

The C R O S S T I E

Good Bye Breakfast and Reception for Bethann

June 11

with our famous Pastor's Pancakes – 9:15 to 10:00 a.m.

Come by the fellowship hall and speak to Bethann.

Bethann's last Sunday will be July 2....but with her busy schedule here at church the month of June, we had to plan ahead.

Don't forget these two special dates for Bethann – Sunday, June 11 – 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. & July 2 for her last Sunday.



Visiting Youth Choir in Concert

June 11 – 5:00 p.m.

in our Sanctuary

This choir is from First Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC

Doug and Terri Vancil, Ministers of Music

Come and enjoy this visiting group.



Church called Business Meeting

Sunday, June 11 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Personnel Committee will present a proposal regarding the search committee

for the Minister of Administration position.

Please plan to be present.



VBS: Register Online!

"Artic Edge, Where Adventure Meets Courage!"

Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Open to all children who have turned 4 years old

by September 1, 2005

through children who have completed 5th grade.

Register online at www.smokerisebaptist.org

and follow the VBS links!

Summer Wednesdays @ Smoke Rise

Summer Wednesdays at Smoke Rise will be held each Wednesday during the month of June. Serving for supper will begin at 5:30 P.M. in fellowship hall. The menu will include hamburgers, grilled chicken, hot dogs with all the goodies. Following supper a time of prayer and a brief devotional will be led by one of the ministers. Plan to join us.

Prime Time Picnic



The Prime Time picnic is set for Tuesday, June 6 in fellowship hall. Serving begins at 6:00 P.M. The menu will feature fried and barbecued chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and deviled eggs along with some delicious desserts. The cost is \$6 per person. Please call the church office if you plan to attend.

Finance Committee

The monthly meeting of the finance committee is set for Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 P.M. in room S-223-224. All committee members are urged to be present.

Lord's Supper Celebrated



The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, June 11 at both morning worship services.

Dates to Remember – One Service Only

11:00 a.m. Mark your calendar

- June 25 - 11:00 a.m. only — Chuck Moates' Reception
- July 2 - 11:00 a.m. only — Holiday Weekend
- August 13 - 11:00 a.m. only — Kick-off Sunday
- September 3 – 11:00 a.m. only — Holiday Weekend

Deacons' Lunch and Meeting

The June deacons' meeting is set for Sunday, June 11. Lunch will be served at noon in fellowship hall with the meeting to follow in room S-223-224. Deacons please confirm any changes to your lunch reservations with the church office on or before June 8.



SBC Messenger Cards

If you want to attend the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, June 13-14 in Greensboro, NC as a messenger from Smoke Rise, please see Bobbie in the church office to receive your messenger card.

Finding God in the Movies

Wed., June 7, 6:30 in Fellowship Hall



Kathy Dobbins will show clips of some of the best "teachable" moments in a few of Hollywood's favorite films. Popcorn included!

Love Offering for Chuck Moates

The congregation is invited to make a special love offering contribution for Chuck Moates upon his retirement from Smoke Rise. This gift will be given to Chuck on his last Sunday, June 25. Please make checks payable to Smoke Rise Baptist Church and mark them "Love Offering for Chuck Moates." A basket for cards and notes will be available at the reception.

Letters of Appreciation

Dear Smoke Rise Friends,

I want to thank all of you for your calls, visits, and cards, but most of all for your prayers, during M. H.'s long illness and death. Those were difficult times.

It meant so much to see a face, hear a voice, or read a card. I appreciate so much the care and concerns shown by the congregation and our dedicated ministerial staff.

Sincerely,
Cleo H. Plant

Dear Smoke Rise Family,

Thank you for your constant thoughts and prayers for my family and me during the illnesses and deaths of both my aunt and later my sister.

Your loving concerns are much appreciated.

Dee Dee Poss

Just a long overdue note of thanks for your thoughtfulness in remembering Bob at your Service of Prayer on Wednesday evening, April 26th.

Bob is improving daily, albeit slowly, and looks forward to being at Sunday School very soon.

We are grateful to everyone.

Malbea and Bob Rohrer

Dear Church Family,

We want to express our deep appreciation for the love and support during my mother's long illness and death.

Your calls, cards, food and hugs were of great comfort to us when we needed it most.

Thank you so much.

God Bless,
Karen, Margot and Charlie Smith

CBF General Assembly Meeting



The annual meeting of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship will be held in Atlanta, June 22-24 at the Georgia World Congress Center. Everyone is invited to attend the sessions and no messenger card is required. If interested in riding the church's mini-bus for the evening sessions, please contact the church office.

Notes from the Pastor

Welcome Kellie Denton

Kellie Denton has been hired as our interim Children's Minister. She and Paul have been members of Smoke Rise since 1995. They have two children, Joshua (8) and Tucker (3). Kellie has been involved in our children's programs and was going to be the Children's Sunday School Director next fall. Now she will oversee the entire children's ministry in this interim position.

Kellie possesses superb leadership skills along with an abundance of creativity and enthusiasm. She attended the latest staff planning day and immediately proposed fresh ideas for us to consider. Her marketing expertise shed new light on our discussions that day. The entire staff was glad to have her there.

Remember Kellie in your prayers and give her your support. When she begins recruiting workers, respond with a hearty yes!

Interim Administrator

I am pleased to announce that the Personnel Committee has asked Linda Cummings to be the interim administrator. Linda has been an employee at Smoke Rise for twenty-two years and served as our office manager for eleven years. She has worked closely with our minister of administration, Chuck Moates, and financial secretary, Debbie Lloyd. I have appreciated Linda's good work and wise counsel since I have been pastor and can think of no one better to serve as interim administrator. The entire staff has confidence in Linda and will enjoy working with her. Remember Linda in your prayers and give her words of encouragement when you see her.

Personnel Committee

It goes without saying that the Personnel Committee is busy these days. These are challenging days for them and I appreciate their commitment and dedication. Pray for them as they seek God's

will and respond to opportunities and challenges to fill staff vacancies. Listen carefully to their ideas and share your thoughts along with words of encouragement and gratitude for their good work. Committee members are Reed Bennett, chairman, George Belden, Crystal Blackwell, Charles Hancock, Sarah Martin and Gary Prophitt.

VBS

Can you believe that school is out and it is time for Vacation Bible School? I find it hard to believe but am excited. VBS has always been a favorite week on the church calendar for me. I remember how important Bible School was for me as a child and feel it is still important for our children. VBS gives children a positive image of God and church, which is one reason many of us have such fond memories of Bible School. Pray for Bethann and her fine staff as they prepare and lead our children the week of June 12-16.

Summer Day Camp

Speaking of summer, our Summer Day Camp is up and running with a strong enrollment. I cannot say enough about the good work of Greg Burdett who leads our summer program for children.

What a great leader he is and fine staff he has assembled. Because of Greg's marketing skills, enrollment for our summer camp went smoother and quicker than ever.

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I'll amen that. I don't know of a better summer day camp in Atlanta!

Until Sunday,
Bob

Faith & Issues

Sunday at 9:45 am; Room A125

June Schedule

- 11 Hollywood & Faith: The Da Vinci Code
- 18 The Book of James: Challenges for Christian Living
- 25 The Book of James: Part Two



Congratulations to Renee Nelson and Michael Overstreet who were married on May 7. Renee is the daughter of Dennis and Gail Nelson.



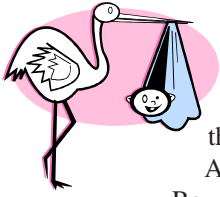
We extend our sympathy to Larry Yates, Bill and Claire, on the death of their wife and mother Betty Yates; Betty has been a member since 1978; to Mary Robinson on the death of her stepbrother; and, to the friends and family of Roger Crouch.

Youth News



World Changers/ Missions Connect Participants

Meeting for ALL team members
Wednesday, June 7
Dinner is at 5:30 (SRBC)
We meet at 6:30 for about an hour.
Let's get ready to make a difference
in Gulfport.



Births

Congratulations to **Courtney and Charlie Ray** on the birth of "Addison Layne," born May 9. Siblings are Avery, Griffin and Grayson. Grandparents are Bob and Susan Ray. Great-grandfather is Joe Glass. Uncles and aunts are Bill and Coley Batchelor and Carson and Katie Ray

to Bryan and Shannon Sowell on the birth of "Aidan Keith," born May 12; grandparents are Marcus and Jean Sowell; uncle and aunt are Brian and Wendy McGugan;

to Courtney and Martha Braswell on the birth of "Ethan Marion," born May 16;

and **to Darin and Sherry Muenchow** on the birth of "Kaci Rebecca," born May 17; brother is Griffin; grandparents are Bill and Rebecca Roper; uncle and aunt are Rick and Krista Roper; great uncle and aunt are Wilbur and Betty Herrington.

SIGN ON FOR A SMOKE RISE MISSION TRIP!

There are still places available for the following Mission Trips:

- New York City July 15 – 22 Ron & Susan Kent 770-491-7240 or srjkent@mindspring.com — Cost is approximately \$450
- Katrina (Biloxi, MS) Monthly Jim Huston 678-300-9303 or srbckatrinamission@comcast.net



Last Call for Books

Thank you for all the wonderful reading materials you've brought for the kids in Appalachia! The last pickup is June 11 so if you have some children's books looking for a good home, bring them to the collection points near the Fellowship Hall and near the elevator under the gym before the deadline. Thanks from the Kentucky Mission Trip folks!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of May 25, 2006

Four hundred twenty families have pledged \$2,092,531.00 to date for the 2006 Budget.

	YEAR TO DATE \ (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE
INCOME		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 918,278.64	\$1,041,665.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>23,739.14</u>	<u>11,250.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 942,017.78	\$1,052,915.00
EXPENSES		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 737,674.18	\$ 831,789.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	7,798.98	14,375.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	39,246.93	63,762.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	67,645.38	82,008.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	30,906.60	30,722.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>5,186.49</u>	<u>6,294.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 888,458.56	\$1,028,950.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 585,690.09	
FAITH, FAMILY & FUTURE CAMPAIGN:		

Four hundred forty-nine families have pledged \$2,689,784.00 to the Faith, Family & Future Campaign.

Funds designated by Finance Comm	\$ 30,000.00
Contributions	+2,492,604.70
Expenses	<u>-2,754,605.27</u>
Cash Balance	\$ (232,000.57)
SRBC Loan	\$ 300,000.00



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770-469-6547

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This is Your Chance to Help!

Smoke Rise is building a unique summer program for teens 13 to 16 years old. "The Back Hall Bunch" combines community service, team building, creative academics and recreation in a balanced approach to spiritual, personal and social growth. We need adults to volunteer days from 9:00 to 4:00 for supervision on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the summer. Contact Gregory Burdett at 678-469-1377 or daycamp@smokeriseministries.org.