

# The Cross Tie Newsletter

April 16, 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

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### 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

## Messy Art Night



Bring your family and join us for Messy Art Night on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 7:15 PM on the Ball Field (if it rains, we'll move to the gym). Wear messy clothes and let your creativity run wild!

## Pray for the Ladies' Appalachia Mission Team

Please pray for the Ladies Appalachia mission team while they serve in Kentucky on April 15 - 20. The team members are:

Karen Bates, Charlene Echols, Carole Harrison, Georgianne Harrison, Marianna Marseglia and Kathy Sengstack.

## WMU Annual Meeting

Smoke Rise will host the annual WMU spring meeting on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme is *Serving Unhindered*. The program will begin at 10:30 AM and will include lunch. To make a reservation, contact the church office at 770.469.5856. All ladies are invited.

## Stone Mountain Co-op

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

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## 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 considerable musical talent.

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 wish her all the best wherever the Lord may lead her.

## Tickets for Passages Exhibit

SRBC 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. Tickets are limited due to the number our bus holds.

For questions or for more information, contact Kathy Dobbins at 770.469.5856 Or [kdobbins@smokerisebaptist.org](mailto:kdobbins@smokerisebaptist.org).

To visit the Passages' website, log on to [www.explorepassages.com/atlanta](http://www.explorepassages.com/atlanta).

## Ladies' Spring Event

Join us April 17<sup>th</sup> 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 premieres in May.

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## Wednesdays for Adults: April 25<sup>th</sup>

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Join us April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM on the Fellowship Hall as the Senior Adult Choir from FBC Morrow will performs *More Than Ever Before*, a funny and inspiring musical. Many of you will know Jack Harwell whose wife, Teliea Harwell, directs the senior choir.

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## Men's GAP Mission Trip

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There will be a construction trip to God's Appalachian Partnership (GAP) in Kentucky May 27 – June 1. The cost of the trip is \$300. Register at [www.smokeriseministries.org/missions](http://www.smokeriseministries.org/missions). For questions or more information, please contact Bill Blanton at 770.921.4115.

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## Help Fight Hunger in Stone Mountain

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You can help the needy in our area by donating to the Stone Mountain Cooperative Ministry during 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. Please make all checks out to Stone Mountain Co-op.

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## Baby Dedication Service

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Our next Baby Dedication Service is scheduled for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to dedicate a child in your family, please contact Amanda Coe Burton at 678.533.0555 or [aburton@smokerisebaptist.org](mailto:aburton@smokerisebaptist.org).

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## Birth Announcements

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*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.

*John Scott Jr.*, born March 31<sup>st</sup> to Marti and John Newcomb-Thompson; big sisters are Mackenzie and Grace.

*Charles Kent*, born April 2<sup>nd</sup> to Dana and Kent Jackson; grandparents are Nancy and Dan Garcia.

*Elisabeth Cassis*, born April 6<sup>th</sup> to Kara and Paul Culbreth; grandparents are Paula and all Culbreth.

## Congregational Conversation Schedule

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- Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - Noon to 2:00 PM  
*There will be no 9:00 AM worship service*  
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 AM 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 on Sunday afternoons. If you would like to submit a question or a suggestion to the committee, go to [smokerisebaptist.org](http://smokerisebaptist.org) and click on the 'Pastor Search Submissions' link at the bottom of the page or you can use the suggestion box located in the church office.

### **New York Mission Trip** *July 14-21, 2012*

If you plan to go on the New York mission trip on July 14<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>, please register online at [smokeriseministries.org/missions](http://smokeriseministries.org/missions). Follow the prompts and pay the \$100 deposit to complete your registration.

For more information, please contact Margaret Weatherly at [margaretweatherly@gmail.com](mailto:margaretweatherly@gmail.com) or 770.364.8152.

### **Tijuana Mission Trip** *July 7-14, 2012*

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, go to [www.smokeriseministries.org/missions](http://www.smokeriseministries.org/missions). For more questions or for information, contact Gary Prohitt at [gprohitt@bellsouth.net](mailto:gprohitt@bellsouth.net) or 770.979.8472.

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

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 Sugarloaf Parkway on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM to cheer on the SRBC team. Gwinnett Relay for Life is the largest Relay for Life event in the world. Its a wonderful time to visit enjoy the spirit of survivors and honor those who have fought the fight against cancer.

### **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.

## Financial Update

We have just closed the 3 month interim period between the end of the 2011 calendar year and the beginning of 2012 fiscal year, with the following results:

- Budget - \$520, 168
- Actual Expenses – \$504, 522
- Budget Giving - \$ 447, 328 (\$57,197 less than our actual expenses and \$71,904 less than our budget)

The budget for Fiscal 2012, April 2012-March 2013, is \$2,088,580, reduced by over \$279,000 from our 2011 budget. We are excited to report that our pledges towards the new budget are running ahead of the same period during our last stewardship campaign. To date we have received 243 pledges totaling \$1,285,480; which is over \$65,000 more, and more per pledge than the same period last time!

Thank you for such a strong beginning in pledged support of this new year. We are excited to see what God will do through us this year as we grow the legacy that has been handed down to us. If you have not done so already, please remember to turn in your pledge cards. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our church administrator, David MacFarlane, at 678.533.0567.

### 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

### Deaths

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

Martha Pemberton  
Don Addington's mother

### 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



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## Sunday Morning Speakers

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

Dr. Allen Walworth

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Rob Nash

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Allen Walworth

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