

The Cross Tie Newsletter

March 5, 2012

Ministry Places & Contacts

Appalachia Construction May 27-June 1, 2012

October 14-19, 2012

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Appalachia (Ladies)

April 15-20, 2012

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Honduras

March 10-17, 2012

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Military Away

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New York

July 14-21, 2012

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Tijuana

July 7-14, 2012

Gary Prohitt: 770.979.8472

Uganda

Dick Pepper: 770.725.2777

Help Fight Hunger in Stone Mountain

You can help the needy in our area by donating to the Stone Mountain Cooperative Ministry during March and April. The Feinstein Foundation, founded in 1991, is dedicated to the alleviation of hunger and will be adding money to your donation during these two months. If you would like to make a donation, please make all checks out to the Stone Mountain Co-op.



New Bible Study

Join us for a seven week Bible Study based on the book *Brave: Honest Questions Women Ask*, by Angela Thomas. The book examines deep feelings, fears and insecurities that women often experience in their lives. The class will meet on Sundays at 5:00 PM in room S223 beginning on March 11th.

Men's Gap Mission Trip

A men's construction trip to God's Appalachian Partnership in Kentucky has been planned for May 27 – June 1. The cost of the trip is \$300. To join this mission team, please register online at www.smokeriseministries.org/missions.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Bill Blanton at 770.921.4115.

Honduras Scholarships Needed

The Honduras mission team, leaving March 10th, is in need of 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.

Lilburn Co-op

Lilburn Co-op Pantry needs for March: macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, liquid laundry detergent, canned meat and canned pasta with meat (ex. Ravioli)

Ladies Spring Event

Join us on April 17th at 6:30 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 go on sale beginning March 11th. To host and decorate a table, contact MaryLynn Manley at 770.925.7509.

Circle Meetings

- **Sadies Ladies Circle** will meet Monday, March 12th at 6:30 PM at the home of Karen Stitt. Our mission focus this month is to help with the Joseph's Coat Project. Visitors are always welcome to join us.
- **Fite Circle** will meet at the home of June Anne Wheeler on March 6th at 10:00 AM. Elizabeth Wells will give a presentation on missionary Karla Turner. For directions, contact June Anne at 770.339.7373. Please join us.

Ladies Trip to Appalachia

There are three spots available on the Appalachia ladies mission team going to Kentucky on 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. We are delighted that we have a volunteer to cut hair.

We are collecting 2-liter plastic soda bottles *with caps*. If you have any bottles to donate, please leave these in the box outside the Missions Office.

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

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:

- 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

Passages Exhibition

Passages, a worldwide traveling exhibition, allows people of all interests to experience the creation of the Bible, the book that has altered history, shaped cultures, inspired minds and changed lives.

The 23,000 square foot, interactive, non-sectarian traveling exhibition showcases 450 rare biblical texts and artifacts including the earliest known text from the book of Matthew. Experience hands-on components for kids and people of all ages to see, touch, feel and experience the history of the Bible, including a working replica of the Gutenberg printing press, a scavenger hunt for clues found throughout the exhibition and copying script by candlelight like the monks who transcribed the Bible during the Middle Ages.

Visitors to Passages interact with exciting Bible discoveries and learn the story of how the Bible as we know it today came into existence through multimedia and historical settings, including an ancient synagogue and a modern excavation site.

A Smoke Rise group package is available for Sunday, April 22nd. The bus will leave immediately following a brief sack lunch at noon. The tour will last 2 ½ hours. To go with this Smoke Rise group, purchase tickets in the Upper Breezeway on Sundays and on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall beginning March 25th.

For questions or more information, contact Kathy Dobbins at 770.469.5856 or kdobbins@smokerisebaptist.org.

Log on to www.explorepassages.com/atlanta to visit the Passages' website. The exhibition is located at 1201 Hammond Drive, Atlanta, GA. The exhibit is open through April 30th.

Birth Announcement

Graham Edwin, born February 15th to Matt and Clair 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 our core values and mission are, 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. A light breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
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. A light breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
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!

Edgewood Tutoring

Edgewood Church needs volunteers who would like to tutor children from Whiteford Elementary School. The time commitment is one day a week for the remainder of this school year. The time is flexible and you can work with the principal to determine a day and time to fit your schedule. To volunteer, contact Carrie Dean at 770.561.2961.

	Year—to—Date	
Income		
Total Contributions	\$	295,713.40
Total Other Income		(488.65)
Total Income	\$	295,224.75
Expenses		
Total Operating Expenses	\$	252,871.09
Total Ministries—Worship		2,012.40
Total Ministries—Education		5,397.18
Total Missions		24,117.40
Total Capital Expenditures		8,340.00
Total Equipment		904.74
Total Expenses	\$	293,642.81
Total Difference	\$	1,581.94

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:

Kathy Goodenow's brother-in-law;
Chuck McComsey; and Diane Santiago's mother-in-law.

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Sunday Morning Speakers

March 18th

Dr. Rob Nash

March 25th

Dr. Allen Walworth

April 1st

Dr. Rob Nash

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