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Wednesday Night Activities Kick-Off August 23

Supper Serving begins at 5:15 p.m.

Music & Missions Enrollment Fair — Children's Dept. at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Activities in Youth Dept.

Share and Prayer Around the Tables at 6:30 p.m.

Smoke Rise Academy Presents
At 7:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

"Summer Follies" featuring "The Broadway Babies"
of The Academy's summer children's drama group.
They will entertain with scenes & songs from "Oliver,"
"The Secret Garden," "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown,"
"Les Miserables," and others!
Special visit from our very own talented James Reynolds!
Come and bring a friend!!!

No Sanctuary Choir or Festival Singers on this night.



On AUGUST 30th at 6:45 pm

THE MISSION BEGINS! YOUR MISSION:

Should you choose to accept...Sign up on August 23rd.
Get Ignited for Mission Work and Experience the Unlimited Might
of the Great Commission!
Children and Youth programs.

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Adult Choirs

Sanctuary Choir has resumed it's weekly Wednesday rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Suite. If you are a singer, join us as we prepare music for worship *and* enjoy the fellowship of this wonderful group. Childcare is provided.

Prime Time Choir has also begun. Wednesday rehearsals at 5:00 p.m. in the Choir Suite. Senior adults are invited to be a part of this group.

Youth Choir

All youth, grades 6 - 12, are invited to join us on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Choir Suite.

Committee Opportunities

The Committee on Committees will begin its work later this summer. Please take a minute to peruse the committee opportunities below for a place you might like to serve. Contact Walter Martin (678-344-6237) or Linda Cummings (770-469-5856) to volunteer or for further information. Please seriously consider a place to share your gifts with others through committees or any of our program areas.

Administrative Commission

Building Committee	Charlie Ray, Chairman
Committee on Committees	Walter Martin, Chairman
Finance Committee	Wade Higgins, Chairman
Nominating Committee	Amy Allison, Chairman
Personnel Committee	Reed Bennett, Chairman
Stewardship Committee	
Trust Committee	Bill Hearn, Chairman

Pastoral Ministries Commission

Deacon Selection Committee	Past Deacon Chairman
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Recreation and Missions Commission

Mission Support Committee	Janet Palmer, Chairman
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Worship Commission

Music Committee	Karen Stitt, Chairman
Worship Committee	

We need your response by August 23.

Smoke Rise Academy

Announces Fall Registration for the Year 2006-07

Enroll now for private music instruction (all ages and skill levels) in: piano, organ, voice, woodwinds, solo guitars, strings and brass instruments. And classes in:

- ★ Kindermusik (3, 4, 5 year olds) ★New this year★
- ★ Children/youth drama
- ★ Children/youth art
- ★ Older teen/adult oil painting
- ★ Tap/ballet (3, 4, 5 year olds)

Please contact our office at 770-423-2133, ext. 226, for enrollment forms.

Carole Mitchell, Administrator
Cathy Thacker, Assistant Administer

Weekday School

Smoke Rise Baptist Weekday School will begin September 5, 2006. There are still openings in some of our classes (2, 3 & 4 Years Old).

Please call Paula Reeves @ 770-413-2133 Ext. 227
for more information.

Volunteers and Paid Help Needed

Food Service Ministry

Wednesday meal set-up, other events, washing dishes, etc.
Great benefits!

Contact Lou at 770-413-2133, ext. 212

Helpers Needed for Children's Wednesday Night "Sparks"

If you can Share and Spare your time and talents one Wednesday night per month we need you! Helpers needed from 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm (ONLY 45 MINUTES!) on Wednesday nights to aid with four and five year olds. Must like hugs, singing songs, playing games, watching puppet shows and helping with fun mission projects. Call Kellie Denton 770-469-5856 or e-mail kdenton@smokerisebaptist.org

Faith & Issues

Sundays at 9:45 am; Room A125

August Topics:

- 20 Can a Christian be committed to Christ and also be inclusive?
- 27 Can a Christian be committed to Christ and also be inclusive? Session Two

M&M

Music and Missions

2006-2007

Come, Join our Jubilant Song

Choirs for children age 3 - 5th Grades

Each Wednesday from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel

(Early Arriver activities begin at 5:50 p.m.)

Come and Go enrollment is Wednesday, August 23

at 6:00 p.m. in Room 301

Parents need to attend!

Regular programming begins Wednesday, August 30

For more information on any of the music activities,

please call the church music office

at 770-469-5856, EXT. 209 or 215

Letters of Appreciation



To all at Smoke Rise who helped in any way to help rebuild our home,

I've tried to think of all the proper words I need to say to all who have touched our lives in a special way.

I only wish all of you knew what is in our hearts; it is so hard to express.

I know how truly blessed we are that God chose to send all the volunteers to us. We are still numb and in awe over this.

As of June 14 we are back in our home. This would have never been possible had it not been for the Lord's people such as you helping people such as us.

I realize "Thank you" isn't enough but it is really all we have; those two words mean so much.

Please keep us, the entire David family, in your prayers.

Thank you and may God bless you on your future mission trips.

*Tony and Jean David
Ocean City, Mississippi*

Dear Smoke Rise Family,

Thank you for being such a blessing in my life — for all your many cards, concern, love and prayers during my illness and surgery — we are truly grateful!

*With love,
Peggy Harris*

Dear Smoke Rise Family,

I want to express my thanks, love and appreciation to all our Smoke Rise family for the many lovely expressions of concern during my recent surgery.

*Love,
Doris Barnette*

Notes from the Pastor

Hurricane Katrina Relief

It has almost been a year since Hurricane Katrina blew ashore on the Gulf Coast. The devastation is immeasurable and unspeakable. On a recent visit to that area, I spoke to people that lost all their possessions in a matter of hours.

One elderly lady told me about watching the floodwaters rise during the fiercest part of the storm, creating a tsunami effect. She said all the windows and doors were blown out of her house as the water rushed in, only to have all her possessions sucked out as the water receded. She pointed to a distant location and said, "Everything I own is buried at the bottom of that swamp."

This story is not uncommon. We drove for miles and saw empty lots where houses once stood or empty houses that had no windows, doors or roofs. All of this is one year later, too.

I also talked to people whose expressions changed when I told them I was a member of Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Atlanta. They know our church! Every month since the hurricane came ashore, we have sent work crews to the Gulf Coast to help with recovery. I drove by several houses that are now inhabited because of the good work of Smoke Rise members. What a difference this church has made in that devastated region of our country! I cannot say thank you enough for all your good work. Even as I type this, another crew is on the scene in Biloxi helping to restore homes and give hope to people that have grown weary.

On Sunday, August 27, we are going to have a special service that highlights the work of our members on the Gulf Coast. We also want this service to remind us of the work yet to be done. By no means is the work close to being finished. That area may not be back to "normal" for five or ten years!

We need to assess our progress and report it to the congregation, though, as the anniversary of Katrina approaches. Several families from the Gulf Coast will be with us that day to tell their stories. What an inspiring and touching service this will be. I also have to believe that God will be honored, because the work on the Gulf Coast is His work. Helping people rebuild their lives is incarnational missions at its best. It is certainly the church at its best and I am grateful to be a part of a church that understands this!

Mark it on your calendar now. Be with us on August 27 as we celebrate what God has done through us, pray for the good folk on the Gulf Coast and seek His leadership for the year to come.

McAfee Tenth Year Anniversary

Speaking of anniversaries, I would like to mention a happy one. This fall marks the tenth year since the beginning of the McAfee School of Theology on Mercer's Atlanta campus. The dream for this new seminary took shape right here at Smoke Rise. Meetings were held in our church that laid the groundwork for it. Not many churches can celebrate that!

On Sunday, September 10, we are going to have a special service to commemorate the founding of McAfee. The new President of Mercer, Dr. Bill Underwood will be with us, which will give you the opportunity to hear him as he brings greetings to us in our morning services. He will also speak about his vision for Mercer during Sunday School to classes that wish to assemble in the fellowship hall. Dr. Alan Culpepper, Dean of the School of Theology, will join Dr. Underwood that morning in Sunday School, too. What an outstanding job Dr. Culpepper has done to make McAfee one of the most respected seminaries in our country. We affirm and celebrate his leadership, too!

During the worship services, our own seminary interns and other students will lead us in worship. I want you to see the caliber of students that attend McAfee. They are outstanding. I am excited about the future of ministry and the church when I see and hear these students. They make me grateful for the part that Smoke Rise had in developing this new seminary.

McAfee reminds me of the seminary that I attended in the 70's, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. McAfee is a place where the search for truth is at the heart of everything it does. Students are challenged to think and develop a faith that is grounded in scripture and a God that reveals His grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. They are equipped with the skills to do ministry in the Twenty-first Century. What a difference these students are already making. Thank you, Dean Culpepper and the entire faculty for your fine work. Our own Dr. Truett Gannon is one of the most influential McAfee faculty members and perhaps the one that guides more students than any other.

Mark September 10 on your calendar, also. This is an historic day in the life of Smoke Rise, Mercer and McAfee!

Until Sunday,
Bob

What a joy it is to be a part of a church that is on the cutting edge of ministry in the classroom and on the mission field. Thank you for your part in making Smoke Rise this kind of church! Help us expand our influence with your faithful support.



We extend our sympathy to these whose family members died: Barbara Mercer, whose brother in law died; Kimberly Keyes, whose friend died; and Tom Booth, whose mother died.



Congratulations to Andy and Joy Coe on the birth of a daughter, "Elizabeth Grace," born July 31; grandparents are Charlie and Elbia Coe; uncle and aunt are Alan and Amanda Burton; great uncle and aunt are Dan and Nancy Garcia; and, to Scott and Laurie Roddy on the birth of a daughter, "Grayson Claire," born August 7; grandparents are Frank and Shirley Bowden.



Congratulations to Matthew Covell and Amy Duvall who were married August 12. Amy is the daughter of Tom and Jeanie Duvall.

Congratulations to Danielle DeAngelo and Emmett Lawson, who were married August 14. Emmett is the son of Janice and Emmett Dawson, Jr.

August Co-op Needs

Stone Mountain: macaroni & cheese, soup, jelly, tuna, rice, cereal and school supplies.

Lilburn: school supplies

Please leave items on shelves near the office or in the hallway under the gym.

Be a BIG Fish!

The new Sunday School year is swimming near.

Come be a BIG fish in our Nursery pond.

Nursery Sunday School teachers and helpers are needed for the 2006-07 year.

If you are able to serve one or two Sundays per month,

please contact Amanda Coe Burton at 770-413-2133, ext. 218, or aburton@bellsouth.net.

Life Connections

Fall Classes

Pick up a full description of fall classes in the Sanctuary Breezeway or check at www.smokerisebaptist.org.

The Parenting School

Making Room for the Sacred in Family Life

Sunday, August 27 at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel

Led by Bo Prosser and Rick Bennett from CBF

Examine the importance of rituals and traditions and explore these questions: How/when/where do you create tradition in the midst of a breakneck routine?

How do you make or understand the ordinary as sacred — at mealtime, bedtime, commute time?

Childcare Workers

We need workers for Extended Session. Two paid substitute positions are available. Contact Kellie Denton at 770-469-5856, ext. 207, for more information.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of August 11, 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	\$1,377,541.17	\$1,666,664.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>36,105.12</u>	<u>18,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,413,646.29	\$1,684,664.00
EXPENSES		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,206,843.65	\$1,357,542.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	14,052.41	25,975.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	58,896.22	95,939.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	115,673.85	143,570.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	47,625.24	50,548.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>6,710.48</u>	<u>10,628.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,449,801.85	\$1,684,202.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 539,701.10	

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	+2,511,034.20
Expenses	<u>-2,754,605.27</u>
Cash Balance	\$ (213,571.07)
SRBC Loan	\$ 215,578.57



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770-469-6547

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Counselor

Mission Possible

6:45 - 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday

Mission Ventures for Children and Youth

Music and Missions enrollment is Wednesday,

August 23

Regular programming begins on Wednesday,

August 30