

The C R O S S T I E



The June 20, 2008
Newsletter of the
Smoke Rise Baptist Church

Songs of Siberia

Music to Celebrate and Inspire

Kristen Brannan, soprano & Gwen Halstead, piano
June 22, 3:00pm in the Chapel at Smoke Rise Baptist Church

This summer, Kristen Brannan will travel with the Global Aid Network to Novokuznetsk, Russia, bringing humanitarian aid, hope and music to orphans and others in need. To celebrate the mission, Ms. Brannan and Ms. Halstead offer a program containing a variety of music - mostly Russian. Come enjoy the musical works of Rachmaninoff, Ravel, Delibes, Debussy, Tchaikovsky, Liszt and others. Admission is free; however, any donations made will directly benefit the people of Novokuznetsk.

Family Fun Events Information

- **Braves Game** — Tuesday, June 24, Braves vs. Milwaukee. Leave Smoke Rise at 5:00 p.m. Braves tickets are only \$5.00 and this includes a chauffeured ride in either our motor coach or smaller bus. Only 100 tickets available. Check with the office to see if any tickets are available. Hurry!
- **Sunday, July 13**, to see “Enchanted.” Bus leaves immediately after church for lunch at the Varsity.

Tickets for the movies are \$7.00 per person.



Tijuana Mission Trip

July 19-26

Cost is \$550 plus airfare.

To sign up, register online at smokeriseministries.org, click on “Missions,” then “Tijuana.”

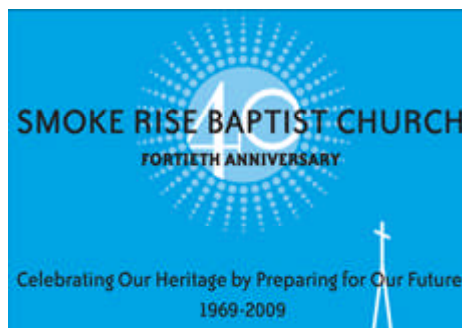
You can make your \$100 deposit with credit card or e-check.

Don't Forget About Katrina

There is still much work to be done!! The schedule for upcoming Katrina/Biloxi trips is:

- July 24-August 2
- September 4-7
- October 9-12
- November 6-9
- December 4-7

Please check your calendar and see if you can be a part of one or more of these important mission trips. Remember to sign up online. The cost is \$85. Please contact Greg Everett at geverett@wilwat.net or Jim Huston at srbckatrinamission@comcast.net for more information.



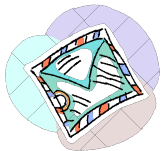
Goal: \$ 570,000

Given or Pledged: \$ 477,527.13

Needed: \$ 92,472.87

Needed for Appalachian Mission Trip:

- Good, used appliances: Refrigerators, microwaves, washers, dryers, electric stoves.
- Mattresses, furniture, etc.
- Children's books: Gently used children's books for babies through 8th grade. Everything from board books, easy to read books, chapter books, coloring books, science, etc.
- VBS materials: Small margarine-type containers with lids, cans with lids (Pringles, Crystal Light, peanuts), dowel sticks, greeting cards (any occasion, fronts or entire card), yarn, narrow ribbon, aluminum pie tins, jingle bells.
- Contact Bob Jernigan at 770-934-3005 for appliance pick-up. Boxes will be near the Fellowship Hall doors for the books and VBS materials.
- Thank you for helping to minister to the impoverished people of Appalachia.



The Appalachian Mission Team,
Jenny Brannan, team leader

A Thank You Note

Dear Friends,

We praise God for the new partnership. Your monthly support is a real blessing to the ministry. We love your people, so many have become good friends. Your church has been very generous with their time and resources. The teams that serve here are a real blessing to the people of this area and to our staff families.

Thank you for standing in the gap with us.

*In His Service,
Lynn & Angie Wagoner
God's Appalachian Partnership*

Urgent Note From Stone Mountain Co-op

School is out and all the kids that have had school lunches during the year will be home. Our shelves need SOUP, peanut butter, SOUP and jelly. And did I mention we need SOUP and canned fruit? Please don't forget the SOUP!

The church office will be closed on July 4.

B.I.N.K. (Be In The Know)

Go to www.smokerisebaptist.org to learn upcoming events involving church ministries.

Did you know there is square dancing in the gym every other Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.?

Or that there is beginners' ballroom dancing in Room 106 every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.?

Or what is going on and when at day camp?

Or that Multi-Focus WMU will meet on July 10 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 218?

Learn all about these fun activities and other mission opportunities at www.smokerisebaptist.org. **B.I.N.K.!**

2008

Grades Kindergarten - 6th

Important Dates (tentative):

• August 16 – Free Cheer Clinic, Parents' Informational Meeting, Uniform Sizing

• August 19 – First Practice

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm

Saturdays 1:00-3:00pm

Coach: Abigail Griggs

Seminary Student

Experienced Cheerleader/Gymnast

Former FCC camp counselor

Registration Package: \$315 Due in full by August 19

\$165 due August 1

\$150 balance due August 19

Includes: 2 cheerleading seasons:

Competition Season: Aug-Dec

Basketball Sideline Cheerleading: Jan-Feb

Cheerleading uniform, pom poms,

IMPACT Practice T-shirt and shorts

IMPACT Stuff Sack, Devotional Booklet

IMPACT Instructional DVD, Music CD

“Cheer 4 Him” bracelet, Trophy

End of year gift

Accessory Package: \$130

Due September 15th

Includes: Shoes, Socks, Hair Bow, Body Suit, Warm-up Suit

Competition Package: \$105 Due October 15

Includes: 4 Local Competitions

Orlando Nationals Competition

Total Price = \$550 (Includes everything listed above)



The **Deacon Nominating Committee** for the 2009-2010 term has formed. We are actively soliciting names for prospective deacons from our congregation.

If you have a name of a candidate you would like to submit, please contact any of the following committee members — Greg Adams, Laurie Boltin, Wilson Echols, Denny Goodenow, Marcia Griffith, Gerri Hankla, Colin Harris, Delores Hendrix, Kelly Jowers, Wayne Martin, Lou McGuff, Terry Morgan and Alice Schutte.

Births

Congratulations to these new parents: “Michael Blaine” was born March 31 to Corry Anne McNamara; grandmother is Debbie McNamara; “James Robert” and “Haley Jane” were born June 4 to Jimmy and Tami Dugger; grandparents are Russ and Brenda Dugger; and “Brett Alexander” was born June 7 to Alex and Amanda Pierce; great-grandmother is Mary Robinson.

From the Pastor's Heart

VBS

I cannot adequately express my appreciation to Kellie, Kara, and Amanda for the most wonderful VBS we had this year. We had so many visitors from the community and the children and their parents stayed on the ballfield each evening after VBS for the family fun activities. This allowed our members to speak to them and get to know them better. Great idea for outreach!

Thanks, volunteers, for all your help. We had the most volunteers anyone can remember in recent years. You really came through this year and responded to the calls for help. Thanks!

Our own youth came through in flying colors, too, and helped each night. Way to go, young people. You are the best. Thanks Kristy and Lee for your leadership!

Kellie's brother, Ed, and his youth from Mississippi came again and helped with the opening assembly. They are so talented and dynamic. Parents and kids loved them.

Thanks, Lou and kitchen crew for providing meals for the families in the evening. Many came straight from work or day camp and enjoyed having a meal at church instead of having to go home first.

VBS 2008 is history but the memories will linger for a long time. Lives were changed as the gospel was shared. Thanks, everybody, for your help!

Youth Choir Tour

I have heard glowing reports about the Youth Choir Tour to North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D.C. What a great trip you had. Thanks for sharing about it in worship on June 8. We really appreciate it!

Adult Choir Trip

The Adult Choir is returning home this weekend from a music study tour in England. I look forward to hearing about

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to these who have lost loved ones: Ermel E. Forrester (Ernie's father); former member Grover Futch; Nancy Burge's niece; Kathryn Hancock; Pete Seay's mother; Wylene Ivie's aunt; Jack Henderson's mother; Jill Wade's uncle.

We also extend our sympathy to the families of Edith Henderson who has died. She had been a member since 1976.



their trip, too. I know they have had a wonderful time touring and singing in the Old Country.

Mission Trips

Many members have been or will be on the mission field this summer going to Tijuana, New York, Biloxi, Appalachia, Uganda, Russia, Knoxville (World Changers), North Carolina and Washington, D.C. (Youth Choir Tour). This is in addition to local mission projects that members are engaged in throughout the entire year. I look forward to hearing about the experiences of those that traveled near and far and the good work they accomplished. What a difference they are making as they "give themselves away in Jesus' name." Remember these ambassadors for Christ and Smoke Rise in your prayers.

Holy Land

My trip to the Holy Land exceeded expectations. I spent a week in Galilee and a week in Jerusalem with twenty pastors and two McAfee professors. I benefited greatly from the diversity of the group. We had four African-Americans, two of Asian descent, six female pastors and a variety of denominations, including Presbyterian, Methodist, Disciples of Christ, Episcopalian, Lutheran and Baptist.

This was one of the best continuing education experiences I've ever had. We learned on site each day as we explored the land of Israel and the depth of our own spirituality. I took almost one hundred pages of notes, which will show up in sermons and Bible studies in the weeks to come.

Thanks for your prayers and interest in my pilgrimage. I really appreciate both. I thought of you on so many occasions and prayed for you along my journey. I also missed you more than you can imagine. Your friendship means more to me than you realize. I need community and a church family. You are a part of my everyday journey through life and I thank God that you are. I could not have better traveling companions on this great adventure. I love and appreciate you!

Until Sunday,
Bob

Weddings

Congratulations to David Glazer and Katherine Childs who were married June 7. Katherine is the daughter of Rick and Cindy Childs.

Congratulations to Melissa Anne Allen and Brian Michael Sheffer who were married June 14, 2008; Melissa is the daughter of Michael and Donna Allen.



Home Bible Study

Would you be willing to offer your home for a Bible study this fall? We are looking for several people to host. The study will be on Sundays at 6 pm and will provide an alternative for people who cannot make Sunday School every week. Dr. Gary Leazer will be teaching. Contact Kathy Dobbins at kdobbins@smokerisebaptist.org or 770-469-5856.

Call Margaret-Anne Prophitt at 770-979-8472 to add persons to the Military Family List and to the List of Family Members serving in the Mideast.

Be IN THE KNOW!

Visit www.smokerisebaptist.org for the latest news about the many summer opportunities at Smoke Rise.

Summer Aerobics Classes Beginning

The summer session of our aerobics program will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00-10:00 a.m. through August 1 in the Smoke Rise gym. To sign up, call LZ Aerobics at 678-380-3861.

Mindful Exercise Classes

Now through July 24

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. in Room 304

Thursdays, 6 p.m. in Room 106

Learn how to reduce stress while you improve balance, flexibility & strength.

Classes are for an hour and will run for 6 weeks for a fee of \$54.00.

Bring an exercise mat.

To register: E-Mail Pat Hudson at patmudson@bellsouth.net or call 770-806-9385.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of June 13, 2008

Four hundred fourteen families have pledged \$1,966,177.60 to date for the 2008 Budget.

	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE
INCOME		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,007,384.78	\$1,279,998.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>11,321.88</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,018,706.66	\$1,279,998.00
EXPENSES		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 779,713.17	\$ 976,496.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	26,583.72	35,081.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	59,364.27	89,186.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	92,785.86	130,181.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	57,906.04	60,248.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>5,054.52</u>	<u>8,913.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,021,407.58	\$1,300,105.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 134,884.39	

40TH ANNIVERSARY OFFERING:

Two hundred forty-five families have pledged \$428,210.00 towards our goal of \$570,000.00. Twenty-three families that did not sign a pledge card have given \$49,317.13.

PLEDGES PAID	\$ 209,885.23
PLEDGES RECEIVABLE	\$ 218,324.77
UNPLEDGED CASH RECEIVED	<u>\$ 49,317.13</u>
CURRENT PROJECTED RECEIPTS	\$ 477,527.13



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Smoke Rise Summer Camp

Field trips, swimming, music, crafts, academics and a Christian setting define our 6-12 age group. Teens focus on team building, academic challenges, and community service. Rock climbing and Six Flags are part of a program of recreation for a fun and challenging experience. Enroll for one week or more online at www.smokeriseministries.org.