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2nd Annual Brotherhood Motorcycle Ride

May 19



Wednesday, June 6

Purt'ner at 6:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary

Yonder - Sweet Gospel Music with a Heavenly Theme!



SRBC Sports Evening Edition

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Dinner, Worship Rally, Sports Activities & Special Speakers!

FUN for the entire family!



Smoke Rise Summer Camp

May 29 - August 3

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The May 11, 2007
Newsletter of the
Smoke Rise Baptist Church

May 27

No 8:30 A.M. Service

Join Us for the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service

Gourmet Bake Sale

Home-baked CAKES, BREADS and COOKIES will be for sale on Sunday, May 20th, before and after Sunday School and 11 o'clock Worship. All proceeds benefit the NY Mission trip in July. Tables will be set up outside the Fellowship Hall, at the Lower Entry beneath the gym and outside the Sanctuary in the upper breezeway. Gourmet Items will also be available by Silent Auction, which will conclude at 12:10. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR MISSION TEAM and enjoy some delicious treats at the same time!!! For your convenience, all purchased items may be picked up after the worship service, in the upper breezeway.

NOTE: If you would like to donate a favorite baked item, please call Terry Morgan at 770-925-8801.

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Get on the team, don't just be a fan in the stands.

Contact Kellie Denton
kdenton@smokerisebaptist.org

Want to Go to New York City?

7-NIGHT STAY IN NEW YORK CITY - ACCOMMODATIONS, AIRFARE, BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND 2 DINNERS INCLUDED FOR ONLY \$500!

Trip dates are July 14-21. Contact Carol Garner at 770-925-4860 for more information.

Also worth noting, you will spend most of your daytime hours working with underprivileged children in Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen area and the Crown Heights area of Brooklyn. However, fun and rewarding time will be had by all! Hurry and make your reservation, only 8 vacancies left!

Smoke Rise Summer Camp May 29 - August 3

Camp is available from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and every enrollment of 2 weeks or more includes a Six Flags and a White Water season pass.

Visit and enroll on-line www.smokeriseministries.org/camp.

Field trips, swimming, music, crafts, academics, and a Christian setting define our 6 - 12 year old "Spirit" group. Teens focus on growth through team building, creative academic challenges, and community service. Rock climbing, Six Flags and a program of recreation, academics, study and service create an active and challenging experience.

GREGORY BURDETT, Director: SmokeRise Summer Camp , 678-469-1377 or e-mail to: gburdett@bellsouth.net.

Sadies Ladies Circle

Join us for dinner Monday, May 14 at 6:30 at the home of Kay Jowers.

All ladies and their spouses are invited.

Help Wanted

Smoke Rise Day Camp is looking for a few good men and women willing to get their hands dirty with a group of awesome youth! Volunteers are needed to accompany our teen groups on their service projects. Volunteers are needed for every Tuesday and Thursday of summer camp (the first week of June through the first week of August). **Lunch will be provided!!!!!!** It is not necessary that you commit to every week!

If you are interested, please contact Jessica Reynolds at 404-543-9354 or jrey622@aol.com.

Faith & Issues

Sundays @ 9:45 A.M. in Room A125

May 20 What Baptists Believe, Dr. Loyd Allen
May 27 Open Discussion

Stone Mountain Coop Needs Volunteers

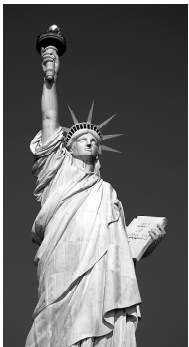
Smoke Rise has been asked to work at the Stone Mountain Coop food pantry through Friday, June 29. For those eight weeks, we need two volunteers from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please contact Becky Seay at 770-381-6865 to volunteer or receive more information.

Ushers Needed

We need ushers for all Sunday's.

Please contact Linda Cummings at 770.469.5856 or lcummings@smokerisebaptist.org to volunteer. Let me know which Sunday of the month you prefer and which worship service (8:30AM or 11AM). Thank you in advance for your help.

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Notes from the Pastor

New Choir Robes

The new robes the choir wore Sunday for their spring concert are beautiful! I have never seen finer and they are so attractive in the sanctuary. I think the choir sounded even better Sunday. That could be because of the forty-piece orchestra that accompanied them as well as those new robes, however.

I am grateful for the robes, the donor that provided them and the donors that provided the new stoles and folders to go with them. What wonderful gifts to Smoke Rise that will keep on giving for years to come.

Speaking of the concert, I want to thank Danny, the choir, soloists, orchestra and instrumentalists for leading us in worship Sunday in such a marvelous way. All your hard work and dedication are deeply appreciated. Thank you!

Youth Choir

I have appreciated all our spring concerts, but I must say something about the Youth Choir Program presented last Sunday night. I didn't know if anything could top the Children's Choir Program the week before, but the Youth Program came close. I was in awe as I listened to the choir, soloists and instrumentalists. It is good to see our Youth Choir doing so well. They have exceeded all expectations in Danny's first year. Thank you, young people and workers, for your hard work each week.

Yonder

Mark your calendar for the Yonder Concert on Wednesday evening, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. The choir will sing many of your favorite gospel tunes that night. If you have experienced a Gaither Homecoming, then you have a feel for what this night is like. Be here for the meal prior to the concert prepared by Lou and her fine kitchen staff. This will be a wonderful time to bring guests and introduce them to your Smoke Rise friends.

Staff Reorganization

The Personnel Study Task Force has completed their work and presented their report to the Personnel Committee. I want to thank them for the hard work they have done. They devoted several months to this task and did a thorough job of looking at the church's needs. I especially like the way they have designed a staff to help us connect to God, fellow church members of all ages, our community and world. This is a good foundation upon which we can build.

The listening sessions have revealed your great interest in their findings and recommendations. You have offered many helpful comments and suggestions. As a result, the Personnel Committee and Task Force want to spend more time in deliberation and bring back some revisions for you to consider.

Further listening sessions and a church conference will be announced when the Personnel Committee is ready to share the revisions. Continue to remember them in prayer as they do their work and let them know you appreciate their good work on our behalf.

Seniors and Graduations

What a wonderful time it is for our seniors and their families. Graduation is a celebration that allows all of us to affirm our young people for their academic achievements and thank them for adding so much to our lives. We wish our seniors well as they embark on new adventures and offer our love and prayers as they go.

Mission Trips and Camps

While mission trips occur year round for Smoke Rise members, summer allows children and young people to accompany adults on these trips. Our new motor coach will be going somewhere almost every week this summer transporting members on mission trips or to attend camps. Remember those that are planning these events and those that will be going in a few weeks. Each trip can be a life-changing experience for those that go.

Summer

Summer is just around the corner, which is hard for me to believe. Enjoy the beauty that is all around and the opportunities to be with family and friends. Go to ball games, the beach and mountains to renew your spirit and body. We'll miss you when you are away on Sundays, but look forward to hearing about your excursions when you return. Be faithful to attend Sunday School and worship when you are in town. Regular Bible study and worship will make your summer even more meaningful.

Casual Dress

Speaking of summer, casual dress on Sundays will be appropriate between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Many have appreciated this custom, especially during the hot days ahead. Of course, if you prefer to dress up for church, that will be fine. Wear whatever is comfortable for you.

Until Sunday,
Baseball Lovin' Bob

Uth News!

Register Now for Summer Camps!

BIG STUF CAMP - June 6-10 for grades 6th-12th @ Panama City Beach, \$300. Get your name on the waiting list!

World Changers - June 30 - July 7 in New Orleans. For high school only, \$260. Hurry, just a few spots remain.



Deaths

We extend our sympathy to these who have lost loved ones: Coriene Johnson whose sister died; Ray Childress, whose mother died; Don Moers whose mother died; Randy Litton whose uncle died; Olivia and David Dodson whose father and grandfather, William Edwards, died; Jim Helms whose father died; and to Strat Burns, whose husband, Chris has died: Chris and Strat have been members of Smoke Rise since 1972.

Sunday's Relay for Life Breakfast & Silent Auction was a great success!



We raised money to make a difference in the fight against cancer and had fun together. The team members, SS classes, and church members brought 98 beautiful baskets. We enjoyed a great breakfast prepared by Lou Tankersley and her staff, went shopping in the Country Store, and selected dinner certificates from the Food Court. Thanks to all of you who bought items and donated to the American Cancer Society. We shall continue to accept donations for the research that will stop cancer. We will continue to pray for those who fight against this disease.

Light Welding Needed

The church is in need of some help with light welding skills; if you can assist with this please call Charlie Ray @ 770.972.6793.

Lilburn Coop Needs for May

Spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, and canned meats.

The SRBC Cookbooks are Back!

. . . by popular demand!! A limited number of *Smoke's Risin' in the Kitchen* Vol. III, first printed in 1999 are available in the church office. They are \$15 each. Great for shower gifts, Mother's Day, birthdays, etc.

Financial Report

As of April 29, 2007

Three hundred sixty-nine families have pledged \$1,882,935.20 to date for the 2007 Budget.

	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE
INCOME		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 746,827.16	\$ 841,668.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	14,182.10	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 761,009.26	\$ 841,668.00
EXPENSES		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 617,475.03	\$ 655,179.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	17,074.89	12,975.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	43,530.20	56,603.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	76,307.76	75,736.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	23,283.28	22,250.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	1,301.40	6,416.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 778,972.56	\$ 829,159.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 400,103.81	

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
Add'l Funds from Finance Comm Contributions	+ 163,972.14
	+2,575,134.81
Expenses	-2,769,106.95
Cash Balance	\$ 0.00
Outstanding Commitment	\$ 10,445.50



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770-469-6547

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Needed: 1 Cook & a Few (5-6) Good Men
An extra team is needed for construction
work in Tijuana, Mexico, July 14-21.

This is following the scheduled Mission Trip
Week of July 7-14.

Contact Wilson Echols at
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