

The C R O S S T I E

Meet our Prospective Minister of Music

March 18-19
(Details Inside)



Church Wide Breakfast

Sunday, March 26

Fellowship Hall from 9:15 to 9:45 A.M.
Bring the entire family and experience the good food
and fellowship of breakfast at Smoke Rise.



Called Church Conference

March 26

To Vote on Prospective Minister of Music
Both Morning Worship Services



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Attention Smoke Rise Golfers

Sign up now for the 11th Annual Ryder Cup Golf & Fellowship
Retreat May 18-20 (Thursday-Saturday).

Location: Savannah Lakes Resort in McCormick, South Carolina.

Cost: \$290 (includes golf, room, breakfast, dinner, and Smoke Rise
Motor Coach transportation.

\$100 deposit to Bobbie Wade reserves your place.

Call Ed Brantly at 770-469-1319 for more details.

This is a great opportunity for fellowship and building relationships
that last a lifetime. Invite non-members to join you. As always, we need
golfers of all abilities.

Ladies Trip to Charleston, SC

The ladies of Smoke Rise and their friends are invited to a three-day get away April 27-29 to beautiful and historic Charleston. The group will travel via luxury motor coach, enjoy delicious low-country cuisine, tour the sights and places in this historic city and even have time to shop on King St. The cost for the trip is \$300 double occupancy, \$400 single and includes meals at some of the best restaurants in Charleston. A \$100 deposit per person is required for reservations. Contact Linda in the church office for more information or to make your reservation. Space is limited so please sign up early.

Deacons' Lunch/Meeting

The monthly meeting of the deacons is set for Sunday, March 12. Lunch will be served in fellowship hall at noon with the meeting to follow in room S-223-224.

2006 Lenten Devotional Booklet

Copies of the Lenten Devotional booklet now available at the welcome stations and in the church office.

Hurricane Katrina Rebuilding Trips

Partnering with the Atlanta Baptist Association and LeMoyné Blvd. Baptist Church of Biloxi

April 6-9

August 10-13

May 4-7

September 7-10

June 8-11

Other Mission Trips

Uganda: May 27 - June 10

Tijuana: July 15-22

New York City: July 15-22

Appalachia, Kentucky: August 4-12

For more information, contact Jim Huston at 678-300-9303 or jlhuston3@comcast.net.

The Sacred Texts of World Religions



Join Gary Leazer in a fascinating study of the sacred writings that have influenced the major world religions. Dr. Leazer will discuss how these writings portray God or a divine being as compared to the God of The Holy Bible. Sundays at 6 p.m. 4 weeks. Still time to join the study.

The Myth of Diversity

Sundays, March. 19 & 26; 4-6 p.m.

This workshop deals with understanding the diversity that exists within each of us and how it affects the diversity in our external world. The external world in turn affects our inner world. Learn how the Enneagram informs us about our uniqueness and differences. Learn what contributes to differences, prejudices, and separation. Learn the power of self-awareness in diffusing the myth of diversity.

Leader: Gloria White, Smoke Rise Counseling Center

Faith & Issues

Sundays at 9:45 am; Room A125

March Topics:

- 12 How does our religion get in the way of following Jesus?
19 How does our religion get in the way of following Jesus?
Session 2
26 How does one know what is true?

“Grace in the Garden”

An evening for ladies, Tuesday, April 18, 2006, 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, featuring national award winning author, speaker and designer, Tara Dillard. Tara has hosted her own TV show on CBS and worked extensively with NBC, PBS, and HGTV. Tara teaches at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Gwinnett College and lectures nationally. She is the author of *The Garden View*, *Beautiful by Design* and *Best Garden Plants for Georgia*. Tara reminds us that “it is no accident that God gave us the metaphors of nature to help us lead our lives.” The theme of grace is woven in her message. A delightful evening for those with a garden or a single potted plant.

Tickets are \$10.00 and will be on sale beginning March 26 (includes Spring buffet dinner).

Life Connections – March Schedule

If You Want to Walk on Water . . .

You have to get out of the boat

Relating the story in Matthew 14 to life today, teacher and author John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zones. Mondays at 9:45 a.m. Six weeks. Still time to join the study.



Our **Multi Focus** WMU invites all ladies to meet with us Tuesday, March 14, in Room 218. Our mission project for the month will be the Whirlwind Missions (Tim Cummins Ministry).

Haley Alexis was born to Michael and Julie Wangsness, February 26. Grandparents are Larry and Edna Free; aunt and uncle, Greg and Susan Samples.

Letter of Appreciation



Dear Smoke Rise Staff and Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your expressions of love and concern for Chayton and our family these past weeks. Your visits, emails, cards and calls have all been a source of comfort and strength for us during these difficult days.

God has blessed us with such an outpouring of love from so many praying. We ask for your continued support, as we face the treatments ahead.

*With love and appreciation,
Pat Tooke*

Notes from the Pastor

Meet Danny Vancil

Our Minister of Music search committee would like for you to meet Danny Vancil the weekend of March 18-19 in view of a call to be our next minister of music. Let me introduce you to him through my article.

Before I do so, I'll share a conversation I had with Barry Beard, the chairman of the search committee, as he began his work. I told Barry that our church needs a minister of music that is creative, passionate about his or her work, and heavily involved in children and youth music. I focused a lot of our conversation upon the need for this individual to relate to children and youth, as well as adults. I feel this is so important, not only for the music development of our children and young people, but the overall health of our church. Now that our fellowship hall can be transformed into a theater with our new sound, video and lighting equipment, we are poised and ready to unleash the talents of our children and youth. We need someone that will lead us and the committee feels Danny is this person.

He has superb people skills and loves working with children and youth. They lovingly refer to him as "Mr. Danny." He directs the preschool choir in his church as well as the youth choir. He leads children's handbells. All of this was very important to me and I appreciate the committee making it a priority, too.

Danny is also dearly loved by the adults in his congregation. He has been the minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, North Carolina for fifteen years. This speaks volumes. As a matter of fact, leaving this congregation will be hard for Danny. The relationships he has forged over the years mean a lot to him and them.

Danny is known for his creativity. One of his references and my good friend, Dr. Greg Earwood, told me that Danny was in his church as a college student. Whenever the minister of music was absent, the

congregation and choir wanted Danny to lead. Dr. Earwood told me that rarely has he seen someone with Danny's creativity and passion for church music. He told me if he were looking for a minister of music, Danny would be at the top of his list.

Danny describes himself as a creative traditionalist. He is respectful of the rich traditions of the past, but open to the leading of the Holy Spirit who brings fresh new traditions to the church. He values music written two hundred years ago and two months ago. He selects music that is biblically sound that nurtures people and edifies God.

Danny is currently the minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, North Carolina, having served in that position since 1991. He has a Master of Church Music degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, Planning Team of the North Carolina All State Youth Choir, American Guild of Organists and the Hymn Society of America.

Danny's parents are life-long Baptists that have been supportive of his ministry. He has two brothers and one is also a minister of music.

Danny will lead choir practice on Saturday morning, March 18 and be available for you to meet him at a reception on Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. He will lead the music in our worship services on March 19 and spend some time with the youth during Sunday School.

On Wednesday, March 22, at 6:15 p.m., Barry Beard will be in the fellowship hall to tell us more about Danny and answer any questions you may have. The church will vote on Danny on Sunday, March 26 in both services.

Make this important decision a matter of prayer and clear your calendar so you can be at the reception and worship service the weekend Danny is here. He is anxious to meet you.

Until Sunday,
Bob

Opportunities to Meet Danny Vancil

Saturday, March 18

- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — 10-11:30 a.m. in the choir suite
- Sanctuary Choir Lunch — 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Prospective Minister of Music Reception with Deacons — 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall
- Reception with Congregation — 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Sunday, March 19

- Introduction to Youth — 9:30-9:45 a.m. in Loft
- Lead in both worship services

Wednesday, March 22

- Search Committee will have a Q & A session beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Children's Books Needed!

Appalachian Mission trip volunteers are still looking for children's books, including board books for preschoolers, easy readers, picture books, chapter books, etc. Book collection boxes are located near the fellowship hall and near the elevator on the lower level.

Questions: contact Bill or Cathy Blanton at 770-921-4115.

First Responder Team

The building committee would like the church to create a first responder team to respond to medical emergencies arising on Sunday mornings during Bible study or worship. These volunteers would be notified in an emergency to render first aid and/or perform other necessary assistance. If you are interested in serving as a first responder at Smoke Rise, please contact Chuch Moates for more information.

Youth News

March 19 is a BIG Day. You get to meet Danny and experience Super WOW Express at FBC, Tucker. Cost is FREE!!!

Worship Leader: Chris Orr

Speaker: Ryan Stone

We leave at 5:30 p.m. and return to SRBC at 8:30.



We extend our sympathy to Richard Swindle, whose uncle died; Vanette Chandler, whose father died; Glenn Paist, whose mother died; and to the family of Blanche Harwell.

Easter Egg Hunt Request

Our community egg hunt is hopping up on us, Saturday, April 15th! Here are items we need if you would like to donate! You may leave these items in the marked containers at the Nursery/Family Welcome Desk!

- Jumbo-sized plastic Easter eggs
- Regular-sized plastic Easter eggs
- LifeSavers Gummies Bunnies & Eggs “fun-sized” pouches bag candy
- Skittles “fun-sized” individual pouches bag candy
- Palmer Soft & Sweet Marshmallow Eggs, individually wrapped bag candy
- any other individually wrapped candy such as Smarties, chewing gum



VBS Supplies Request

Our VBS is June 12-16 this year. **Put it on your calendar today!** We are already looking to collect the following items:

1. 16 oz and 8 oz empty water bottles
2. ziplock sandwich bags
3. 2.5 oz empty baby food jars

You may leave these items in the marked containers at the Family/Nursery Welcome Desk!

RA Racer Derby



Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Open to all RAs, Area 56 Guys & Big Boys (Adult division)

Please contact Tracey Swearingen for kits and additional race details!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of February 28, 2006

Four hundred sixteen families have pledged \$2,081,031.00 to date for the 2006 Budget.

	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE
<u>INCOME</u>		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 355,364.99	\$ 416,666.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>8,765.31</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 364,130.30	\$ 421,166.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 300,758.80	\$ 327,183.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	3,242.37	4,350.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	19,366.91	31,980.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	29,825.98	38,424.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	12,498.64	12,808.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>1,352.48</u>	<u>2,959.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 367,045.18	\$ 417,704.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 621,069.79	

FAITH, FAMILY & FUTURE CAMPAIGN:

Four hundred fifty-one families have pledged \$2,691,604.00 to the Faith, Family & Future Campaign.

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,425,043.30
SRBC LOAN	+ 300,000.00
EXPENSES	<u>-2,754,605.27</u>
BALANCE	\$ (29,561.97)



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Centri-Kid Camp Sign Up Underway!

- Who? For kids who have completed Grades 3-6
- When? Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30
- Where? Toccoa Falls College Campus
- How Much? \$265, \$50 deposit now
- Bright Yellow Registration forms can be found in church information stands
- Contact Bethann Ayers 770.469.5856, ext. 207 or bayers@smokerisebaptist.org for further information!