

The Cross Tie Newsletter

March 19, 2012

Pledge Sunday: *The Smoke Rise Legacy Goes On*

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
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Cooperatives
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Edgewood Church
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Honduras
March 10-17, 2012
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The Joseph Project
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Military Away
Margaret-Anne Prophitt
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New York
July 14-21, 2012
Whitney Calhoun: 678.429.7217

Tijuana
July 7-14, 2012
Gary Prophitt: 770.979.8472

Uganda
Dick Pepper: 770.725.2777



The Budget Prep Committee has been hard at work forming the Ministry Plan for 2012. Next week you will receive a packet of information in the mail containing the specifics of the plan. In order to address any questions you may have, we will conduct question and answer sessions on Wednesday, March 21st and Sunday, March 25th (time and location TBA). The church family will vote and pledge the budget on Sunday, March 25th.

Let's see what God can do in and through us this year as we grow the legacy that has been passed down to us at Smoke Rise!

New Bible Study July 7-14

There will be a Tijuana meeting for information and an opportunity to sign up for the trip at 12 PM (immediately following 11 AM worship) on Sunday, April 22nd in room S223.

You can register now online and pay the \$100 deposit by going to www.smokeriseministries.org

For more information, contact Gary Prophitt at 770.979.8472 or gprophitt@bellsouth.net.

New York Mission Trip July 14-21

If you are interested in going on the New York mission trip, you must register before April 8th.

You can register online by going to www.smokeriseministries.org and clicking the on "Missions" link. Follow the prompts and pay the \$100 deposit.

For more information, contact the Missions Office or Margaret Weatherly at margaretweatherly@gmail.com or 770.364.8152.

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).

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. To make a donation, please make all checks out to the Stone Mountain Co-op.

Academy of Arts Presents

The Wizard of OZ

Friday, March 23rd & Saturday March 24th
Smoke Rise Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM
Free admission – Donations Appreciated

Birth Announcement

Hayden Virginia, born February 14th to Ginna and Matt Cavender; big sister is Macie; grandparents are Beverly and Mike Cavender.

Ladies Spring Event

Join us on April 17th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for SRBC's Ladies Spring Event. The 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 are on sale now.

Lenten Lecture Series:

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 Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a time of thoughtful reflection:

3/21	Dr. Rob Nash
3/28	Rev. Kathy Dobbins

4:12 Kids

The Children's Ministry is excited to announce the opening of our new worship space on the 3rd floor in room 302. 4:12 Kids allows children to worship in a contemplative, multisensory environment designed especially for them. Parents and other adults are welcome to join us at any time and will enjoy this worship experience as well.

Children in 1st through 5th grades will be invited to leave the sanctuary during the offertory hymn on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and join 4:12 Kids for worship

The name 4:12 Kids comes from 1 Timothy 4:12:

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

Men's Gap Mission Trip

A men's construction trip to God's Appalachian Partnership (GAP) in MacDowell, Kentucky has been scheduled for May 27th through June 1st. If you would like to join this mission team, please register online at www.smokeriseministries.org/missions. The cost of the trip is \$300.

For questions or for more information, please contact Bill Blanton at 770.921.4115.

Cookies for the Troops

The Military Away Committee is collecting Girl Scout cookies for the troops. If you would like to donate, please bring boxes of cookies to the church office (no chocolate cookies, please).

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

Ladies' Appalachia Trip—Urgent Need

The ladies' Appalachia mission team has an urgent need for regular sized bottles of shampoo and conditioner (no trial sizes, please) to add to gift bags for the ladies in the housing project in MacDowell, Kentucky.

Thank you for the donations you have already made. Please continue to donate the 2-liter plastic soda bottles *with caps*. All donations should go in the marked boxes outside the Missions Office.

There is one place left on the team. The cost of the trip is \$300. If you would like to join the mission team, please register online at www.smokeriseministries.org with a \$100 deposit or contact Georgianne Harrison at grharrison@comcast.net or 770.978.0483.

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 an 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.

In order to be certain we are listening to everyone, we will hold a series of five "Congregational Conversations." Each session will last an 1½ hours 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. If you commit to attend a session, please 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. Upcoming Congregation Conversations:

- **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. 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.

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 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 chance to copy script by candlelight like the monks who transcribed the Bible, explore an ancient synagogue and viewing a modern excavation site.

A SRBC group package is available for Sunday, April 22nd. The bus will leave immediately following a sack lunch at noon. The tour will last 2½ hours. Tickets will be on sale in the Upper Breezeway on Sundays and on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall beginning March 25th. For question or for more information, please contact Kathy Dobbins at kdobbins@smokerisebaptist.org or visit the Passages' website at www.explorepassages.com/atlanta.

Financial Corner: Through March 15, 2012

	Year-to-Date	
Income		
Total Contributions	\$	364,569.83
Total Other Income		(812.06)
Total Income	\$	363,757.77
Expenses		
Total Operating Expenses	\$	355,236.09
Total Ministries—Worship		2,679.13
Total Ministries—Education		9,346.83
Total Missions		28,978.74
Total Capital Expenditures		11,070.00
Total Equipment		943.65
Total Expenses	\$	408,254.44
Total Difference	-\$	(44,496.67)

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

Evie Bodine, MA, LAPC	Counselor
Heather Weimer, M. Div., STM	Counselor
Jennifer Weimer	Counselor



Deaths

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

Hugh Buchanan's father; Phil Davis' brother.

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Sunday Morning Speakers

March 25th

Dr. Allen Walworth

April 1st

Dr. Rob Nash

April 8th

Dr. Rob Nash

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