

The C R O S S T I E



Neighborhood Outreach

Sunday, October 30

9:45 a.m. - Noon

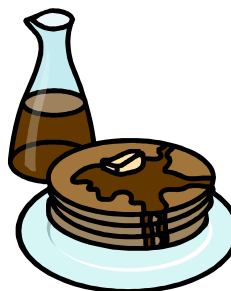


High Attendance Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 30

Goal: 1,000

“Pastor’s Pancakes” in the fellowship hall from 9:15 to 10:00 am.



Operation Christmas Child Underway!!

It's that time again! Our deadline for completed shoeboxes is **Sunday, November 13!!**

You may pick up an empty shoebox, label/packing instructions brochure and prayer guide at the welcome desks in the nursery or lower gym level, information desk in the narthex, or the breezeway. Please return filled boxes with requested \$5 check made payable to Samaritan's Purse to help cover cost of shipping to designated containers in the above areas. If you would like to help locally or with our church's collection, please contact Lois Jernigan at 770-934-3005.



The October 21, 2005
Newsletter of the
Smoke Rise Baptist Church

Stewardship Emphasis

The stewardship campaign theme for this year is “**Continuing the Good Work.**” The congregation is asked to continue the faithful stewardship that has been reflected throughout this year. To do this, your stewardship committee asks you to consider the following options:

- The capital campaign (Faith, Family and Future) will end in April 06. Many have completed their campaign pledge and many others will do so by April. Consider continuing to give to the church budget the amount you are or were giving to the capital campaign.
- Prayerfully consider increasing your financial commitment towards the budget for 2006. For example, if you are currently giving 2% of your income; consider giving 3%; giving 6 or 8 percent; consider giving 7% or 9%. Or, if you are not currently giving anything consider giving \$10 or \$20 per week and see if you really miss it.
- Finally, the Bible teaches tithing (10%) as a basic principle for Christian giving. Some of you may want to consider tithing your income for the first time. Trust God to provide for you as you follow His direction for this area of your life. Remember, to him that is given much, much is required.

Pledge/commitment cards will be mailed at the end of October and each family is asked to return their card on Sunday, November 20 during the worship services. In addition, a food offering will be taken on Sunday, November 13 during the worship services to be given to the Lilburn and Stone Mountain Cooperatives. Please mark these dates and plan to participate in this year’s stewardship emphasis.

Prime Time to Meet November 1

The Prime Time group meets on Tuesday, November 1, at 6:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall. The program will feature the entertaining “Dazzlin’ Dames,” a group of talented women who sing and dance and make you laugh. Be sure to mark the date and plan to be with us on November 1.

Deacon Ordination Service

A deacon ordination and installation service is planned for Sunday, November 6 at 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. All church members are invited to participate in this special service of worship and commitment.

Energy Seminar

Want to learn how to save energy and money this winter? Then plan to attend a special energy seminar at Smoke Rise on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 P.M. in fellowship hall. Joel and Susan Gilbert will share with us their proven strategies for saving and will show you how to use a free online home energy calculator. Mark the date and plan to be present.

Medicare Drug Plan Options

Confused about all of the changes in the new Medicare drug plan that will soon go into effect? Well, you’re not alone. To help you out, representatives from Senior Education Seminars will be at our church on Wednesday, November 9 to help answer your questions. The meeting will be held in the chapel at 6 P.M. Invite a friend and plan to be here for this informative meeting.

A Taste of Christmas!

Tuesday, November 29, 2005, 6:30 p. m.

Fellowship Hall

Holiday Cooking Featuring Food Columnist and cooking instructor, Rebecca Lang

The evening includes:

- A delicious dinner featuring many of the recipes Rebecca will be demonstrating.
- Tips for entertaining including how to get ready for Christmas dinner!
- A raffle for some great tools for your kitchen
- Creative and beautifully decorated tables by the ladies of Smoke Rise



Tickets will be on sale beginning November 6. This Christmas season as we prepare for our families we want to also be generous with the many families around our community who need our help. A portion of the ticket sales and all of the proceeds of the raffle will benefit the Lilburn and Stone Mountain Cooperative Ministries. If you would like to host and decorate a table, please contact Cindy Dunham at 770-717-8855. Pick up a more detailed flyer about this event in the Sanctuary Breezeway

Women’s Ministry News:

Living Proof Live Weekend with Beth Moore

Feb. 24-25 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Tickets are \$50.00 plus hotel costs.

If you are interested in going with a group to this conference, contact Kathy Dobbins at 770-717-8855.

Deadline is Nov. 20.

Wednesday Night Menu

Check out the Smoke Rise Website for our Wednesday night menus.

www.smokerisebaptist.org

Georgia Convention News

The Georgia Baptist Convention’s annual meeting is November 14-15 in the Civic Center in Columbus. If you wish to attend as a Smoke Rise messenger, please call Bobbie at 770-469-5856 for your credentials.

The fall meeting of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia will be November 13-14 at First Baptist Church, Griffin. You do not need credentials to attend and vote at the Fellowship meeting.

Chrismon Ornaments

If you are interested in helping create this year’s Chrismon ornaments which will be given to children at the children’s Christmas Eve service, contact Bethann at 770-469-5856, ext. 207 or email her at bayers@smokerisebaptist.org. Beginner craft skill is needed — on the job training provided. Release your inner Martha Stewart!



Notes from the Pastor

High Attendance Day

October 30 is High Attendance Day at Smoke Rise. Our goal is to have 1000 in Sunday School that morning. Achieving this goal will require that we make a commitment to be here, contact absentees and invite prospects. Will you make a special effort to do all of these things as we gather for Bible study and worship?

One of the features of High Attendance Day will be the return of the "Pastor's Pancakes." In August, my Sunday School class provided pancakes for the entire church prior to Sunday School. They did an outstanding job and I know their hard work was appreciated by our members. They are up to the challenge again. So on October 30, come to the fellowship hall from 9:15 until 10:00 and bring your appetite. The pancakes, butter, syrup, juice and coffee will be waiting.

Stewardship

I appreciate the Budget Preparation Committee for drafting the 2006 Proposed Budget and Finance Committee for planning our stewardship promotion. This year's theme is "Continue the Good Work." I like it.

Smoke Rise's history is filled with the good works of her members that have advanced the Kingdom of God. Everyday our members are in our community meeting the needs of people in the name of our Lord. How I appreciate their compassion and dedication.

In addition, our members have unselfishly given their resources to provide the finances needed to help others. Smoke Rise is a generous church! Giving to the budget, capital campaign and special offerings in 2005 has never been stronger. For this, I am certainly grateful.

At the same time, I cannot help but think what we could do if our members took stewardship more seriously. We have too many that do not budget their giving through thoughtful praying and careful planning. Giving through the church is a low priority which leads to neglect. Tithing, giving the first tenth to God, is not even an option.

This is tragic because it penalizes those eager to minister and the ones that need their help. It also keeps the giver from receiving blessings that can only be attained through giving. "It is more blessed to give than receive," Jesus said. Only a generous person can understand this, but once he or she does, nothing will keep him or her from giving, not even the temptation to be selfish.

Let me challenge you to continue your good work and expand it. Take stewardship seriously and ask God how He would have you use the time, talents and resources He has given you. Turn in a commitment card on Sunday, November 20 that reflects His will for your life. Allow God, who loves to give to His children, to bless you and use you to be a blessing to others!

Holidays

Have you started your Christmas music yet? Ask Jackie if I have. I asked her the other day if it was too early to put up the Christmas tree. I won't tell you her response!

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. As a matter of fact, as I type this article the seasonal decorating committee is in the sanctuary and narthex putting in the fall decorations and they are beautiful! How I appreciate their good work. You must come and see them.

Everybody needs a church home for the holidays. Everyone needs a family with whom they can share memories and good times. I have found that people will respond to an invitation to attend church during the holidays more than any other time. Take advantage of this opportunity. Invite them today and bring them with you on High Attendance Sunday!

We are planning some wonderful services this holiday season that will celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness. I want you to invite family members and friends that would not otherwise be in church. Everybody needs a church home for the holidays. Everyone needs a family with whom they

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Until Sunday,
Jingle Bell Bob



Fall Festival



October 26, 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
Activities for children through 5th grade.

The community is welcome.
Donations and volunteers needed.
Call Laura Smith at 770-934-7595



We pray for these members who have lost loved ones: Velvie Loudermilk, whose sister died; and Jane Scott, whose mother died.

Youth News

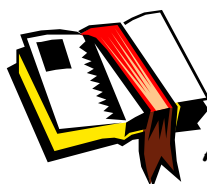
SNL Upcoming Events:

October 30: Super Size games with the Church Staff. Afraid of a little competition?

November 6: REALLY interesting games (bobbing for spam . . .)

November 13 Cagle's Maze — if you find your way out we will take you home!

November 20: UPS and our Family Thanksgiving Dinner that evening



HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT
December 27-30 in Harrisonburg, Virginia
A \$50 non-refundable deposit holds your spot
Total cost — \$275 (\$325 for snowboarders)
Registration is NOW!



IMPACT CHEERLEADING

Kdg - 6th Grade

Sign up now!

Cost: \$90 (shoes optional \$30)

October 20 — Informational meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Joy Sanctuary of Lilburn First Baptist

November 5 — Parent Orientation

Kdg - 2nd — 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

3rd - 4th — 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

5th - 6th — 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

November 12 — One-Day Kickoff Clinic

9:00 a.m. - Noon in Activities Bldg, Lilburn FBC

November 14 — First week of practice

December 3 — First Games

Smoke Rise squads will practice at Smoke Rise

and cheer for Smoke Rise teams

For more information, contact Bill Linduff at Lilburn First Baptist Church
at 770-921-1220



Gwinnett Community Clinic Fundraiser Golf Tournament

October 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Contact Parks Mann at 770-979-9155 or call the church office

Smoke Rise Nursery Ministry is Tickled Pink . . . Times TWO!

Two of our nursery care providers are expecting girls. Please join us for a potluck luncheon Baby Shower to celebrate with Leigh Ann Hess and Susan Samples on Saturday, November 5, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 210. RSVP to Amanda Coe Burton, Director of Nursery Ministries at 770-413-2133, ext. 218 or email her at aburton@smokerisebaptist.org.

KLESIS Classes

November 2, 9 and 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Workbooks are \$15

Register in breezeway or at www.smokerisebaptist.org

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of October 13, 2005

Four hundred forty-three families have pledged \$2,039,844.40 to date for the 2005 Budget.

	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE
INCOME		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,766,493.49	\$2,000,000.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>21,358.69</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,787,852.18	\$2,000,000.00
EXPENSES		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,443,072.10	\$1,642,677.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	16,375.42	27,750.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	78,926.22	115,653.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	132,101.85	153,645.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	19,615.76	28,324.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>8,329.91</u>	<u>10,670.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,698,421.26	\$1,978,719.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 697,371.46	
FAITH, FAMILY & FUTURE CAMPAIGN:		
Four hundred fifty-seven families have pledged \$2,696,424.00 to the Faith, Family & Future Campaign.		
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,245,518.53	
LINE OF CREDIT/SRBC LOAN	+ 445,621.74	
EXPENSES	<u>-2,675,594.15</u>	
BALANCE	\$ 15,546.12	



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Uganda Mission Trip



If you are interested in a mission
trip to Uganda

May 27 - June 10, 2006

Please contact Wilson Echols at
770-760-7896

The trip will cost approximately
\$2,500.00