

The Cross Tie Newsletter

October 21, 2013

Stone Mountain Food Pantry Needs for October



Stone Mountain Co-op is having its annual "It's Spooky to be Hungry" food drive. Food items needed are: canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, dish soap, dried beans, pasta, female products, small bags flour, grits, jelly, Kleenex, laundry powder, toilet paper, bar soap, mac 'n cheese, oatmeal, peanut butter, rice, salmon, salt, sugar, snacks, spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna, tea, and small vegetable oil.

Smoke Rise Baptist Church's Second Annual

Octoberfest

October 30, 2013
5:00 - 7:00pm

Dinner tickets are for sale in Sunday School classes each Sunday until October 26th. Adult meal tickets \$5 and child's meal ticket \$3 with a \$12 maximum for a family for pre-event sales. Tickets will also be available at the door with a family maximum of \$15 at the gate.

Activities are free. Everyone is welcome. Costumes are welcome for kids of all ages. There will be inflatables, games, costume parade, pony rides, and fellowship for all ages.

Peachtree Station Bluegrass Band will perform

*In the event of rain we will move to the Gym



Submission Deadline: Wed, 4:30pm, week before publication.

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Out of Sight, Out of Mind

by Ernie Forrester
Associate Pastor

Do you ever look around on Sunday morning and wonder where certain people have gone? Has it ever dawned on you that

some of our regular attenders are no longer coming on Wednesday evenings? Are you curious as to what would keep these folks away? There are many reasons, but I think you would be surprised at the number of people who would love to be at Smoke Rise Baptist if they only had a ride to and from church.



Mission Sunday just presented us with probably our greatest challenge, at least it feels that way to me, "Every One Can Do Something!"

The question is, of course, will it happen now? Will everyone do something? Is it possible for our members to take to heart the concept of "Every Member a Missionary" and realize we have a mission field within our church?

We can spend a lot of time and energy talking about the number of people coming (or not), and how we can increase attendance, but if we wanted to do something about it, then we might consider a little known mission field. It is right here at home. Granted, it might be a little inconvenient, but if we can go to far away places to share God's love, can we not share some of it right in our own backyard?

My request to you is very simple. Would you be willing to be a mobile missionary and provide a ride to and from church for someone who is

living in a retirement home or is homebound? If one of these members is located in a place that was on your way here would you help them get here? These folks are physically mobile, but are unable to drive and cannot attend because of a lack of transportation. The ride you provide would help them stay connected and prevent them from being "out of sight and out of mind."



I would love to hear from anyone who wants to be a mobile missionary for those in our community. Contact me at eforrester@smokerisebaptist.org or call the church office at 770.469.5856.

Honduras Mission Trip 2014 Alert



Deb Leamon is inviting everyone who is thinking about going on the Honduras Mission Trip to join her in Room 223 on Sunday, October 27th, after the 11:00am worship service. This will be a time when you can learn more about the trip and the deadlines for signing up. The date for the Honduras Trip is March 8 – 15, 2014, and we have 20 seats reserved on Delta. Don't get left out!

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What's New in the Church Library?

By Kathy Dobbins
Minister of Spiritual Formation

Thanks to the generosity of a donor, the church library has a fresh coat of paint and a new look. The new seating area is designed for group conversations or a quiet place to read. The young adults now have a suitable place to gather and talk while they are waiting on their kids in missions and music. We have done a review of all of our titles and some much needed thinning out to make room for new additions. We have found that check outs have gone down significantly due to more people preferring to read electronically. This adds to the value of converting part of the library for multi-purpose space. Stop by and have a look or check out a book.



Parent & Child Dedication Service Sun, Nov 17

Our next Parent & Child Dedication Service is scheduled for Sunday,

November 17th. If you would like to dedicate a child in your family, please contact Amanda Coe Burton at aburton@smokerisebaptist.org or 678.533.0555.

Volunteer at Stone Mountain Co-op

Smoke Rise has been asked to work at the Stone Mountain Co-op food pantry from November 4th – December 6th. Volunteers are needed on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10am – 1:30pm and on Fridays, 10am - noon. If you can help, please call Becky Seay at 770.381.6865.

Drum Roll Please, The Fellowship Drapes Are Up!

If you have not seen them already, stop by the Fellowship Hall and see the new drapes crafted by our on members. SRBC can not express thanks enough for all your work, suggestions, guidance (especially Melissa Adams), blood shed, and blood removal tips.

Specifically we would like to thank:

Melissa Adams
Lois Brecht
Carole Gaines
Jan Sloan
Susan Robinson
Linda Bobo
Alice Schutte
Jane Grinstead
Sandra Etheridge
Paul Durden
Nancy Durden



Please let Lou know if anyone was left off the list. Thanks again to all of you and God bless you, every one.

Change for Chicks



The kids in the Smoke Rise Missions in Action program have been learning that even small things can make a big difference. You can help make a big difference, too!

We are collecting loose change to help buy a flock of chicks through the Heifer International program for a family in need.

A gift of chicks:

- Helps provide food in the form of fresh eggs.
- Provides a source of income when the family sells extra eggs or chicks.
- Is sustainable as the flock continues to grow.
- Is a gift that keeps giving, as families receiving chicks help others by gifting them with chicks in the future.

Will you help us buy a flock of chicks? Donate at the nursery welcome desk any Sunday morning or Wednesday night. You can keep up with our progress by visiting the church nursery and checking our Change for Chicks bulletin board.

Your small change can make a big change!

condolences

Ronnie Jowers' mother, Ryan Jowers' grandmother; Dot Morris' sister, Flo Anderson; Jessie White; Amanda Coe Burton's and Elbia Coe's aunt, Ondina Gibbs; Hoffman Harris; Dee Bradley's uncle and aunt, Henry and Pauline Moore; Tami Mason's mother, Sarah Hunter; Lloyd Camp; Sarah Hunter (Tami Mason's mother)



"Emily Katherine," born September 14 to Caroline and Matt Womack; grandparents are Suzanne and John Holley; Brian and Carra Hughes Greer on the birth of twin boys, "Myles (Mylo) Taylor" and "Simon Beckett," born October 8. Sister and brother are Lola and Jude; Adam and Laura Holder on the birth of a daughter, "Katheryn (Kate) Ann," born October 10; grandparents are Steve and Jill Holder; Rob and Niki Burch on the birth of twins, "Makayla," and "Kaitlyn," born October 15; and, to Ralph and Joanie Huston on the birth of a daughter, "Claire Elizabeth," born October 16; grandparents are Bill and Cathy Blanton.

birth congratulations

THANKSGIVING



BASKETS

...for the Co-ops

On **October 27th** we will begin collecting food for 150 Thanksgiving Baskets for Lilburn and Stone Mountain Co-ops. Collection bins will be placed in the Nursery area, the downstairs Breezeway, near the Missions Office, and in the Welcome Center under the gym.

Each Thanksgiving Basket will contain the following: 2 boxes Mac 'N Cheese, 1 pkg. Stuffing, 1 can Cranberry Jelly, 2 pkg. Gravy, 5 cans Vegetables, 1 pkg. Cookies, 1 large can Sweet Potatoes, 1 box dried or canned Potatoes, 1 can/jar Fruit, 1 pkg. Paper Napkins, and a \$10 or \$15 gift card for meat. The Baskets will be packed on Sunday night, November 24th, following the church wide Thanksgiving Dinner.

Please begin collecting food now to share with those less fortunate.

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