

	Year to Date	Budget to Date
Income		
Total Contributions	\$ 1,325,265.72	\$ 1,679,992.00
Total Other Income	3,441.74	0.00
Total Income	\$ 1,328,560.51	\$ 1,679,992.00
Expenses		
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,168,694.46	\$ 1,295,198.00
Total Ministries – Worship	26,625.02	40,617.00
Total Ministries – Education	67,960.90	115,381.00
Total Missions	131,583.22	169,714.00
Total Capital Expenditures	53,418.58	51,000.00
Total Equipment	7,942.45	22,011.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,456,224.63	\$ 1,693,921.00

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

40th Anniversary Offering

263 families have pledged \$440,210 to date. \$101,972.74 has been given by families that have not signed pledge cards.

Goal:	\$ 570,000.00
Given or Pledged:	\$ 542,182.74
Needed:	\$ 27,817.26

Thank You!

Many thanks to Jean Bliss, Margaret Anne Prophitt and Gary Prophitt for their mission work in Biloxi, MS last week. Jean and Margaret Anne did electrical/siding repairs while Gary worked with Jim Huston replacing damaged windows. Jim Huston is planning a Smoke Rise fall trip to Biloxi. Dates and details will be announced later.

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

Affiliate of Care and Counseling Center of Georgia		770.469.6547
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:

Delores Hendrix' father; Henry King's aunt; Elbia Coe's nephew and Amanda Burton's cousin; Cindy Jolley and Anne Tolleson's mother; Owen Harris' mother; Allen Blakes' mother and Ally's grandmother; and Jim Griffith's mother.

The Music Man at SRBC

The Smoke Rise Academy of Arts Drama Class will present *The Music Man* in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, August 28th, at 7pm and on Sunday, August 30th, at 2pm. Admission is free -invite your family and friends to this wonderful adaptation of Meredith Wilson's Broadway hit. For more information, contact the Academy office at 770.413.2133, ext. 226.

The Cross Tie Newsletter

August 24, 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.

Park Avenue Baptist
Sept. 26
Mickey O'Kelley

Appalachia Construction
Oct. 11-16
Bill Blanton

Fall Biloxi Trip
Date TBA
Details to Follow

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

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

Honduras
March 6-13, 2010
Deb Leamon

40th Anniversary Schedule

Golf Reunion
Sept. 19, 10:30am

Unhindered Concert
Sept. 19, 7:00pm

40th Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 20, 9:30am

Blessing of the Students



40th Anniversary Reservations

You may now make reservations for the Smoke Rise 40th Anniversary Lunch. At that time you will receive a ticket for use on September 20th. Lunch is free but reservations are required. Please invite former members and ask them to contact the church office to make their reservation. Reservations can be made on Sundays, now through September 6th, in the breezeways and Wednesdays, August 19th to September 2nd, at the fellowship hall. The deadline is September 6th. Contact Linda for Cummings more information at 770.469.5856.

40th Anniversary Golf Reunion

The Golf Reunion is September 19th at the Indian Creek Golf Club. There will be a shotgun start at 10:30am. The cost is \$43 - pay at the club.

Invitations have been mailed to all those who have played in the past men's golf tournaments and Ryder Cups. If you did not receive an invitation and have played in these tournaments, please contact Bobbie Wade at bwade4181@gmail.com or 770.934.9341 to register. For questions, contact Ed Brantly at golf@dcomcast.net or Linda Cummings at lcummings@smokerisebaptist.org.

Looking Ahead...

40th Anniversary
Celebration
September 20, 2009

Flu Shots
September 23, 2009

Family Comedy
Night with Tim
Hawkins
October 11, 2009

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Youth Ministries Collection

Do you have old furniture, rugs, or lamps that you want to get rid of? Let the SRBC Youth Ministry take it off your hands! We are looking for gently used furniture for the new youth room. To make a donation, e-mail Carra Hughes Greer at carragreer@gmail.com, Kristy Eggert at kristy.eggert@gmail.com or call 678.533.0551.

Family Comedy Night

Please join Smoke Rise for a Night of Laughter with Tim Hawkins on October 11th at 7pm in the SRBC Sanctuary. This event is a benefit for the Dream House for Medically Fragile Children, the only place in Georgia that serves children with complex medical needs. The Family Comedy Night will cap off the SRBC Family Ministry's "Stay-Cation" during Dekalb and Gwinnett County Schools' fall break.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. You can purchase tickets in the church office or online at www.smokerisebaptist.org.

For more information on Tim Hawkins: www.timhawkins.net.

Prime Time

Prime Time begins the 2009-2010 year with the first meeting on September 1st. Group leaders will be calling soon for dinner reservations. We look forward to great dinner and entertainment this year!

If you are not a member of Prime Time you have a special invitation to join us on September 1st for the beginning of our new year. You may call the church office (770.469.5856) by Friday, Aug. 28th, at noon to make your reservation.

Birth Announcement

"Jake Ramsey" was born August 9th to Alan and Page Holman; siblings are Caroline and Joshua; grandparents are Ray and Linda Cummings.

Got Skills? We Need You!

The Children's Department needs people to teach three or four Wednesday evenings (6:45-7:30pm) for our Club 410 missions unit. If you have a talent or interest area that you could share or teach, please contact Kellie Denton at kdenton@smokerisebaptist.org or 770.469.5856. Help is needed in the following areas: sewing (or quilting or crochet), scrapbooking, pottery, first aid, videography or reporting, handyman skills (older children), computer, painting and puppetry.

Coming Soon...Adult Game Days!

Our first Adult Game Day will be on September 3rd from 10am - 2pm. Lunch will be provided for a cost of \$5 per person. Let's get together and keep those brains active. During our first meeting we will get organized and name the group. So come with your suggestions. Watch for more details. For more information contact Linda Cummings.

Stone Mountain Co-op

Stone Mountain Co-op needs peanut butter, jelly, soup, hot and cold cereal, tuna and macaroni and cheese. Please continue to bring in school supplies for both the Lilburn and Stone Mountain Co-ops.

Also, the Stone Mountain Co-op needs individuals with a truck or SUV to pick up donations from Target in Stone Mountain at 9am on Monday and/or Wednesday and deliver them to the Co-op. This would take 1-1/2 hours. If you can help, call Nadalie Goldstein at 404.797.0813. For questions call 770.381.6865 or 404.216.0597.

Elementary After School Program

The SRBC After School Program begins in August. Our price is a consistent \$240 per month. There is no enrollment fee. The program is limited to 28 children. 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. The Smoke Rise Academy of Arts programs are available for an additional fee.

Drop-in care is available, but school pick-up must be scheduled on a consistent basis. Scheduled schools 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.

For more information, contact Greg Burdett at gburdett@smokerisebaptist.org or 678.469.1377 ext. 101.

40th Anniversary Trivia

The second set of questions are available in the church office, lower breezeway and online. Return your answers along with your name and e-mail by September 2nd. The winner will be announced at our 40th Anniversary Celebration on September 20th. Contact Linda Cummings for more information.

Care Classes

In the upcoming church year Care Classes will be offered on specified Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Thursday morning classes will be a repeat of Wednesday evening for those unable to attend on Wednesdays. There will be a question and answer section to each class. The current classes scheduled are:

October 7 & 8 - Depression: Do you know someone suffering from depression? Come and get a better understanding of what depression is and how it affects the person and how you can help them, their friends and family. The leader for the class, Rev. Julie Cannon, is an experienced counselor who previously worked with our Smoke Rise Counseling Center and is currently a Counselor at Mercer University.

November 4 & 5 - Dealing with Grief Through the Holidays: Rev. Julie Cannon, will give you tools for coping with grief during the holidays.

February 10 & 11 - The Simple Gift of Presence: Why It's Not So Simple and The Power of Listening. The leader for the class is Dr. Robert Browning. You will learn how important your presence and/or listening is, as well as how to be present and listen to someone in a crisis such as illness, divorce, job loss, death, etc.

More details will follow. For more information, contact Linda Cummings at lcummings@smokerisebaptist.org or Marcia Griffith at marciagriffith@comcast.net.

Smoke Rise Academy Fall Lessons

Smoke Rise Academy lessons for art, drama and private music instruction are now available. To register, log on to www.smokeriseministries.org and click on "Arts Programs" and follow the link for "Private Music Lessons." For more information, contact the Academy at smokeriseacademy@yahoo.com or 770.413.2133 ext. 226.



LIFE CONNECTIONS: Connecting Faith with Real Life.

Sunday & Wednesday Evening Programs for All Ages

Sunday Night Adult Small Groups

NOOMA - 5pm beginning September 13th. Pneumatology refers to the study of spiritual beings, particularly the interactions between humans and God. Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, question, and wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired and challenged people to be open to God's work in this world. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from the perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. The facilitator is Wilson Echols. Register online or with Kara Blankenship at kblankenship@smokerisebaptist.org or 678.533.0569.

Take It to the Limit - 5pm beginning September 13th. Come Back from the Edge Overloaded? Our culture encourages us to live as if we have no limits. So we fill up our schedules and empty our bank accounts doing, spending and acquiring as much as we can in an effort to get as much as we can out of life. This six week study with DVD shows that the secret to getting more out of life is not by doing more, but by doing less. You'll learn to create the margin you need to live the life God intends for you. The cost of the study guide is \$7. Register online or with Kathy Dobbins at kdobbins@smokerisebaptist.org.

Wednesday Night Adult Small Groups

Journey in Journaling - 6:30 beginning August 19th in the LIVING Room. This will be a time of guided journaling that will include a time of breathing and relaxation, 25-30 minutes of journal writing followed by a time of group reflection. Beginners are welcome. You can come any week - regular participation in the group is not necessary.

Examining the Life of Christ - 6:30pm in September. Each gospel is written in light of the author's perspective, culture and life experiences. Come explore the similarities and differences of the four Gospels' accounts of Jesus' life and ministry. Leave with a better understanding of how life experiences and our culture impact the way we read our sacred text today. The leader is Elbia Coe. Register online or with Kellie Denton or Kara Blankenship at 678.633.0569 or kblankenship@smokerisebaptist.org.

Running the Rapids - 6:30pm in October & November. This class explores the challenge parents face as they guide their teenagers through the turbulent waters of adolescence. Join this community of navigators, running the rapids of adolescence together. Discussion topics include: the scariness of adolescence, transferring values in the home that teenagers need to build a positive life, acceptable and unacceptable teenage behavior, tough questions that deserve straight answers, practical guidelines for surviving the trip together. Each week is independent and doesn't build on the other. The facilitator is Ernie Forrester. Register online or with Carra Greer at carragreer@gmail.com or Kara Blankenship at kblankenship@smokerisebaptist.org or 678.633.0569.

Sundays & Wednesdays for Children

Choir - Wednesdays at 6pm. Age-graded choirs for children 3 years old - 5th grade. Childcare is available for children birth - 2 years of age.

Club410 - Wednesdays at 6:45pm. Following a rotational model, Club410 offers 1st-5th grade children the opportunity to choose classes centered on their interests. Based on 1 Peter 4:10, children are encouraged to share their gifts with others through service. Hands-on engagement in their classes teaches children the joy of loving others. Children are also encouraged to memorize a Bible verse each month.

Mission in Action - Wednesdays at 6:45pm. Preschoolers learn through hands-on activities about people and places where God's work is being done and how they can help. Boys and girls learn about mission work around the community, the state, the U.S.A., and the world. As we learn, we also pray and give to make missions come alive for the children. Snacks, games and songs from around the world bring excitement to this time of study. Nursery care is available for children under 2 years old.

Bible Skills, Thrills and Drills - Sundays at 5pm (September 13, 27, October 4, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15). Children in Grades 3-5 will learn Bible verses, books of the Bible, Bible book content and Bible history while playing games and participating in various activities. Children will gain confidence in using their Bible and be challenged to hide God's Word in their hearts. Register with Kara Blankenship kblankenship@smokerisebaptist.org.

Sundays & Wednesdays for Youth

Wednesday Night Connections - 6:30pm. The youth group gathers in the gym for a time of fellowship, games and devotion. Led by Minister to Families with Youth, Carra Hughes Greer, and Youth Staff.

Sunday Night Connections - 5pm. Youth choir in the choir suite under the direction of Danny Vancil, Minister of Music.

Snack Supper - Sundays at 5:45pm. The youth gather in the gym for a snack supper. The cost is \$2.

Bible Study Classes - Sundays at 6pm. Youth are invited to participate in Bible study classes divided by their age and gender. This year the youth ministry has been very intentional in developing devotion times that will be meaningful and age-appropriate for all of our teens. The classes offered include: *Becoming a Young Woman of God*, *Becoming a Young Man of God* and *The Disciple Experiment: A Complete Curriculum For Helping Students Deepen Their Faith*.