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Smoke Rise's VBS

Monday, June 13-Friday, June 19
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Centri-Kid Camp



Toccoa Falls College
July 11-July 15
Completed 3rd to 6th Grades

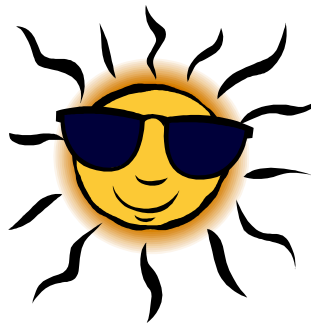


Summer Wednesday Night Schedule

Begins June 1
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Grilled Chicken
Serving begins at 6:00 p.m.



The May 27, 2005
Newsletter of the
Smoke Rise Baptist Church



We pray for God's protection as you travel this summer. Remember, pray for your church staff and each other. Remember also, the ministry of the church continues even while you are away, so continue to be faithful in your financial support.



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Monday, June 13th-Friday, June 19th
9:00 AM-Noon

Three Year Olds (church members only)
4 Year Olds (turned 4 by 9/01/04—no exceptions!) to
those who have completed 5th Grade
(Nursery provided for VBS Workers only)

Jump in the RV and join us as we cruise across the USA for an adventure-filled getaway. We'll be visiting Washington, D.C.; Chicago, Illinois; Lebanon, Kansas; Yellowstone National Park; and Knott's Berry Farm as we cruise to our final destination—a relationship with Jesus.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:
www.smokerisebaptist.org

VBS still needs helpers!! We have positions to help at any level, from teaching to helping guide the kids through all their activities! Please contact Bethann or register online as a volunteer through our website, following the links!

VBS Supply List:

- 48 empty 2 liter bottles
- 15 identical folding US maps
- 15 cardboard potato chip canisters
- 4 suitcases
- keychains and keys
- CD of patriotic music
- CD of outdoor sounds
- Stick pretzels
- Paper plates, napkins and small 6 oz cups for snacks
- Flower shaped butter cookies
- Vanilla frosting
- 6 15 oz bags of candy corn
- plain M & Ms
- 4 15 oz boxes of raisins
- 4 8 oz of sunflower seeds
- graham crackers
- vanilla wafers
- licorice
- creamy peanut butter



There are two vacancies on the audio committee. Anyone who wishes to serve in this vital ministry should call Bill Blanton at 770-921-4115. Training will be provided.

Children's Ministry News

Children's Sunday School needs **Rotation Leaders** for this summer! We have several openings this summer—join us for either June or July as we teach our 1st-4th Graders about Paul's Adventures and Creation! Please contact Bethann 770-469-5856 or Susie Middlebrooks 770-921-2887 for further information!

Sunday School Supplies Request

For June's Lesson we need empty rectangular tissue boxes for our art project. You may leave them in Bethann's office!

Centri-Kid Camp—Don't Miss Out!

We currently are still accepting registrations for our Centri-Kid Camp at Toccoa Falls College from July 11-July 15. Cost is \$250 per child and is open to children who have completed 3rd to 6th Grade! Invite a friend!



Registration forms are located in church office and information holders around the church! Scholarships are available!

Faith & Issues

Sundays at 9:45 am in Room A124 — June 5

What's going on in our judicial system? Judge Ron Batchelor will give an overview and answer questions.

New Sunday School Class

The Berean class is now forming for a launch date of August 14. If you are interested in joining a group of people who are enthusiastic about in-depth, systematic study of the Bible and its impact on our daily lives, please sign the list in the Sanctuary Breezeway or the lower gym level welcome center. To register online, go to www.smokerisebaptist.org and look for the new class announcement under "news" on the home page. The class is open for all ages and will focus solely on study of the Bible and its impact on our daily lives. Teachers will direct the content of each class rather than using dated literature that features topical themes. Teachers will be Elbia Coe, David Fite, Gary Leazer, Page Fulgham, and Kendale Moore.

Dear Smoke Rise Family,

Thank you for the support you generously gave to The American Cancer Society through Smoke Rise's first Relay for Life effort. Our 32 team members, this giving congregation, neighbors, family and friends gave over \$11,000. The event at the Gwinnett fairgrounds May 13-14 was fun, social and inspirational. The luminary ceremony was inspirational as we listened to bagpipes play "Amazing Grace" while we gazed at the white sand-filled bags with the names of dear people who have been touched by cancer.

Our hearts now hold sweet memories that will linger long because of this team event to fight cancer. Thank you from Bill and Cathy Blanton, Bob and Lois Jernigan, Linda, Lloyd, Brittney and Shannon Johnson, Gail and Lesli Hunter, Ernie and Debbie Forrester, Sheila Dean, Kimberly Keys, Paul Durden, Janis Brown, Ellen Low, Brenda Neisler, Mary Wickham, Frank and Frankie Moore, Dianne Banker, Cindy Dunham, Amy Allison, Henry Smith, Janet and Kristin Rizan, Stephanie Scott, Samuel Kauffman, Victor Greene, Lee Prohitt, and Jean Bliss.

Notes from the Pastor

Costa Rica Mission Trip

During Spring Break this year, we launched a new ministry at Smoke Rise, a Family Mission Trip. Six families, for a total of twenty-three people, went to Costa Rica to do mission work. Ages ranged from eight years old to adults.

This group of missionaries from Smoke Rise taught Bible and crafts to children in four schools, painted, cleaned up the grounds around the schools and bought furniture for one teacher. This particular teacher had to stay at school all week because she lived too far away to travel home each day. She had no furniture and was sleeping on a board!

Last Wednesday evening, these hard working volunteers presented their mission trip report. I got so excited listening to them! As I looked at their video and listened to their stories, I wished I had taken my children on a mission trip when they were younger. What a wonderful way to introduce children to missions and ministry. What a great way to spend time together as a family.

I want this concept to grow. Think about taking your family on a mission trip next year. Include grandparents, parents, children and siblings. Talk to those that went this year for more information. Those going included the Keys, Brandons, McCallums, Pagans, Baileys and Keeneys.

Talk to Tim and Bethann, too. They did a great job organizing this one with the help of a lot of wonderful volunteers!

Graduation

Sunday morning's Baccalaureate service for our high school seniors was one of our best. It was so inspiring. Thanks to all that led, especially Ernie. What a great message he delivered to a fine graduating class. Seniors, we'll miss you and always keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

McAfee Graduates

Last Saturday, I attended graduation exercises for the students at the McAfee School of Theology on Mercer's Atlanta campus. This was also an inspiring event. Congratulations to Dr. Alan Culpepper, Dean of the School, and their thirty-seven graduates. Four are affiliated with our church, Andy Jones, Stephanie Little, Matt Burden and Jeff Mann. We are proud of you!

Kindergarten Graduates

Congratulations are also in order for the graduates of our kindergarten. I attended the graduation exercises and the ever famous annual production of the "Three Piggy Opera" last Friday. It was a smashing success! Way to go, Paula Reeves, and all your wonderful staff. What a great job you do molding and shaping these impressionable little ones.

Nancy

Thank you, Nancy Garcia, for fifteen years of wonderful service as our Nursery Director. You have done an outstanding job! Your attention to details and sweet spirit have endeared you to all of us. Words cannot express our appreciation for all you have done to make our nursery a safe and happy place.

For years, I have said that a church grows through the nursery and the kitchen. It has certainly worked at Smoke Rise because of dedicated people like Nancy, Lou Tankersley and their hard working staff.

School's Out

Enjoy summer and the break in the routine. Go to the mountains, lakes and beaches. Visit museums and historic places. Climb Stone Mountain or Mount Everest. Read the latest best seller while sitting under a shade tree. Do something you've never done but always wanted to do. Come back and tell us about it and what you learned. There's a world out there eager for us to discover and experience it. And when you do, be prepared to encounter the One that created it and had enough confidence in us to appreciate and take care of it.

Of course, when you are in town, be faithful to attend Sunday School and worship. Summer Sundays are pure delight at Smoke Rise!

VBS

Summer and VBS go together like ice cream and chocolate. (You knew I would say that!) Summer and mission trips, World Changers, children's camps, our own Smoke Rise Summer Day Camp and a host of other activities do, too. Remember all of these strategic events in your prayers and help out when called. Thanks!

Until Sunday,

Bob

P.S. Thanks Smoke Rise for your generous support of this year's "Relay for Life." Over \$11,000 was raised by our members for this worthy cause. I appreciate those that led in this effort and all that supported it.

Deaths:

We extend our sympathy to Lori Corbin, whose grandfather died.

Births

Congratulations to Billy and Kimberly Fowler on the birth of a daughter, *Aubrey Ellen*, born May 8; great-grandparents are Bob and Janis Clement; grandparents are Bob and Judy Fowler; aunt is Shelby; great aunt is Jan Turcotte.

Congratulations to Dan and Token Tankersley on the birth of a son, *Spencer Michael*, born May 18; grandparents are Chuck and Lou Tankersley; uncle is Charles Tankersley; aunt is Laura Hanlin.

Youth News

What can you do for the Youth Ministry?

We need teachers and workers for the coming year. Many of those who have taught your children in the past will be retiring and we need new faces. Please see Ernie or Andy with your desire to give of yourself to the young people of our church.

Big Stuf Camp

June 6-10 in Panama City
for ALL Youth (Grades 7-12)
Cost: \$280 (a \$100 deposit holds a spot)

World Changers

July 15-23 in Smithfield, N.C.
All Youth (Grades 7-12)
Cost: \$275 (a \$100 deposit holds a spot)
Only a few spaces remain.
Forms available in the Youth Booth
Parent/Campter Meeting at noon
June 26 in the Chapel
Balance and forms due.

UPS Summer Schedule

11:00 in the Chapel
June 5
July 3
August 7

Nursery Coordinator Position

Any person interested in applying for the position of Nursery Coordinator may complete an application in the church office. For more information, please contact Paula Reeves or Chuck Moates.

Wednesday Night Activities

The Wednesday night summer schedule will begin on June 1. Supper will feature hamburgers, hotdogs, grilled chicken with all the trimmings. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. No reservation is needed. A time of prayer and a brief devotional will be led by one of the ministers.

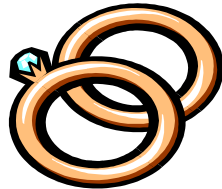
Called Conference Report

On Sunday, May 15, the church approved spending \$70,000 over the pledge campaign total in order to complete the final project of phase one of the renovation/construction plan. The need for additional funding was due to the cost of the video and sound equipment planned for the fellowship hall.

The members of the congregation were asked to consider raising the amount of their initial pledge commitment during the last year of the campaign to help cover this increased cost. If you wish to increase your pledge, please contact Debbie Lloyd in the financial office.

If you have not paid anything toward your pledge, please honor your commitment during this last year of the pledge drive. The campaign ends in April 2006.

Wedding



Congratulations to Jennifer Painter and Alan Morris who were married April 30. Jennifer is the daughter of Bob and Sandy Painter and the granddaughter of Dick and Donna Metz.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of May 20, 2005

Four hundred forty families have pledged \$2,039,364.40 to date for the 2005 Budget.

	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE
INCOME		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 857,873.57	\$1,000,000.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>8,046.04</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 865,919.61	\$1,000,000.00
EXPENSES		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 717,101.90	\$ 803,637.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	10,861.73	13,925.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	34,522.62	59,471.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	64,508.28	73,693.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	11,337.64	12,972.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>2,877.08</u>	<u>5,544.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 841,209.25	\$ 969,242.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 773,576.91	

FAITH, FAMILY & FUTURE CAMPAIGN:

Four hundred fifty-five families have pledged \$2,658,214.00 to the Faith, Family & Future Campaign.

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,077,090.43
LINE OF CREDIT/SRBC LOAN	+ 200,000.00
EXPENSES	<u>- 2,288,252.39</u>
BALANCE	\$ (11,161.96)

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Counselor
Counselor

Eye Glasses Needed

We are collecting old glasses, especially reading glasses, to take to Tijuana this summer. A basket has been placed in the church office for your convenience.

Memory Bricks Available

You may purchase one or more engraved bricks for the Prayer Garden outside the Stone Mountain Co-Op. All proceeds will expand their food pantry.