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August 13 Kick-off Sunday

Wear your favorite school's colors!

School Supply Drive for Co-op

NO 8:30 a.m. worship

9:15 a.m. - 10 a.m. Pastor's Pancakes

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship

Noon Deacons' Lunch/Meeting

Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday Night Activities Kick-Off

August 23

Supper Serving begins at 5:15p

Music & Missions Enrollment Fair — Children's Dept. at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Activities in Youth Dept.

Share and Prayer Around the Tables at 6:30 p.m.

Smoke Rise Academy Presents

At 7:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

"Summer Follies" featuring "The Broadway Babies"
of The Academy's summer children's drama group.
They will entertain with scenes & songs from "Oliver,"
"The Secret Garden," "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown,"
"Les Miserables;" and others!

Special visit from our very own talented James Reynolds!
Come and bring a friend!!!

No Sanctuary Choir or Festival Singers on this night.

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Youth Coffee House begins Sunday morning

August 20 — 9:30 a.m.

YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHTS BEGIN AUGUST 20

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir

6:00 Snack Supper

6:30 The Sunday night thing



Committee Opportunities

The Committee on Committees will begin its work later this summer. Please take a minute to peruse the committee opportunities below for a place you might like to serve. Contact Walter Martin (678-344-6237) or Linda Cummings (770-469-5856) to volunteer or for further information. Please seriously consider a place to share your gifts with others through committees or any of our program areas.

Administrative Commission

Building Committee	Charlie Ray, Chairman
Committee on Committees	Walter Martin, Chairman
Finance Committee	Wade Higgins, Chairman
Nominating Committee	Amy Allison, Chairman
Personnel Committee	Reed Bennett, Chairman
Stewardship Committee	
Trust Committee	Bill Hearn, Chairman

Pastoral Ministries Commission

Deacon Selection Committee	Past Deacon Chairman
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Recreation and Missions Commission

Mission Support Committee	Janet Palmer, Chairman
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Worship Commission

Music Committee	Karen Stitt, Chairman
Worship Committee	

We need your response by August 23.

Attention Nursery Parents and Extended Session Volunteers

It is time to sign up for August, September and October service dates. The scheduling poster is outside the Nursery Office.

Hospice Training

Peachtree Christian Hospice

Three Thursday evenings in August — 6-9 p.m.

Call Linda Scott @ PCH — 770-232-7727

or Doris Nelms at United Hospice Atlanta — 404-292-2081

Smoke Rise Academy

Announces Fall Registration for the Year 2006-07

Enroll now for private music instruction (all ages and skill levels) in: Piano, organ, voice, woodwinds, solo guitars, strings and brass instruments. And classes in:

- ★ Kindermusik (3, 4, 5 year olds) *New this year*
- ★ Children/youth drama
- ★ Children/youth art
- ★ Older teen/adult oil painting
- ★ Tap/ballet (3, 4, 5 year olds)

Please contact our office at 770-423-2133, ext. 226, for enrollment forms.

Carole Mitchell, Administrator
Cathy Thacker, Assistant Administer

Joe Glass, age 94, has been recertified for an additional three years as an aerobics instructor.



Congratulations to Brandie Kirkland and Jeffery May, who were married on July 29. Brandie is the daughter of Johnny and Arlene Kirkland and granddaughter of Inez Bryan.

Faith & Issues

Sundays at 9:45 am; Room A125

August Topics:

- 6 Understanding the Great Commission: Evangelism in today's world
- 13 Understanding Jesus' Greatest Commandment
- 20 Can a Christian be committed to Christ and also be inclusive?
- 27 Can a Christian be committed to Christ and also be inclusive? Session Two



M&M



Music and Missions
2006-2007

Come, Join our Jubilant Song
Choirs for Children 3rd - 5th Grades
Each Wednesday from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
(Early Arriver activities begin at 5:50 p.m.)

A Heart for Missions

6:45 - 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday
Mission Ventures for Children and Youth

Music and Missions enrollment is Wednesday, August 23
Regular programming begins on Wednesday, August 30

Weekday School

Smoke Rise Baptist Weekday School will begin September 5, 2006.
There are still openings in some of our classes (2,3 & 4 Years Old).
Please call Paula Reeves @ 770-413-2133 Ext. 227
for more information.

Be a BIG Fish!

The new Sunday School year is swimming near.
Come be a BIG fish in our Nursery pond.
Nursery Sunday School teachers and helpers
are needed for the 2006-07 year.

If you are able to serve one or two Sundays
per month,
please contact Amanda Coe Burton
at 770-413-2133, ext. 218, or aburton@bellsouth.net.

Letters of Appreciation

Dear Smoke Rise Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your expressions of love shown to me and my family during my recent surgery/recovery.

The meals were greatly appreciated as were the cards, phone calls and flowers, but most of all, we appreciated all of your prayers

Love in Christ,

Jill, Steve, Ashley and Adam Holder.

Dear Smoke Rise Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your kind words, calls, and hugs following the death of our son in Iraq..

Scott and I would not have made it through this without our loving, Christian family. Please keep us in your prayers.

Scott and Lisa Connell

Notes from the Pastor

“Would Jesus Carry a Pager?”

Mark 6: 30-34; 53-56

In a recent sermon, the text focused upon the needs of caregivers. This must have struck a chord with many people because I had several responses to it.

A careful reading of the last half of Mark 6 reveals the tension Jesus felt to take care of his personal needs and the needs of those around him. Twice he tried to get rest and both times he was interrupted. There were times when he was successful, however, and he and his disciples spent time alone refreshing their bodies and spirits.

Why do you think Mark told his readers about Jesus' need for and attempts to rest? Evidently there was an important lesson he wanted to share with his readers that were in great demand and under stress. What was it?

Caregivers must take care of themselves.

There is a tendency on the part of people that help others to neglect their own needs. This is true for parents, children of aging parents, those that take care of sick relatives, and those in the helping professions, such as social workers, counselors, ministers, teachers, doctors and nurses.

Why are caregivers so vulnerable? The needs of others are overwhelming and most caregivers feel guilty if they take time for themselves.

What do you do when others are dependent upon you and you are under great stress? You take time for yourself. You recognize that the best way you can help others is to live a healthy, balanced life where you feed your own spirit and take care of your physical and emotional needs.

If you are traveling on a plane with a child and the plane experiences difficulty, what is the first thing you are to do when the oxygen masks descend? You are to place the mask on yourself and then assist your child. Why? You cannot offer help very long if you are deprived of oxygen. You will either faint or die, leaving your child helpless.

I know this is easier said than done. When you have people pulling and tugging you in many directions, it is hard to think about your own needs. Perhaps the Psalmist had this in mind when he wrote, “He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul” Psalm 23:2-3a.

I've never really thought about the imperative David used, “He makes me lie down.” I see this in a whole new light now, don't you?

In William Willimon's reflections about our need to take care of ourselves, he writes, “We stress other commands of Jesus to love the poor, feed the hungry, bind up one another's wounds and bear one another's burdens. Why not equally stress this command of Jesus to get rest? In my experience, it is the sincere, dedicated, earnest disciples who are the worst about taking care of themselves. They don't mean to, I'm sure, but in their busyness and ceaseless activity, they give the impression that it is up to them to do good or it won't get done. It is up to them to fix the world or it won't get fixed. It is up to them to meet all needs or they won't be met. Behind our busyness is the blasphemous belief that we are the saviors of the world. Well, we are not God and we do not run the world.”

This hits every caregiver between the eyes. We find it hard to believe that God can work without us and are confident others cannot live without our constant attention. Caregivers must guard against adopting a “messiah complex.”

Do you know which of the Ten Commandments is the longest? Surely it is the one about honoring God or parents. Perhaps it is the one about honesty or adultery. No, it is not. It is the one about honoring the Sabbath.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy” Exodus 20:8-11.

We are not “Energizer Bunnies.” Our batteries run down and need recharging. Our spirits must be replenished. To deny this is deadly.

Phillip Melancthon, the great Reformation theologian, once said to Martin Luther, “This day you and I will discuss the governance of the universe.” What Luther said in response was unexpected. “This day you and I will go fishing and leave the governance of the universe to God.”

Village workers were asked to carry heavy equipment on their backs to a remote outpost. After several days of difficult travel, the workers refused to pick up their packs and go any further. They sat by the side of the trail ignoring the shouts of the leader of the expedition. Finally, the leader asked why they were unwilling to go. One of the workers replied, “Sir, we are waiting for our souls to catch up with our bodies.”

Perhaps you need to reunite your body and soul. I encourage you to decide how this can happen in your life and begin this week. Make it a priority and ask for Jesus' help. I assure you that he will help you as he did his disciples.

If you recall, I began the sermon by asking if Jesus would carry a pager, cell phone or blackberry. He probably would, but he would know when to turn them off.

Until Sunday,
Bob

Youth News !!!

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BACK TO SCHOOL CONCERT
Sunday, August 13 at FBC Tucker
THE WAVE
Cost is \$5

We leave the church at 3:30 p.m.

Youth Teacher Meeting is Sunday, August 27 at noon
in Room 106

 **Sanctuary Choir** 
Wednesday Resume

August 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

(This Sunday, August 6, is the last day
for Summer Singers!)






Genealogy Class

If you are interested in working with others in exploring your family tree and learning about how to search, contact Cubby Culberson at dlcjr@bellsouth.net or 770-921-7385. Classes would begin in January 2007.


The **Transportation Committee** has sold our old bus, the MCI, for \$6,000. **Thank you Committee!** We now have the beginning funds to hopefully purchase another minibus type van sometime in the near future. We still need to replace the old red van we had to sell due to safety issues. Again thanks to the Transportation Committee for selling the old bus. Committee members are: Rick Lehner, Paul Parham, Paul Durden, Mark Manley and Jim Huston.

The Stone Mountain Co-op food pantry is in need of macaroni & cheese, soup, jelly, tuna, rice, cereal & the following school supplies: highlighters, calculators, graph paper & writing tablets.

The Lilburn Co-op is in need of the following school supplies for the coming year, which begins August 14:

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|  Book bags |  |  Highlighters |
|  Pens | |  Glue Sticks |
|  Composition Books | |  Markers |
|  Scissors | |  Colored Pencils |
|  Boxes of Tissue | |  Hand Sanitizers |
|  Pocket Folders with Brads | | |

Braves Faith Days

Smoke Rise Baptist has the opportunity to attend Faith Days with the Braves Sunday, August 13 at 1:05 p.m. Saturday, August 26 at 1:20 p.m.
 Braves vs. Milwaukee Brewers  Braves vs. Washington Nationals
 Post-game concert with Jeremy Camp Post-game concert with Barlowgirl
 Testimony by Sid Bream Testimony by Chris Reitsma

Tickets starting at \$16 includes seat for game and access to concert. For tickets, call 404-577-9100 or 888-456-0451. Ask to sit in the Smoke Rise Baptist section. Tickets can be mailed to you or can be picked up at will-call.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of July 28, 2006

Four hundred twenty families have pledged \$2,092,531.00 to date for the 2006 Budget.

	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE
<u>INCOME</u>		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,288,585.59	\$1,458,331.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	32,526.50	15,750.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,321,112.09	\$1,474,081.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,093,910.47	\$1,201,821.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	11,826.77	20,675.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	52,055.72	86,444.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	100,174.72	126,498.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	44,075.24	44,910.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	6,710.48	9,086.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,308,753.40	\$1,489,434.00

MORTGAGE BALANCE: \$ 552,712.44

FAITH, FAMILY & FUTURE CAMPAIGN:

Four hundred forty-nine families have pledged \$2,689,784.00 to the Faith, Family & Future Campaign.

Funds designated by Finance Comm	\$ 30,000.00
Contributions	+2,506,987.20
Expenses	-2,754,605.27
Cash Balance	\$ (217,618.07)
SRBC Loan	\$ 223,649.07



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Dance rehearsals will begin on Sunday, August 13th @ 4pm. Our first performance will be at UPS on Sunday, September 17th! If you dance, this is a wonderful worship opportunity and experience. Please call Rebecca Orton if you have any questions or are interested in participating 770.469.5856 ext. 270.

We'd like to thank the Pares and Spares Sunday School class for helping out with Extended Session 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds. You are awesome!