

The Cross Tie Newsletter

February 20, 2012

Ministry Places & Contacts

Appalachia Construction
May 27-June 1, 2012
October 14-19, 2012
Bill Blanton: 770.921.4115

Appalachia (Ladies)
April 15-20, 2012
Jenny Brannan: 770.466.2001

Community Recreation
Mike Danishek: 678.533.0572

Cooperatives
Peggy Harris: 770.972.6690

Cornerstone Church
Debra Dice: 770.978.3577

Edgewood Church
Mary Wilson: 770.985.0283

Honduras
March 10-17, 2012
Deb Leamon: 770.923.8762

The Joseph Project
Scott Keller: 404.547.4056

Kingdom Builders
Carra Greer: 770.469.5856

Military Away
Margaret-Anne Prohitt
770.979.8472

New York
July 14-21, 2012
Whitney Calhoun: 678.429.7217

Tijuana
July 7-14, 2012
Gary Prohitt: 770.979.8472

Uganda
Dick Pepper: 770.725.2777

Ash Wednesday Service

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd. On Ash Wednesday, join Smoke Rise for the traditional imposition of the ashes at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.



Reception for Gloria White

Please join us on Sunday, March 4th as we recognize Gloria White for her years of service in the Smoke Rise Counseling Center upon her retirement. The reception will follow the 11:00 AM service in the Fellowship Hall.

Stone Mountain Co-op

Stone Mountain Pantry needs for February: toiletries, soup, peanut butter, mac and cheese, hot and cold cereal, tuna and jelly.

Ladies Spring Event

Join us April 17th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for SRBC's annual Ladies Spring Event. This year's event will feature HGTV star, Chip Wade. Chip has been our favorite carpenter on HGTV's *Designed to Sell* and *Curb Appeal: The Block*. His new show, *Elbow Room*, filmed in Atlanta, will be broadcast soon!

Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale beginning March 11th. If you would like to host and decorate a table, please contact MaryLynn Manley at 770.925.7509.

A Message from Bob & Jackie

Jackie and I enjoyed visiting with you recently when we were in town for Rachel Barton's wedding. We miss you and continue to pray for you. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. Thank you for being so good to us during our time at Smoke Rise.

Many of you asked for the address of our home and our email addresses. I am happy to share them with you:

Home Address

1223 Equestrian Way
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Church Address

First Baptist Church
201 St. Clair Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Email Addresses

bbrowning@fbcfrankfort.org
jackiebrowning@hotmail.com

Church Phone: 502.227.4528

Bob's Cell Phone: 404.824.4812

Honduras Scholarships Needed

The Honduras mission team, leaving March 10th, needs some scholarship assistance totaling \$1,700. If you would like to help with this need, please contact the Missions Office or our Minister of Missions, Tim Adcox.

Edgewood Tutoring

Edgewood Church needs volunteers who would like to tutor elementary school children. The time commitment is one day a week for the remainder of this school year. The time is flexible and volunteers can work with the principal to determine a day and time that will fit into their schedule. To volunteer, please contact Carrie Dean at 770.561.2961.

Lenten Lecture Series: The Kingdom of God

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

The season of Lent is an appropriate time to focus on one of Jesus' most talked about subjects – the Kingdom of God. What did he mean that it has "come near" and is "among you?" What is in our lives that makes it "hard to enter the Kingdom?" Join us on the following Wednesdays for a time of thoughtful reflection:

- 2/29** **Dr. Loyd Allen:** Sylvan Hills Baptist Church; Professor of Church History and Spiritual Formation, McAfee School of Theology
- 3/07** **Dr. Brett Younger:** Associate Professor of Preaching, McAfee School of Theology
- 3/14** **David Gushee:** Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics, McAfee School of Theology
- 3/21** **Dr. Rob Nash:** Co-Visiting Preacher; Coordinator of Global Missions for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- 3/28** **Rev. Kathy Dobbins:** Minister of Spiritual Formation

Ladies Trip to Appalachia

There are four places available on the Appalachia Ladies Mission Team going to Kentucky, April 15 – 20. The cost of the trip is \$300 and some scholarships are available.

One of the places we will be serving is the housing project, where we will "pamper" the ladies. If you have this ability or know of someone who does, the team needs a hairdresser to cut hair for this project.

Also, we are collecting 2-liter plastic soda bottles *with caps*. Please leave these in the box outside the Missions Office.

For more information, please contact Jenny Brannan at brannan.jenny@gmail.com or 770.337.7545.

Birth Announcements

"Madaleine Annalyse," born January 27th to Jessica and Alan Ripley; grandparents are Karen and Bill Ripley.

"Grayson Randall" and **"Peyton Bryon,"** born February 2nd to Becca and Shawn Hales; grandparents are Barbara and Ken Whitlow.

"Graham Edwin," born February 15th to Claire and Matt Burns; big sister is Caroline; grandparents are Deb and Gary Leamon.

A Message from Your Pastor Search Committee

Congregational

Conversations

The Pastor Search Committee has been meeting diligently and we are now ready to move into a very important phase of the search process: the creation of a congregational profile. In order to find the best minister for Smoke Rise, it is essential that we first know how we have become who we are, why we are here, what makes us unique and how we envision our future. When we can answer these questions, we can then create an accurate profile for the minister we are seeking.

In order to be certain we are listening to everyone, we will hold a series of five "Congregational Conversations." These sessions will each focus on one of five themes: Heritage, Mission, Leadership, Connections and Future. These terms will be described in the session, but they essentially cover where we have been, what are our core values and mission, how we make decisions, how we connect to the world and how we envision our future.

Each session will last an hour and a half and will be led by facilitators. The sessions are designed for everyone to be comfortable participating, either by speaking to the entire group, making comments in writing or speaking to a small group at a table. If you commit to attend a session, we ask that you plan to be there for the entire time. This is the best way to assure we are gathering complete data. After each session, the data will be organized and the findings will be presented to the church.

We invite you to attend as many sessions as possible. However, any amount of participation is valuable to the search process.

The Congregational Conversations schedule is as follows:

- **Sunday, March 11th** - 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
There will be no early service and Sunday School will not be held for youth and adults.
Topic: Heritage
- **Sunday, April 1st** - Noon to 2:00 PM
Topic: Mission
- **Sunday, April 15th** - Noon to 2:00 PM
Topic: Leadership
- **Sunday, May 6th** - Noon to 2:00 PM
Topic: Connections
- **Sunday, June 3rd** - 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
There will be no early service and Sunday School will not be held for youth and adults.
Topic: Future

All sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall and food will be provided. Child care will be available for the Sunday afternoon sessions (regular child care will be provided in the morning sessions).

The Pastor Search Committee looks forward to seeing you at these very important sessions!

Cookies for the Troops

The Military Away Committee is collecting Girl Scout cookies to send to the troops. If you would like to help, please bring boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the reception desk in the church office during the month of February (no chocolate cookies, please).

If you would like to donate toward the purchase of cookies, please make checks payable to Smoke Rise Baptist Church and designate "Military Cookies" in the memo line.

Financial Corner: Through February 17, 2012

	Year-to-Date	
Income		
Total Contributions	\$	220,183.83
Total Other Income		(567.54)
Total Income	\$	219,616.29
Expenses		
Total Operating Expenses	\$	214,934.90
Total Ministries—Worship		819.07
Total Ministries—Education		4,296.10
Total Missions		14,957.77
Total Capital Expenditures		8,340.00
Total Equipment		904.74
Total Expenses	\$	244,252.58
Total Difference	-\$	(24,636.29)

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

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Gloria White, M. Div., LCSW	Counselor and Center Director
Gina Campbell, M. Div., LCSW	Counselor
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Sunday Morning Speakers

February 26th

Dr. Rob Nash

March 4th

Dr. Rob Nash

March 11th

Dr. Rob Nash

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