

	Year to Date	Budget to Date	40th Anniversary Offering
Income			263 families have pledged \$440,210 to date. \$90,958 has been given by families that have not signed pledge cards.
Total Contributions	\$ 1,094,846.79	\$ 1,469,993.00	
Total Other Income	2,454.61	0.00	
Total Income	\$ 1,097,301.40	\$ 1,469,993.00	
Expenses			Goal: \$ 570,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 986,909.26	\$ 1,144,873.00	Given or Pledged: \$ 535,493.87
Total Ministries – Worship	19,684.25	35,540.00	Needed: \$ 34,506.13
Total Ministries – Education	58,684.83	104,383.00	
Total Missions	108,993.06	154,826.00	
Total Capital Expenditures	46,697.50	44,625.00	
Total Equipment	5,839.82	20,823.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,226,808.72	\$ 1,505,070.00	

317 families have pledged \$1,595,143 to date for the 2009 Budget.

Weekday School Openings
Come see and hear about our exciting Weekday School. There are still openings in the fall for children ages 15 mo. – 4 yrs. Please contact Paula Reeves at 678.533.0554.

Our Staff

Robert F. Browning, D. Min.	Pastor	Church Office: 770.469.5856
E. Ernest Forrester, Jr.	Associate Pastor	
Kathy Dobbins	Minister of Spiritual Formation	
Tim W. Adcox	Minister of Missions & Recreation	
Danny Vancil	Minister of Worship & Music	
Kellie Denton	Minister to Families with Children	
Carra Hughes Greer	Minister to Families with Youth	
David MacFarlane	Director of Administration & Communication	
Linda Cummings	Coordinator of Congregational Life/Senior Adults	
Amanda Burton	Nursery Director	
Truett Gannon, D. Min.	Pastor Emeritus	

Smoke Rise Counseling Center 770.469.6547
Affiliate of Care and Counseling Center of Georgia

Gloria White, M. Div., LCSW	Counselor and Center Director
Rene Ely, M. Div., LMFT	Counselor
Gina Campbell, M. Div., LCSW	Counselor

Deaths

Join us in extending our sympathy to our friends and family at Smoke Rise who have lost loved ones:

Claudie and Larry Brown's mother;

Bob Vansant's sister;

Kathy Langston's brother;

Jim Tindall.

Follow SRBC Missions Online

Follow Smoke Rise Mission Teams on Facebook and Twitter! Become a fan of Smoke Rise Baptist Missions and follow the team on twitter at srbc_missions.

The Cross Tie Newsletter

July 13, 2009

A Place for You in Missions?

Maybe one of these ministry places below is calling you. The contact person is listed for more information.

Tijuana
July 25–Aug. 1
Gary Prophitt

Appalachia
July 25–Aug. 1
Jenny Brannan, or
Bill Blanton

Park Avenue Baptist
Sept. 26
Mickey O'Kelley

Appalachia Construction
Oct. 11-16
Bill Blanton

Uganda
Oct. 17–31
Wilson Echols, or
Janet Palmer

Siberia
Jan. 29-Feb. 10, 2010
Jim Palmer

Honduras
March 6-13, 2010
Deb Leamon

Unhindered in Concert at Smoke Rise



As part of our 40th Anniversary Celebration, Unhindered will be in concert at Smoke Rise Baptist Church on Sunday, September 19th.

Unhindered is a Christian worship band based out of Atlanta, GA. Visit the Smoke Rise home page and click on the Unhindered link to learn more about the artists and sample their music.

New York Mission Team

Please remember to pray for our New York Mission Team this week as they are ministering in New York. Team members include: Christina Abner, Tim Adcox, Neal Barton, Whitney Calhoun, Henra Chennault, Emily Childs, Joey Clawson, Suzanne Donovan, Christa Edgar, Lynne Felton, David Jobson, Shannon Johnson, Todd Marks, Bridgette Mayo, Jenna Pope, Mavis Stevens, Leah Wadkins, Margaret Weatherly, Elizabeth Wells, and Daniel Wilson.

Early Offering Notes

The 9:00am Early Offering Service began Sunday, July 12th, in the fellowship hall and will continue there through August 2nd.

On August 9th there will be no Early Offering Service at 9:00am. There will be a "Church-wide Back to School Breakfast" from 9:00 to 9:45am, followed by Sunday School at 9:45am and Worship & Blessing of the Students at 11:00am in the Sanctuary.

Smoke Rise Annual Train Exhibit

Attention all train enthusiasts!

Don't miss the annual Smoke Rise Baptist Church Train Exhibit Saturday, July 25th and Sunday, July 26th. The trains will be set up in the Smoke Rise gym which will be open to the public on Saturday, July 25th, from 10am to 4pm and Sunday, July 26th, from noon to 3pm.



Brandon Russell has finished three years serving with the Smoke Rise Recreation Staff on Wednesday, July 3rd. He is beginning his work as Youth and Recreation Minister at Grandin Court Baptist Church in Roanoke, VA where he will be ordained.

Thank you for three years of great work! Best of luck to Brandon and Amy in their new ministry. You can contact Brandon at brandon.russell805@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead...

Pipe Organ Recital and Rededication
August 16, 2009

Unhindered Concert
September 19, 2009

40th Anniversary Celebration
September 20, 2009

Family Comedy Night with Tim Hawkins
October 11, 2009

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Appalachia & Tijuana Missions

Please keep both the Appalachia and Tijuana mission teams in your prayers as they are traveling and ministering to others July 25-August 1.

Smoke Rise Golf Day

Join Smoke Rise for a day of golf at the Country Club of Gwinnett on Friday, July 24th. Our first tee time is 9:30am. Eight additional tee times have been reserved with an option of adding more.

The cost is \$35 per person. To register, contact Ed Brantly at golf@comcast.net or 770.469.1319.

Children: Atlanta Zoo

Join us on a trip to the Atlanta Zoo on Wednesday, July 29th. We will leave the church at 9:30am and return by 3pm.

To sign-up, contact Kara Blankenship at kblankenship@smokerisebaptist.org.

Employment Opportunity

A part time position is open at Smoke Rise. This job requires exceptional PC and Mac skills as well as solid experience in multimedia, particularly digital video production.

If you or anyone you know has these skills and would be interested in applying for this position, we are now accepting résumés at employment@smokerisebaptist.org.

Appliances, Furniture & Household Items Needed

We are collecting appliances, furniture, and household items to take to God's Appalachian Partnership (GAP) in McDowell, KY. We are most grateful for the overwhelming response from the church in the past and look forward to this continuing. Please call Bob Jernigan at 770.934.3005 to arrange for your items to be picked up.

Prevost Drivers Needed

We need more people to drive the Prevost! Requirements include either the ability or desire to learn to drive the bus, a commercial license (SRBC will sponsor you for this) and availability to drive for short, long and impromptu trips. We will train you on the care and use of the Prevost.

See Rick Lehner at rick@thelehners.com or David MacFarlane at 678.533.0567 or dmacfarlane@smokerisebaptist.org.

Remember...

...help us Go Green! If you want to remove your name from the mailing list for the paper Cross Tie and begin receiving only the electronic version, send us an e-mail at crosstie@smokerisebaptist.org or contact Kim Ward in the church office at 678.533.0542. You can always download the current or any prior paper edition from our website.

Elementary After School Program

The After School Program at Smoke Rise Baptist Church will begin in August. Our price is a consistent \$240 per month across 5-week months as well as holiday months.

There are 36 school weeks and the overall cost averages out to be about \$66 per school week. Our program is limited to 28 children. There is no enrollment fee. We are not open if school is closed. Pick-up is until 6:30pm.

Our program includes: snacks, small group homework help, reading club, chess, Spanish, dance, crafts, sports, recreation, and other club-type activities.

Drop-in care is available, but school pick-up must be scheduled on a consistent basis. Schools we already have definitely scheduled include: Livsey, Smoke Rise, Mt. Carmel, Wynbrook, and Camp Creek. Schools tentatively scheduled (depending on response) are: Mtn. Park and Shiloh. We will consider other schools where the response is appropriate.

The Smoke Rise Academy of Arts programs are available for an additional fee.

Please email Greg Burdett with your interest at gburdett@bellsouth.net and he will contact you to further establish registration and collect enrollment information or call 678.469.1377 ext. 101.

Calling All Smoke Rise Baptist Golfers

As part of our 40th anniversary celebration we will be having a **Reunion Golf Outing** on September 19th at Indian Creek Golf Club in Covington, GA, beginning at 10:30am with a shotgun start. The cost is \$43 per person. (note: no jeans or personal coolers, please)

We are also inviting as many who have played in the past golf tournaments, for whom we have addresses.

To sign up contact Bobbie Wade at bwade4181@gmail.com or 770.934.9341 with your name, phone number, e-mail and handicap (or avg. 18 hole score).

For other information contact Ed Brantly at golf@comcast.com or Linda Cummings at lcummings@smokerisebaptist.org or 770.469.5856 ext. 208.

We are looking forward to a good time of renewing cherished friendships.

Job Searchers Workshop

Smoke Rise member, Crystal Blackwell will conduct a six week workshop based on her new book, *Don't Interview...Audition! Job Search Secrets That Have Helped "Thousands" Land Their Dream Job*.

Don't miss an opportunity to learn from a professional how to navigate your way to employment in the midst of an economic downturn. Mondays, 6-8pm beginning July 27th in Room S223. \$25 per person. Contact Linda Cummings by July 19th to reserve your spot.

Smoke Rise Academy: Summer Music Lessons

The Smoke Rise Academy of Arts is offering affordable and flexible music lessons to accommodate summer vacation plans and tight budgets. The program runs through July 31st. Students have the option to enroll in 4, 6, 8 or 10 lessons.

For beginners through advanced of all ages, the program is ideal for school band members ready to take music to the next level. The Academy offers conservatory-level instruction in piano, saxophone, violin, trumpet, clarinet, organ, trombone, solo guitar, voice, flute and cello.

To register, go to smokeriseministries.org and click on "Arts Programs" then go to the link for "Private Music Lessons."

For more information, email smokeriseartsacademy@yahoo.com or call 770.413.2133, Ext. 226.

From the Pastor's Heart . . .

Up Close and Personal

Mark 5:21-43

A few weeks ago, my sermon focused upon this text. Jairus, a leader in the synagogue and a man of great stature and prominence in the community, had a gravely ill daughter. He approached Jesus, fell at his feet and begged him to come to his home and heal her. Jesus agreed to do so and on his way to this man's house, a woman that had been ill for twelve years quietly slipped behind him and touched the tassel at the end of his garment. Immediately Jesus knew that someone had touched him differently than all the

others that were pressing against him. He stopped and had a conversation with this scorned woman that confirmed her healing and restored her self-esteem. Jesus continued his journey to Jairus' house and resurrected the twelve-year-old girl that died before his arrival.

There is something I want you to notice about these two stories that Mark laid together. **Look how often touching is mentioned.**

"Come and lay your hands on her," Jairus pleaded with Jesus. "Who touched my clothes?" Jesus asked on his way to Jairus' house when the desperately ill woman touched the hem of his garment. "Jesus took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum,' which means, 'little girl, get up!'"

"God uses the physical as a means of grace," Hope Morgan writes. "It is through the act of touching that faith is demonstrated and healing powers are released."

Dr. Charles Gurkin is a retired psychologist at Emory. Seminary students at Candler were required to

take one of his classes and it was in that he told them, "No minister will ever get close to a person he or she is physically unwilling to touch."

Perhaps this is why, in regard to these stories, Tom Ehrich wrote, "At its best, a faith community is about touch." I agree.

When you are close enough to touch someone, you can sense how badly they are hurting and what you can do to help them. A bond develops between you and it is as if they become, if for only a moment, a part of your family.

"Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." What did Jesus call this stranger who touched the hem of his garment? Daughter. As far as we know, he had no children. Why would he refer to her this way?

The little girl in the first story had a loving father who was her advocate. He set aside pride and protocol to get her help.

It appears this woman had no one to help her, especially someone as loving and strong as a father. So what did Jesus do? In that moment, he became her father and advocate and she became his daughter, which enabled her to leave in peace.

How different would the world be if we looked at everybody that was hurting as a family member? Who needs you to treat them this week as if they were your daughter or son? Are you willing to try? I hope so and I am confident that person does, too.

Until Sunday, *Bob*

"...Who needs you to treat them this week as if they were your daughter or son?"

Shocco Springs Student Life for Kids



The Student Life for Kids Camp theme this summer is Flip. "So the last will be first, and the first will be last" Matthew 20:16. Jesus teaches us to live in a way that is completely opposite of what the world says. He changes minds and hearts as he turns lives upside down.

Please pray for these children and adults who will be at Shocco Spring Conference Center in Talladega, AL: Carley Batchelor, Cody Blackmon, Ally Blake, Alex Burton, Samantha Catoggio, Will Chandler, Katie Curlee, Josh Denton, Emily Owen, Watson Martin, Avery Ray, Reed Parker, McKenzie Ray, Megan Smith, Davis Summers, Ernie Forrester, Kellie Denton, Kara Blankenship and Jake Cook.

Uganda, Anyone?

It's not too early to join us on

Lilburn Co-op

For July the Lilburn Co-op needs donations of macaroni & cheese, cereal, fruit, peanut butter and jelly. The Co-op's thrift store, Lily's Cloak, needs ladies clothing for clients to wear to work and on job interviews. Bring your clothing donations to the store at Five Forks Trickum Road in Mountain Park.

40th Anniversary Trivia

The SRBC 40th Anniversary Round 1 Trivia Questions are currently available via a link on the Smoke Rise home page. The first round of answers must be returned to the church office with your name and e-mail address by Friday, July 31st.

Questions for Round 2 will be available on Sunday, August 2nd, and must be returned by Wednesday, September 2nd. The winner will be announced at our 40th Anniversary Celebration on September 20th. For more information, contact Linda Cummings.

Missions in Mexico

Is God calling you to help needy children and their families in Tijuana, Mexico? The Mission Trip to Tijuana is planned for July 25 - August 1.

The cost of the trip is \$300 plus airfare (approx. Delta \$335; Air Tran \$310). Please register online and pay the \$100 deposit by credit card or e-check. For more information, please contact Gary Prophitt at gprophitt@bellsouth.net.

Pastor Fernando Martinez in Tijuana says we will be safe working with the children at Centro Shalom. They have had no safety issues in this area.