

# The Cross Tie Newsletter

April 2, 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 Prophitt  
770.979.8472

**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



### Children experiencing God

Children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be invited to leave the sanctuary during the offertory hymn on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

## Carole Mitchell's Retirement

It is with a sad heart but warm wishes that we congratulate Carole Mitchell on her retirement from Smoke Rise as of March 21<sup>st</sup>. She has served as our organist for twenty-nine years and as the Director of the Fine Arts Academy for nineteen years. The congregation and her students have all benefitted from her musical giftedness.

We will be collecting a love offering for Carole. All contributions must be received at the church by April 30<sup>th</sup>. You may send contributions by mail, online or bring them by the church office. Please designate in the memo line, "Carole Mitchell Love Offering."

As Carole begins a new chapter in her life, we are excited about what the future holds for her and wish her all the best wherever the Lord may lead her.

## 2012 Ministry Plan Voting Results

The congregation voted on the 2012 Ministry Plan on Pledge Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. The result was an overwhelmingly unanimous vote to approve the Ministry Plan.

**The Smoke Rise Legacy Goes On**, and will continue as we all do our part. We are excited to see what God can do through us as we grow the legacy that has been passed down to us.

## 4:12 Kids

The Children's Ministry is excited to announce the opening of our new worship space on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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## **Tijuana Mission Trip**

*July 7-14*

There will be a Tijuana meeting for information and an opportunity to sign up for the trip at 12:00 PM (immediately following 11:00 AM worship) on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in room S223.

To register online and pay the \$100 deposit, log on to [www.smokeriseministries.org](http://www.smokeriseministries.org)

For more information, contact Gary Prophitt at [gprophitt@bellsouth.net](mailto:gprophitt@bellsouth.net) or 770.979.8472.

## **New York Mission Trip**

*July 14-21*

Smoke Rise members who want to go on the New York Mission Trip, please contact Margaret Weatherly by Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at [margaretweatherly@gmail.com](mailto:margaretweatherly@gmail.com) or 770.364.8152.

There will be an informational meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in room S223.

## **Help Fight Hunger in Stone Mountain**

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

## **Prime Time Meeting**

Enjoy dinner and an evening with The Atlanta Boys Choir on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office at 770.469.5856 to make your reservations.

## **Ladies Spring Event**

Join us on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall for the Ladies Spring Event featuring 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, premieres in May. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now.

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## **Relay for Life Breakfast and Silent Auction**

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The SRBC Relay for Life Team will be hosting a breakfast and silent auction on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8:30 AM. Breakfast is \$3 per person. Come and support the effort to research treatments and medicines to cure cancer.

During the silent auction you will have the opportunity to bid on a variety of themed baskets made by the team starting at \$25 (bidding will close at 10:15 AM). There will also be a Country Store with items for sale including plants, decorative items, cakes and much more. All checks should be written to the American Cancer Society and are tax deductible.

Also, we invite you to join us at the Gwinnett Fair Grounds on Sugar Loaf Parkway on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to cheer on the SRBC team. Gwinnet Relay for Life is the largest Relay for Life event in the world. It is a wonderful time to visit people, enjoy the spirit of survivors and to honor those who have fought the fight against cancer.

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## **Birth Announcement**

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*Brooks Landon*, born March 19<sup>th</sup> to Melissa and David Keel; big brother is Brody; grandparents are Debbie and Victor Greene.

*Hadley Anne*, born March 24<sup>th</sup> to Amanda and Brian MacKay; grandparents are Donna and Michael Allen; great aunt and uncle are Andy and Elaine Williams.

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## **Men's Gap Mission Trip**

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A men's construction trip to God's Appalachian Partnership (GAP) in MacDowell, Kentucky has been scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to join this mission team, please register online at [www.smokeriseministries.org/missions](http://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.

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## **Ladies' Appalachia Trip—Urgent Need**

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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](http://www.smokeriseministries.org) with a \$100 deposit or contact Georgianne Harrison at [grharrison@comcast.net](mailto:grharrison@comcast.net) or 770.978.0483.

## Congregational Conversation Schedule



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Conversations

- **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
*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 1<sup>st</sup>** - Noon to 2:00 PM  
Topic: Mission
- **Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** - Noon to 2:00 PM  
Topic: Leadership
- **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** - Noon to 2:00 PM  
Topic: Connections
- **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - 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!

If you would like to submit a question or a suggestion to the Pastor Search Committee, you can do so online at [www.smokerisebaptist.org/pastorsearch/Default.aspx](http://www.smokerisebaptist.org/pastorsearch/Default.aspx) or you can use the suggestion box located in the church office.

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## Stone Mountain Co-op

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Stone Mountain Co-op Pantry needs for March: mac and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, hot and cold cereal, rice, dried beans and canned meat.

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### Sadies Ladies Circle Meeting

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Sadies Ladies Circle will be meet April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the home of Gerri Hankla. Visitors are always welcome to join us.

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### Multi Focus WMU Meeting

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Multi Focus WMU will meet on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the SRBC Parlor. Our mission project will be the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. All ladies are welcome.

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### Tickets for Passages Exhibition

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Smoke Rise group tickets for the Passages Exhibition near Perimeter Mall on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> are on sale now. To purchase tickets, see MaryLynn Manley on Sundays in the breezeway. There are a limited number of tickets available due to the number our bus holds.

For questions or for more information, contact Kathy Dobbins at [kdobbins@smokerisebaptist.org](mailto:kdobbins@smokerisebaptist.org) or 770.469.5856. You can visit the Passages' website at [www.explorepassages.com/atlanta](http://www.explorepassages.com/atlanta).

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## Maundy Thursday—April 5<sup>th</sup>

Reflections Stations at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall  
Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary  
Featuring

*The Seven Last Words of Christ* Presented by The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra  
with Richard Clement, Tenor, Megan Mashburn, Soprano & Brian Franklin, Baritone

	<b>Year—to—Date</b>	
<b>Income</b>		
Total Contributions	\$	431,131.95
Total Other Income		(636.91)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>430,495.04</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Total Operating Expenses	\$	421,250.64
Total Ministries—Worship		3,458.32
Total Ministries—Education		13,074.97
Total Missions		40,542.18
Total Capital Expenditures		14,670.00
Total Equipment		943.65
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>493,939.96</b>
<b>Total Difference</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>(63,444.92 )</b>

## 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:

John Newcomb-Thompson's mother; Evelyn Dobbins (former member); Elizabeth Hollandsworth (former member); Larry Free's brother; John Temple's sister, Barbara King; Wilbur Herrington; Rowell Williams; and Bob Knell's friend.

## Sunday Morning Speakers

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Rob Nash

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Allen Walworth

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Dr. Allen Walworth

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