lined the walls of the bunk area where the crews slept. "I thought I was in a new version of the Nutcracker," said Cohen. "I'd wake up to visions of M&M's."

But it wasn't all work and no play. "It was good for us to get together. We'd stay up late and play games," Cohen recalled. He learned to play the card game Milles Borne. He's trying to find the game so he can play it at home. And they tell stories on each other....war stories of sorts. "The first night Kenny went to bed early and didn't get up until 6:45 when we yelled 'breakfast!'," Johnson said, laughing. "That's not true," Cohen interjected. "He got up in the middle of the night because his mattress ran out of air."

With their mission trip now three months behind them, the group is still happy about the work they did there. More importantly, they're hungry to go back. "We need to do it again," Johnson said. "I'm sure many people would like to go. We went because we felt a need to help." Cohen believes if they made the next trip at a different time of year, perhaps when the young people could be included, then more members of the church would be able to participate.

While the church also contributed financially to the relief and rebuilding efforts in Florida, Cohen said it was worth more to him to be there. "They can use the money, but it was neat to be the hands and feet of The Lord," he said.



## United Methodist Women

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative and supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global and local ministries of the church. All women who attend Moore's Chapel are members of the United Methodist Women and are warmly invited to attend and participate in the monthly meetings that include devotions, planning and fellowship.

The United Methodist Women began 2005 with a Soup and Potato Lunch on February 6 following the 10:30 service and raised \$464 for mission projects. The annual Guess Who's Coming Dinner was held on January 29th with three host families and over thirty guest participants. All had a wonderful time. The Beef and Pig Roast will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> to raise money for mission projects. Other activities later in the year will be a Yard Sale, a Wolfgang Candy Sale and a Baked Goods and Craft Sale as well as coordinating the various church dinners.

Funds raised through these activities are used to support world and local missions and church projects. The missions supported this past year include the Convent of the Transfiguration in the Dominican Republic, Gary and Rebecca Mink in Africa, CAM International, The Ray of Hope Mission Center, the Help Center and the Community Parish Emergency Fund in Cecil County. Financial help was also given for youth to attend Camp Pecometh.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES – 2005

#### OFFICERS

President: Molly Brumbley  
 Secretary: Jane Johnson  
 V. President: Barbara Tschirschnitz  
 Treasurer: Emily Shoun

#### 2005 MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Devotions
January 17	Jane Johnson	Fay Pierce
February 23	Methodist Men Dinner	
March 14	Cooky Howett	Lois Pyle
April 18	Evelyn Logan	Marie Ranieri
May 16	Ruth Ann Johnson	TBD
June 20	Sue McDade	Rosie Rierson
July	No Meeting	
August	No Meeting	
September 19	Dot Mendenhall	Marie Rawlings
October 17	Kay Montgomery	Phyllis Scott
December 5	Judy Musik	Program Committee
January 16, 2006	Fay Pierce	Barbara Tschirschnitz

## YARD SALE

*Don't throw it away! Save your spring cleaning discards!*

Moore's Chapel will again be holding their annual Yard Sale in early September at the Calvert Grange Hall. The proceeds of this event are used to support mission projects.

**Donations are needed to make this event a success.**

Storage is available for anyone wanting to donate non-clothing items prior to the day of the sale. Pickup is also available for any large items. There will also be a bake table and lunch available during the sale. If you do not have any items to donate, donations of baked goods are also being requested.

Please contact Molly Brumbley with any questions or to arrange for storage or item pick up.

## Camp Pecometh



Camp Pecometh is a Christian camp and retreat center owned and operated by the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church. It is located in Queen Anne's County, Maryland along the Chester River. The camp is accredited by the American Camping Association and has been operated since 1946. Many Moore's Chapel members have participated in the camp programs over the years.



The theme for Pecometh's 2005 summer camps is "Who are You Jesus". Through bible studies, skits and songs the campers will experience The Good News. The goal of the 2005 Summer Program is "to provide an environment that promotes positive life changing experiences."

The majority of camp sessions are five days in length from Sunday to Friday. Sessions are available for children who have finished 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and include programs such as Riverside, Crabbing and Aquatics, Sports, Music/Drama, Splashdown and much more.

Brochures and registration are available on-line at [www.pecometh.org](http://www.pecometh.org) or by calling 410-556-6900. There will be an open house on the weekend of April 22-24, 2005 where campers and parents are invited to tour the camp.



Financial assistance is available for all Moore's Chapel campers through the United Methodist Women, the Sunday School and the United Methodist Men. If your child would like to attend or if you have any questions about the camp etc. please see Jack Cohen, Chris King or Molly Brumbley.



## Getting to Know.....

Snow Day! These two words light up our boy's eyes and elicit the happiest God-given smile on his face! John loves school (he's a sixth grader at Elk Ridge School in Oxford), but he LOVES snow days! After growing up in Florida until two years ago, and being deprived of the joy of snow days, John has completely taken to winter, now his favorite season of the year. He loves winter sports, and recently tried skiing for the first time with his uncle and cousin in West Virginia (now he's hooked!). Locally he keeps asking Grandma to taking him ice skating at UD's Rust Arena whenever he can.



In addition to John's enthusiasm for winter activities, his interests also include playing the saxophone in the Elk Ridge school band as well as in their Jazz Band and Chester County Honor's Band. He started playing the saxophone 1½ years ago, and with the outstanding band instruction at Elk Ridge and his hours of practice, he has been successful learning to play. But most importantly, he enjoys it. John is also a Boy Scout, having started out as a Tiger Cub in the first grade to now being a 2<sup>nd</sup> year Boy Scout in Troop 44 of Oxford. Being a Scout, he enjoys not only monthly camping trips, weekly meetings at the Cabin in Oxford, and summer camp, but he also participates in community events such as serving as a "busboy" for the Union Fire Hall's Ham and Oyster Dinner. As with Moore's Chapel, John has grown in many ways through his involvement in scouting, and he intends to continue scouting and become an Eagle Scout.

Besides John's involvements in band and scouting, John adds to the "parent frenzy" by also being a member of the First Lego League, a robotics team sponsored by the Oxford Area School District. The "MOEManics" team consists

of eight 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, in addition to 2 high school mentors (including our own Michael Lewis). Over a two-month period, they strategized, built, programmed, and tested a robot capable of completing various "missions" of the FLL International research assignment. John was a "builder" on the team. Finally, John and his Elk Ridge School ATP classmates recently completed a fundraising effort to raise money for Tsunami relief, and he is currently competing on Elk Ridge's Odyssey of the Mind team.



While these activities keep John (and us) busy and involved in the community, John's greatest pleasures seem to be those

"quiet evenings" at home and being at Moore's Chapel. After several tumultuous years, John loves having his family around, especially "hanging" with his brother Joachim (Jon's son) from New York City or enjoying game nights with his sister Elisabeth (Jon's daughter) and her husband Danny. It always amazes us how important it seems to be to the three "kids" to be together,

despite their age difference. At home, John enjoys our pets (two dogs, four cats, and several fish). This menagerie includes a recent addition "Mattie", his year-old beagle. He also enjoys watching "The Simpsons" with Jon, and playing at the creek and building on the fort with the boys next-door.

The Moore's Chapel family has been a significant part of John's stability, growth, and maturing into a young adult. From Ms. Trixie's hugs, Ms. Chris' warmth (and pop-tarts), and Mr. Warren's (Warren Ewing) special friendship, the Moore's Chapel family has surrounded John in love and care. Although not just a few curve balls have been thrown in John's life, he has endured and found an anchor in the love and joy that comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ. In November '04, John was baptized by Pastor Jack after coming on his own free will and asking to be baptized. He also attended much of the Disciple I class by patiently sitting at a back table (and participating at times) while we completed the bible study. We are especially proud of our son and how he as allowed the goodness and grace of the Spirit to fill him and guide him to being on his way to becoming a good man. May our Father always protect him, strengthen him, and guide him in his will and may John continue to serve the Lord in love and grace.



Nancy Wiese

### How Smart Is Your Right Foot??

This is so funny that it will boggle your mind. And you will keep trying it many more times to see if you can outsmart your foot, but you can't!

1. While sitting at your desk, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.
3. I told you so ..... .. And there's nothing you can do about it





## Alpha

*More than four million people plus approximately 80 total from Moore's Chapel have attended the Alpha Course.*

This was the second year of Alpha at Moore's Chapel. What a joy it was to see many people attending for the second time and new faces as well! We thank God as we saw strong Christians growing stronger, new Christians blooming, and seekers receiving the spiritual food they need to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Learning and laughter were prevalent as Rev. Jack Cohen gave us a teaching each week and continued during small group discussions and sharing. Rev. Cohen gave many talks such as: Christianity: Boring, Untrue, Irrelevant?, Who Is Jesus? and Why Did Jesus Die? to name just a few. As always we were riveted to his every word. It is interesting because even though the topics were basically the same as last year, God's Word is living so it is always fresh and relevant for each new day.

Delicious dinners were served each week as we began each session with food and fellowship. Help and caring abounded from many areas: great food prepared, fun and caring childcare, many behind the scene people make the Alpha Course possible. Leaders and helpers were praying for everyone attending.

As stated before, the Alpha Course is another life changing method that Moore's Chapel is providing. Sometimes we change the method at Moore's Chapel, but NEVER the message of knowing Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

We sincerely thank everyone that participated and helped in the Alpha Course. All praise, honor and glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

### Comments:

*"Alpha has given me an opportunity to explore and ask questions in an open supportive environment. I have enjoyed the Christian fellowship and found the course material interesting and enlightening."* Anne Bean

*"Alpha is a wonderful opportunity to discuss faith with others."* Anonymous

*"Alpha, this year, came at a time in my life of many life changing events. It seemed to open questions and provided answers to pointed issues such as the Holy Spirit, the power of prayer and healing. Alpha has contributed to my foundation in Jesus. My faith continues to grow and strengthen in Jesus Christ. All bible studies are beneficial."* Sam Pierce

*"The growth in Biblical knowledge Alpha brought me has been good. The growth in my spiritual attitude and awareness has been even better. The best thing I've received from the Alpha experience is the bond that has formed between myself and others participating. These others are responsible for the first two changes I mention."* Dan Coates

## Youth Rally



On January 7, 2005 20 youth and 4 adults from Moore's Chapel traveled to Ocean City, Maryland for the Annual Youth Rally.

We spent the weekend praising God and learning about how to serve God better.

This weekend is vital to the development of our youth because it allows kids to be kids in a Christian atmosphere.



### A Walk of Faith

By Dan Coates

*I took a walk with friends of mine  
Not by foot; more in the mind  
I wasn't sure what I might see  
I'm glad I had those friends with me*



*I sought more strength, my faith to grow  
To change in ways I'd yet to know  
Guided by those friends of mine  
They helped me learn to walk that line*

*Each shared things learned throughout their years  
They walked with me through joy and tears  
Their wisdom came from those before  
Who shared their faith when they had more*

*Godly guidance from one who knows  
When wisdom's shared wisdom grows  
A walk of faith is stronger still  
If one walks with you up that hill*



*Find a friend walk hand in hand  
Your faith will make a stronger stand  
When helped along by friends who care  
Your faith becomes your gift to share*



**Proverbs 3:5&6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."**

Quoting from the Spring 2004 Moore's Messenger, "Recently, the Administrative Council announced that Bill and Sylvia Underwood and family have graciously donated land adjacent to the church for expansion of Moore's Chapel! Plans to build a multipurpose facility are underway. We thank the Underwoods for their generous donation. We ask for continued prayers for guidance and direction of our church."

Let us think of the heritage of Moore's Chapel and the importance of that generous donation. On April 24, 1869 ground for the Moore's church and cemetery was deeded from Gabriel and Sara Moore. This ground joined land of Charles Underwood, the same land of Bill and Sylvia's farm today. The gravestone of John C. Underwood 1849-1913 and his wife Elizabeth Perry 1856-1941 stands staunch at the front of the cemetery. It stands to reason the Underwoods were among the first families of Moore's Chapel. They were custodians of the cemetery for many years with the task still being carried on by Bill. Many times the pick and shovel were used to dig graves, but modern machinery has lessened the task. Bill's parents, William and Florence Underwood, were very active and supportive members of the church which contributed to a solid foundation that Moore's Chapel has built on through the years.

Blake (Fairview) School, which William attended, was also adjacent to the Underwood land. The Cecil County Board of Education sold the school November 27, 1942 to the Blake Community Association Trustees: William Underwood, Clemson Brown, Amos E wing, Mearns Moore, Howard Mackey, Ernest Logan, Russell E wing and Cecil E wing. The building was used for community affairs and church activities. Later on an addition was added and church school was held there for several years.



In the year of 1977, official board records of the church stated that a proposal for a new church school building was under discussion. This proposal eventually became a reality on May 20, 1984 as a "Prayer of Consecration" for a new church school building was held. There was no ground available for a septic system or for parking. Through a generous offer, again Bill and Sylvia leased ground to the church for \$1 a year.

May 17, 1985 The Blake Community House was purchased by the Underwoods and converted to a small country home. Through the years, Bill, Sylvia and family have supported activities, served on numerous committees and devoted their time to the church in keeping with their parents' wishes. It is indeed a most gracious donation that will add to the heritage of Moore's Chapel. **We gratefully thank you Bill, Sylvia and family. As we did in the spring of 2004, we ask for continued prayers for guidance and direction of our church.**

## YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

3/13/05	6:00-7:30pm	Music practice for youth Sunday.
3/20/05	7:00pm	Victory in Jesus! Revival!
3/27/05		EASTER no meeting.
4/1/05	6:30-10:30pm	Spring Spectacular at Janes UMC, speaker David Burke, leave Moore's at 6:30pm.
4/2/05	6:30-10:30pm	Spring Spectacular at Janes UMC, speaker Shawn Harper former player for Colts & Oilers.
4/9/05	6:00-7:30pm	Dress rehearsal for the youth service.
4/10/05	8:30 & 10:30am	Youth Service Meet at the church at 7:45am.
4/17/05	6:00-7:30pm	Meeting at the church.
4/24/05	6:00-7:30pm	Meeting at the church.
5/1/05	6:00-7:30pm	Meeting at the church.
5/22/05		SLIP AND SLIDE!



If you have any questions about the above schedule please call Jen Arter .



### Christian Education

Sunday School is from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Please bring your children. There is an adult class that meets at the same time. There will be another "Children's Day" in May. We will be practicing every Sunday and may need to meet a few Saturday mornings closer to the actual day. We are going to present songs, skits, recitals, etc. from past Vacation Bible School themes. All children should work on learning the Books of the Bible. We need everyone to be involved and all classes to participate. If anyone has a favorite song, etc. from VBS please let us know.

We will be scheduling our Easter Egg Hunt and will let everyone know the date, time and location.

Please encourage your children to give an offering during Sunday School so that they will learn to be cheerful givers for the Lord. We also have our Building Fund Jar so that the children can contribute to the growth and development of our Church in order to serve the needs of our children as well as children in the community.



Upon hearing of the devastation caused by the Tsunami, the people at Moore's Chapel naturally wanted to help.

Our hearts went out to all the people affected by this disaster and the only way we knew how to show our support to the survivors was through a financial donation.

The people at Moore's Chapel gave generously and over \$800.00 was raised for the relief effort. Research is being made to assure that the funds go to the people with the greatest need with our focus being to help the children in the area.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Moore's Chapel this year!

Sunrise is at 5:55 a.m.

### QUEST

Coming soon... QUEST a summer program for kids. Watch your mailbox for info.

### Vacation Bible School

**Sunday July 10th -  
Thursday July 14th, 2005**

We need at least 25 adults to help, so please set this week aside. Children are the future of God's church. Contact Jen Arter to find out how you can help.

### Annual Baby Bottle Drive



Bottles will be available at church on Sunday April 10th. Please take as many as you can fill with coins, green money or even checks! Drop off is Sunday May 1st. All of the money collected will benefit the Cecil County Pregnancy Center. Contact Melissa Cohen with any questions.





# CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS



Sun.-Weds.	March 20 - 23		Victory in Jesus 2005
Thursday	March 24	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Communion Service
Friday	March 25	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	CCM Good Friday Crosswalk (Begins at Rosebank UMC and ends at Rock Presbyterian)
Friday	March 25	7:30 p.m.	CCM Good Friday Service at Leeds UMC
Sunday	March 27	5:55 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service at Moore's Chapel
Sunday	March 27		Easter/Resurrection Sunday
Saturday	April 16	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Beyond the Pews
Sunday	April 24		Internet Evangelism Day
Thursday	May 5		National Day of Prayer & Yom HaShoah Remembrance



## Newsletter

This is your newsletter. You are encouraged to submit articles, pictures, information relevant to your committees and ministries at Moore's, cartoons, humor, poetry or anything else you would like to share.

*Please submit your information to Theresa Beeg or Susan McDade.*

**Remember to share your newsletter with a friend!**

**If you would prefer to have the Moore's Messenger emailed to you please contact Theresa Beeg**



## Mailing List

If you are new to Moore's Chapel and want to be on the mailing list, or if you need to update your address, telephone number or other information, please contact the Moore's Chapel Pastor's Assistant Diane Ristine.

**If you know anyone that you would like to receive the newsletter, add them too!**

## Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m.  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Contemporary/Praise Service  
Christian Education  
Sunday School  
Traditional Service  
Junior Church

Jesus, Christ, God, Son, Saviour



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