

	Year—to—Date	
Income		
Total Contributions	\$	2,090,789.67
Total Other Income		1,674.83
Total Income	\$	2,092,464.50
Expenses		
Total Operating Expenses	\$	1,766,664.28
Total Ministries—Worship		41,547.81
Total Ministries—Education		95,904.57
Total Missions		205,096.72
Total Capital Expenditures		67,685.33
Total Equipment		6,706.16
Total Expenses	\$	2,183,604.87
Total Difference	-\$	(91,140.37)

Families in Need (FIN)

Assistance is still available for Smoke Rise families through FIN. If you know a fellow member in need, encourage them to contact Tim Adcox or Ernie Forrester. If you have a need, please contact one of our ministers.

Please continue to support this worthwhile ministry through your prayers and resources to assist SRBC members who are in financial need.

Our Ministers

Church Office: 770.469.5856

E. Ernest Forrester, Jr.	Associate Pastor
Kathy Dobbins	Minister of Spiritual Formation
Tim Adcox	Minister of Missions
Danny Vancil	Minister of Worship & Music
Marti Andrews	Interim Children's Ministry
Carra Hughes Greer	Minister to Families with Youth
Truett Gannon, D. Min.	Pastor Emeritus
Rob Nash, Ph.D.	Co-Visiting Preacher
Allen Walworth, Ph.D.	Co-Visiting Preacher

Smoke Rise Counseling Center 404.636.1457 x424

Affiliate of Care and Counseling Center of Georgia

Gloria White, M. Div., LCSW	Counselor and Center Director
Gina Campbell, M. Div., LCSW	Counselor
Evie Bodine, M. Counseling	Counselor



Deaths

Join us in extending our sympathy to our friends and family at Smoke Rise who have lost loved ones:

Marti Andrew's mother-in-law, Frank Bowden and Rachel Dennis.

Lilburn Co-op

Lilburn Co-op Pantry needs for the month of January: mac and cheese, cereal and canned meat.

Sunday Morning Speakers

January 22nd

Dr. Rob Nash

January 29th

Dr. Allen Walworth

February 5th

Dr. Rob Nash

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A Financial Note

Dear Church Family,

As soon as I heard the news, I knew I could not keep it to myself. I *had* to share it with you! Our budget giving in December made it the best December we have had in the last three years! When I saw the figures I was moved beyond words.

This year our total giving reached 3.7 million dollars! Going back to the year 2000, in only six of these years have we given more and those were the years *before* this recession. This is just incredible. *You* are incredible!

I don't know why I marvel at this because I certainly have been praying long and hard, and I know you have too. Yet, again, God has proven to be faithful.

My personal prayer was to reach a half million dollars in December 2011 because, despite the generosity of our church family, we still ended the year 91,000 dollars in the red. While we did so much for so many families away from our church, we did not do what we needed to do to take care of this family, our family.

My prayer for 2012 is that we will be strong at home in order to make an even greater impact through our ministries abroad. God knows I love this family!

Grace and Peace,
Ernie

Thank You Note

Smoke Rise Baptist Congregation,

The outpouring of love and caring for me, my family and Paul's family has been a true testament of your Christian faith and love. The many hours of being by my side, the calls, visits, cards, prayers, food and so many acts of love and kindness have been a blessing to me, my family, Paul's family and Georgia Tech co-workers and friends.

Thank you all ever so much for your tender loving care and acts of love.

*Sincerely,
Marianna Marseglia*

Wednesdays for Adults: Winter 2012 Speakers

The Wednesday night schedule of speakers is listed below. Join us each Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

January Speakers

- 1/18 Rev. Ernie Forrester
- 1/25 Chris Cherry: *Youth & Children's Ministry Intern and McAfee Theology Student*

February Speakers

- 2/1 Dr. Page Fulgham
- 2/8 Dr. Rob Nash
- 2/15 *Dr. Baxter Wynn: Author of "Two Sons of Atlanta"; FBC Greenville*

Mission Moment: Edgewood Church

Last year we saw God do amazing things!

- 12 precious people were baptized into the faith
- We were given our own church building in Edgewood and have made amazing strides in renovating it
- We were recruited as leaders in the community to help select the new elementary school principal and be involved in ongoing discussions about APS school closings
- We celebrated Tyrone's freedom in an unexpected show of mercy from a judge
- A group of amazing people pulled together to make it possible for us to move to Edgewood!

Last year was so amazing, but it felt like something closer to a decade than a year. We crossed the annual finish line feeling winded and low on steam. Because of this, and because God has given us the game-changing opportunity to live among the people we are called to reach, we have decided to start a very intentional and prayerful time of discernment to determine how God would have us minister to the people of Edgewood in the coming months and years. Please join us in prayer as we seek a way of ministry that is both increasingly effective and increasingly life-giving.

Lilburn Co-op Needs a Man

The Lilburn Co-op needs a man to work on Fridays from 10 AM—2 PM in the Co-op's Food Pantry Warehouse. If you are interested in helping with the Co-op's food ministry, call Bill Blanton at 770.921.4115.

Honduras Trip: Space Available

There is space available on the Honduras mission trip March 10 – 17. If you are interested, please contact Glenn or Pat in the Missions Office this week.