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CHUCK MOATES RETIRES

June 30, 2006

Serving Smoke Rise Baptist Church

15 Years!!

Serving as a Full-time Minister

37 Years!!

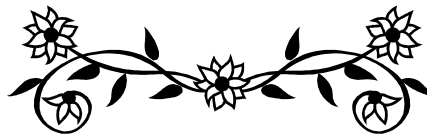
Chuck Moates Day

June 25

Lunch with Reception — 12 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Everyone invited!



Yonder



Presented by Smoke Rise Music Ministry

Wednesday, June 28

Following Supper

In the Chapel



The June 23, 2006
Newsletter of the
Smoke Rise Baptist Church

Dates to Remember – One Service Only

11:00 a.m. Mark your calendar

June 25 — Chuck Moates' Reception

July 2 — Holiday Weekend

August 13 — Kick-off Sunday

September 3 — Holiday Weekend

A Word from Chuck

The time has come for me to bid you farewell. At the end of this month, Alice-Ann and I will assume our place in the company of the retired. Many have asked how I feel making this transition. Honestly, I will miss the wonderful privilege I have had to serve as your Minister of Administration. It has been a most fulfilling, satisfying and rewarding journey because of who you are as a community of faith. Your support, encouragement and genuine friendship have been a constant source of strength and blessing throughout the years. I cannot imagine a better congregation to have had the opportunity to serve.

Alice-Ann and I thank you for the love, affirmation and support you have so generously given to each of us. We will always hold you in our hearts and cherish the many wonderful memories we have of our time with you. As Paul said to his friend, Philemon, "We thank God for our every remembrance of you."

Permit me to leave with you as my concluding word the benediction I so often shared at the conclusion of our worship. I first heard it when in seminary attending the Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. The pastor at that time was John Claypool, and I attribute it to him:

"Depart now in the fellowship of God the Father. As you go, remember, it was in the goodness of God that you were born into this world; and it is by the grace of God that you have been watched over and cared for every single day of your life; and it is through the love of God, fully revealed in the face of Jesus, that you, yes all of us, are being redeemed." Amen, and amen.

Sign On For A Smoke Rise Mission Trip!

There are still places available for the following Mission Trips:

New York City
July 15 – 22
Ron & Susan Kent 770-491-7240
or srjkent@mindspring.com
Cost is approximately \$450

Katrina (Biloxi, MS)
Monthly
Jim Huston 678-300-9303 or
srbckatrinamission@comcast.net

Mission Needs

Two scholarships for \$400 each are needed for the Tijuana trip July 15-22. If you can contribute toward this, please contact Tim, Pat or Glenn in the Missions Office at 770-469-5856, ext. 222.

The Appalachia Mission Team is collecting used appliances to take to Kentucky. If you have unused warehouse or garage space, please contact Andy Williams at 678-469-7412 or email at waandy@bellsouth.net.

Also, school supplies are needed for children in Appalachia: clear backpacks, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. Please place them in the container outside the Missions Office. These items will be taken to Kentucky on August 4.

"The Family Connection": A Weekend Retreat

August 4-6, 2006 at Smoke Rise

The Family connection is for people who are members of a family which is – everybody! We're all part of the Smoke Rise family and we'll have a great time. Friday evening is an interactive session designed for the whole family (including dinner). Saturday will be half day only with activities especially for children. Our guest speakers will be speaking on "Secrets of Strong Families" in the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on Sunday. Retreat leaders are Otis & Deigie Andrews, popular marriage enrichment conference speakers. Pick up a brochure in the Sanctuary Breezeway. Cost is \$15.00 per adult (includes two meals). Registration deadline is July 30th.

Faith & Issues

Sunday at 9:45 am; Room A125

July Schedule

- 2 How to honor God *and* our country
- 9 How our prejudices influence our faith
- 16 How our prejudices influence our faith: Session Two
- 23 Who are Jehovah's Witnesses?
- 30 Who are Scientologists?

Letter of Appreciation

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the love and support that has been shown to Doug and me.

I appreciated the visits from Bob and Kathy during my hospital stay. Thank you for your calls, cards, and especially your prayers.

God is so good and His love is shown through each of you. Continue to keep me in your prayers.

Elizabeth Hollandsworth

Hats off to all of our VBS staff for another great year! The children had a wonderful time with the Artic Edge! All of your time, effort, dedication and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated. What a marvelous way to minister to our children.

The 2006 VBS staff would like to thank the following people for providing delicious snacks for workers throughout the week. It was greatly appreciated and enjoyed!!

- Fite Circle
- Sadies Ladies Circle
- Fellowship Circle
- The Journey Sunday School Class
- The Faith and Issues Class
- Scott Butler's Sunday School Class

— Joan Clark, Linda Cantrell, Nancy Davis, Lois Kasemeier, Shirley Tuck and Peggy Harris

A Stewardship Reminder

Over the next several weeks, many from our congregation will be enjoying a long awaited and much deserved vacation. Make the most of your time with family and friends, savor the time for relaxing and recharging. While away, please do not forget or neglect your financial support of the church. One good suggestion is to go on-line to our website (www.smokerisebaptist.org) and use this easy and convenient means to make your contribution to the church.

Notes from the Pastor

Vacation Bible School

I cannot say enough good things about Bible School and the wonderful week that we had. Thank you Bethann and all your dedicated workers for providing one of the finest Bible Schools we have had.

I have heard so many positive comments about the kids singing Wednesday night in Prayer Meeting. The fellowship hall was full of young families and all the energy they bring to any event. What a great idea this was.

I appreciate Kellie Denton providing the luncheon on Friday for the VBS faculty. This was a wonderful way to express gratitude for their hard work during the week.

I also want to thank the church for placing the new audio/visual equipment in the fellowship hall during our renovation. Each morning I went to open assembly and watched as the children sat mesmerized by the story that was put on the screens. You could have heard a pin drop. Then I enjoyed watching them sing the VBS songs as they were led by adults and children on the Vacation Bible School CD. Our kids live in a visual world and our new equipment makes it possible for us to bring the latest technology into our fellowship hall. So, on behalf of the VBS students and teachers, we say THANK YOU!

Chuck's Reception

A wonderful day of celebration and farewell is planned for Chuck and Alice-Ann this Sunday. We shall combine our services and meet at 11:00 o'clock so that everyone can go to the luncheon and reception following the worship service. I appreciate those that have worked so diligently to make this a special day. You have planned a fitting tribute to a faithful staff member.

Summer Day Camp

Enrollment at our summer day camp continues to climb. The enrollment exceeded last year's the very first week this year! Already the count has risen to 148 children. It is wonderful to have that many

children in our building every day during the summer while their parents are at work. Several parents have told me how much it means to them to have their children so well taken care of in a safe and healthy environment. This is the church at its best! Thanks to all that make this possible.

Camps and Mission Trips

Many of our children and young people will be going to camps and mission trips in the next few days. Remember them in prayer and ask God to use each experience to help them grow in their faith. I can hardly wait to hear their stories when they return.

Yonder

Join us on Wednesday, June 28 for the "Yonder" concert. The choir will sing many familiar songs about heaven that evening. Bring friends with you to the fellowship meal that Lou and her crew will prepare, then head to the chapel for some fun and nostalgic music. The meal will be served beginning at 5:30 and the concert will begin at 6:30 p.m.

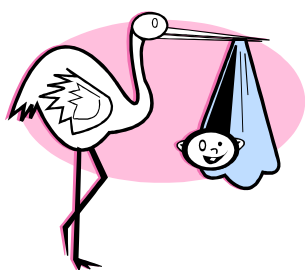
July 2

Make your plans to be with us as we celebrate freedom on Sunday, July 2. We shall combine our morning services that day and have one service at 11:00. Wear red, white and blue that day as you join your friends for Sunday School at 9:30 and the worship service that will follow.

Grandson

June 14 was a special day for the Browning family. Robey Ikerd Browning was born to my son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Emily. His three-year-old sister, Ellie, welcomed him with open arms. I told Robey I could hardly wait to take him to Stone Mountain, the Aquarium and Turner Field. I am confident he winked and whispered, "Play Ball!"

Until Sunday,
Bob



Congratulations to Jason and Laura (Hankla) Backus on the birth of a daughter, "Caroline Elizabeth," born January 27. Grandparents are Bill and Gerri Hankla; uncle and aunt are Joel and Amanda Tarpley; uncle is Loren Hankla;

and, to Jason and Emily Browning on the birth of a son, "Robey Ikerd," born June 14. Grandparents are Bob and Jackie Browning.



Congratulations to Lauren Jollay and Mark Gray who were married June 10th. Lauren is the daughter of Tom and Kathy Jollay.



We extend our sympathy to Judy Batchelor whose father died; Cindy Hearn, whose brother-in-law died. and to Terri Brown whose father died.

Youth News

WORLD CHANGERS/ MISSIONS CONNECT PARTICIPANTS

We need you here Sunday morning,
June 25 at 8:00 a.m.

We want to be in Gulfport by 3:30
p.m.

HIGHSCHOOL CAMPING/RAFTING

TRIP JULY 9-10

We have 30 spots for \$40 a person — includes transportation, lodging, breakfast, and rafting

We are rafting the Ocoee!

*It is with great joy
 we invite you to join our families
 as we celebrate in the presence of God
 the marriage vows of
 Rebecca Lee Kearney
 and
 John William Orton
 Saturday, the fifteenth of July
 two thousand and six
 at four o'clock in the afternoon
 First Baptist Church
 600 Governors Drive
 Huntsville, Alabama*

*Mrs. Amy Miller Kearney
 Reverend and Mrs. William Hopewell Orton*

New Members



Emily Pierce (daughter of Keith and Kristen Pierce), 1111 Chartley Drive, Lilburn, GA 30047; tel. 678-380-3966. Deacon: Charlie Coe.

Danny Vancil, 205 Ladson Court, Decatur, GA 30033; tel. 404-634-0742. Deacon: Charlie Coe.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of June 16, 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
INCOME		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,043,444.21	\$1,249,998.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>27,112.98</u>	<u>13,500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,070,557.19	\$1,263,498.00
EXPENSES		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 896,978.57	\$1,043,920.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	9,281.45	17,275.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	44,661.43	71,893.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	79,419.59	105,013.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	34,456.60	39,272.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>5,795.50</u>	<u>7,169.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,070,593.14	\$1,284,542.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 569,410.46	

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	+2,497,204.20
Expenses	<u>-2,754,605.27</u>
Cash Balance	\$ (227,401.07)
SRBC Loan	\$ 230,513.07



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Bethann Ayers	Minister to Children
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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
 Elizabeth Walker, Th. D., LMFT

Counselor
 Counselor

Lilburn Co-op Needs:



peanut butter, dried beans, pork and beans, jelly, soup, macaroni and cheese, pasta, hot and cold cereals, pancake mix, rice, dried milk and juice. Place these items on the shelves outside the church office.