

	Year to Date	Budget to Date	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Offering	
<b>Income</b>			Goal	\$ 570,000.00
Total Contributions	\$ 1,420,774.10	\$ 1,889,991.00	Pledged	\$ 440,210.00 263 families
Total Other Income	3,853.94	0.00	Given - pledged	\$ 386,723.10
Total Income	\$ 1,424,628.04	\$ 1,889,991.00	Given - unpledged	\$ 105,543.74 94 families
<b>Expenses</b>			Total Given	\$ 492,266.84
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,281,406.13	\$ 1,457,952.00	Total Given or Pledged	\$ 545,753.74
Total Ministries – Worship	28,506.16	45,694.00	Needed	\$ 24,246.26
Total Ministries – Education	71,534.58	126,466.00		
Total Missions	145,034.18	184,049.00		
Total Capital Expenditures	58,893.58	57,375.00		
Total Equipment	14,658.71	22,959.00		
Total Expenses	\$ 1,600,033.34	\$ 1,894,495.00		

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

### 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

Gloria White, M. Div., LCSW	Counselor and Center Director	770.469.6547
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Gina Campbell, M. Div., LCSW	Counselor	

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### Looking Ahead...

- Flu Shots
- September 23, 2009
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
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- October 11, 2009

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# The Cross Tie Newsletter

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### A Place for You in Missions?

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

**Park Avenue Baptist**  
September 26  
Mickey O'Kelley

**Appalachia Construction**  
October 11-16  
Bill Blanton

**Uganda**  
October 17-31  
Wilson Echols, or  
Janet Palmer

**Fall Trip to Biloxi**  
October 29-November 1  
Gary Prohitt

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

**Honduras**  
March 6-13, 2010  
Deb Leamon

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Schedule

**Golf Reunion**  
September 19, 10:30AM

**Unhindered Concert**  
September 19, 7:00PM

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
September 20, 9:30AM



### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictorial Directories

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictorial Directories are ready for all those who had their pictures made. You may come by the church office to receive your complimentary 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Directory on any Sunday during September.

If you did not have your picture made, we have some directories available for \$10.00.

You don't want to miss this book full of history, ministry information, our church family, and listing of church membership.

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary News

Again on September 13<sup>th</sup> we will have our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Ornament Keepsake available for \$12 each. You will find them in the lower breezeway before Sunday School and the upper breezeway after Sunday School. The number is limited.

Two 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Videos have been prepared by Glenn Paist featuring SRBC members. One was shown last Sunday and the second will be shown on September 13<sup>th</sup> in the 11AM service.

### Conference & Deacons' Meeting

The Quarterly Church Conference will be Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please make your lunch reservations by Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

A Deacons' Meeting will follow the Church Conference in Room S223. Deacons wishing to change standing reservations should call the church office also.

## ReCharge

Registration is now open for *Recharge* - our Youth Fall Retreat at Woodland Christian Camp and Retreat Center in Temple, GA, October 2-4. The cost is \$90 per student and includes lodging, 5 meals, recreation, program costs, t-shirt and transportation. Make sure you recognize the short registration time- all students must be registered by September 11<sup>th</sup>. Payment is due before September 11<sup>th</sup> to ensure your student's spot.

This event is organized by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and will involve approximately 200 youth from 5 churches. The retreat speakers are Jonathan Barlow, Eric Cain, Kristy Eggert, and Carra Hughes Greer. The theme this year is developed from Matthew 20:1-16, the parable of the workers in the vineyard. We are planning to look at the story from different angles in order to show the students different ways they can approach scripture.



## Youth Ministry

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. If you're interested in donating couches, chairs, rugs, lamps, tables, etc., please call 678.533.0551, email Carra Hughes Greer at carragreer@gmail.com or Kristy Eggert at kristy.eggert@gmail.com.

## Employment Opportunities

### Full-Time Position at Smoke Rise

A full time position is open at Smoke Rise. Requirements: exceptional PC and Mac skills as well as solid experience in multimedia, particularly digital video production. To apply, send your résumé to employment@smokerisebaptist.org.

## SRBC at PABC

On Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Smoke Rise will help Park Avenue Baptist Church with painting and renovating the Children's Area. Park Avenue will be using the grant given to them by Smoke Rise, in February, to turn the entire Children's Area into a child-oriented Biblical theme village. Meet in the Smoke Rise parking lot at 8:30AM and work at PABC from 9AM to 2PM. Lunch will be provided. If you can help, contact Mickey O'Kelley at sbarr30045@windstream.net or 770.207.6845.

## Sadies Ladies Circle

Sadies Ladies Circle will meet for a salad supper on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM at the home of Sally Slaton. Please bring a salad to share. We welcome visitors to join us as we love and serve one another.

## Ladies Clothes for Lily's Cloak

Lily's cloak, the Lilburn Co-op's Thrift Store, is in need of ladies' clothing for clients to wear to work or on job interviews. To donate, please take clothing to Lily's Cloak on Five Forks Trickum Road in Mountain Park. Lily's Cloak is open to the public to help raise money for the Co-op on Monday - Friday from 10AM - 8PM and on Saturday from 1AM - 5PM.

## SRBC Family Stay-Cation

*For Families of all Ages, Shapes and Sizes!*  
Adults: \$12, Kids: \$7, \$35 Family Max  
Register with Kellie Denton by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

### Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7PM

Movie and Popcorn at the Church

### Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 9AM-2PM

Continental Breakfast at the Church, Worship Send-Off, Mission Projects in the Atlanta, Lilburn, and Stone Mountain Communities. Lunch and fun to follow.

## Family Comedy Night with Tim Hawkins

Join SRBC for a Night of Laughter with Tim Hawkins on October 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 Smoke Rise Family Comedy Night will cap our Family Ministries' "Stay-Cation" during Dekalb and Gwinnett County Schools' fall break.

The show will begin at 7PM in the Smoke Rise Sanctuary. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Secure your seat today in person at the church office or online at www.smokerisebaptist.org.

Visit www.timhawkins.net for more info on Tim Hawkins. If you have any questions about this event, e-mail Kellie Denton, Minister to Families with Children, at kdenton@smokerisebaptist.org.

## Academy of Arts Fall Music Lessons

Smoke Rise Academy of Arts is now forming fall art and drama classes and offering private music lessons for most band instruments. For beginners through advanced of all ages, the Smoke Rise music 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.

Art classes for adults and drama classes for children and teens round out the Academy's offerings designed to help "God's gifts blossom," for all ages. Register, online at smokeriseministries.org and click on "Arts Programs" then go to link for "Private Music Lessons." Email smokeriseartsacademy@yahoo.com for more information, or call 678.533.0557.

## Care Classes

In the upcoming church year Care Classes will be offered on specified Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. The Thursday morning class 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...so bring your questions. The next class scheduled is:

October 7 & 8 - Depression: Do you know someone suffering from depression - friend or family member? Come and get a better understanding of what depression is and how it's affecting the person, their friends and family. Learn how you can help and/or cope. The leader for this class is Rev. Julie Cannon. She is an experienced counselor, previously with our Smoke Rise Counseling Center, currently a Counselor at Mercer University working with students. The class will meet in Room S225-227 from 6:00-7:30pm.

You may sign up online, call Linda Cummings at 770.469.5856 ext. 208 or email Marcia Griffith at marciagriffith@comcast.net.

## Construction Trip to Appalachia

As part of our ministry to God's Appalachian Partnership (GAP), there will be a construction trip to McDowell, KY October 11 - 16. We will be staying in the Servant's Heart Lodge. The cost is \$125 per person. Scholarships are available. This will be a wonderful time of work, fun and fellowship as we improve a family's house. Please contact Bill Blanton at 770.921.4115.

## Flu Shots

Flu shots will be available Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Smoke Rise Media Center from 4:30PM to 8:30PM. The cost is \$20 per person.

## From the Pastor's Heart . . .

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Smoke Rise

I can hardly believe that the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is just days away. We started planning almost two years ago and I am so glad we did. We knew there would be a lot of interest, but it has exceeded even our expectations. I am writing this article two weeks prior to the celebration and we already have almost 1,300 lunch reservations! What a wonderful day of worship and fellowship we are going to have. Check the newsletter or go online to get all the details for the weekend. Events are scheduled on Saturday as well as Sunday that you will not want to miss.

How can I adequately thank those who have worked so hard to make this celebration possible? All of us owe them a great debt of gratitude and I know I speak for the entire congregation in expressing appreciation. Your work behind the scenes for almost two years will be evident when we gather on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. From the bottom of our hearts, we say thank you!

By the way, all the work in the sanctuary and narthex has been completed, with the exception of

*You are cordially invited to the  
Fortieth Anniversary Celebration of  
Smoke Rise Baptist Church*

*Sunday, September 20, 2009*

*9:30 am - 10:20 am Gathering Time, Sanctuary*

*9:30 am Aiken College Student*

*Sunday School Class Reunion, Chapel*

*10:00 a.m. Charter Members and Former Ministerial Staff*

*Group Photos, Sanctuary*

*10:30 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE*

*Please be our guest for Lunch*

*Fellowship Hall and Gymnasium*

*Music by Mr. Dale Stone during Lunch*

*Please Note:*

*"UNHINDERED" in Concert*

*Saturday, September 19, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary*

*No Sunday School*

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recovering the padding on the pews. The company doing the work had a couple of bolts of material, but the remainder had to be ordered and will not be available until after the celebration. About a dozen pews have the new covering, so take a look at them. I think you will like what you see.

Let me remind you that we'll not have Sunday school on the 20<sup>th</sup> because the worship service will begin at 10:30. Provisions are being made in other parts of our facility for children ten and under that choose not to attend the worship service. Of course, we'll have a nursery that will open at 10:05 that morning.

Take a few moments each day to pray for the celebration. If we neglect to do this, our planning is incomplete. Asking God's guidance and blessing is

most important. We want this to be a day of renewal as well as celebration and only the Holy Spirit can make this happen.

Until Sunday *Bob*

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration *Schedule and Announcements*

No Sunday School - All Ages

College Class Reunion - Chapel, 9:30AM

Former Ministerial Staff picture - Parlor, 9:30AM

Charter Members Picture - Parlor, 9:45AM

Gathering Time & sing-In - 9:30-10:30AM

Nursery Opens - 10:05AM

Children Drop-Off - 10:05 AM

Celebration Service - 10:30AM

Lunch - Noon

**Lunch Reservations** September 6<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for September 20<sup>th</sup> lunch reservations. If you want to attend but have not yet made reservations, we are now taking names for a waiting list. We are asking that anyone who find they cannot attend the lunch and has a ticket to please contact MaryLynn Manley at 770.925.7509 in order for those on the waiting list to be notified of available seating.

**Golf Reunion** Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at Indian Creek Golf Club. The shotgun start is scheduled for 10:30AM. The cost is \$43 (pay at the club). Contact Ed Brantly at golfed@comcast.net. This should be a great time of reminiscing!

**Childcare** During the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 20<sup>th</sup>, drop off for Nursery (birth through 3 years old) and childcare (pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades) begins at 10:05AM and ends at 12:00PM We will celebrate 40 years of shaping children's lives with fun filled-activities! Children are encouraged to wear play clothes on this day.

**Parking** On September 20<sup>th</sup>, we will need as many parking spaces available as possible for the celebration. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has requested that all Smoke Rise Members try to bring only one car per family if possible. THANK YOU in advance for helping!