

The C R O S S T I E

Vacation Bible School!

Sunday, June 10 - Thursday, June 14

- Sunday, June 10: Kick-Off with Pep Rally at 4:30 P.M.
- Dinner @ 5pm each night - ALL KIDS EAT FREE!
- Adults- join us Sunday & Tuesday @ 6:30 P.M. for CSPN Coaches Panel: "Winning the Game from the Stands" along with some adult kickball fun!
- Wednesday night - Hal Runkel, author of best-selling book "Scream Free Parenting: Raising Your Kids by Keeping Your Cool" @ 6:30 P.M.



SmokeRise Summer Camp Thru August 3

Camp is available from 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and very enrollment of 2 weeks or more includes a Six Flags and a White Water season pass.

Visit and enroll on-line

www.smokeriseministries.org/camp.

Field trips, swimming, music, crafts, academics, and a Christian setting define our 6 - 12 year old "Spirit" group. Teens focus on growth through team building, creative academic challenges, and community service. Rock climbing, Six Flags and a program of recreation, academics, study and service create an active and challenging experience.

GREGORY BURDETT, Director: SmokeRise Summer Camp , 678-469-1377 or e-mail to: gburdett@bellsouth.net.



MultiFocus W.M.U.

will meet Tuesday, June 12
at 10:00 A.M. in Room S218.

Our mission project for June is the "W.M.U. FOUNDATION."
It was established to financially support W.M.U.
as it strives to fulfill its mission.



Sunday, July 1st, 2007:
No 8:30 A.M. Worship Service
11A.M.:Abbreviated WorshipService



followed by

Patriotic Songs

Featuring the Armed Forces Medley

(The program will conclude at 12:00 noon)



Death

We extend our sympathy to Darlene Foust and children, Kim, Meredith and Lacey in the death of her husband and their father, Randal Foust. They have been members of Smoke Rise Baptist Church since 1981.

Want to Go to New York City?

7-NIGHT STAY IN NEW YORK CITY
 - ACCOMMODATIONS, AIRFARE,
 BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND 2 DINNERS
 INCLUDED FOR ONLY \$500!

Trip dates are July 14-21. Contact Carol Garner at 770-925-4860 for more information.

Also worth noting, you will spend most of your daytime hours working with underprivileged children in Manhattan's Hell's Kitchen area and the Crown Heights area of Brooklyn. However, fun and rewarding time will be had by all! Hurry and make your reservation, only 8 vacancies left!



Don't miss out on the fun!

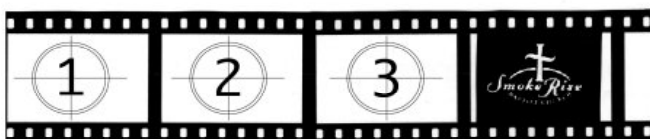
Flicks at the Fox and Vittles at the Varsity

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
SMOKE RISE CHURCH FAMILY FUN TEAM

July 9: *The Wizard of Oz* (7:30 PM)
Bus departs at 5:00PM

Varsity visit before the movie

Movie and Bus Transportation \$6.00 (Food not included)



Adult VBS Get in the Game

Dinner and Family Worship - 5:00-6:20pm

Adults \$5.00 - KIDS EAT FREE

Children's Rotation and Adult Activities - 6:30 -7:30pm
 Enroll your children and grandchildren - Pre-K to 5th Grade
 at www.smokerisebaptist.org

June 10th and 12th - 6:30-7:30

Winning the Game from the Stands

Did you know one of the main reason children drop out of sports is because it ceases to be FUN?
 Join our **CSPN Panel** (Christian Parenting Sports Network) Sunday and Tuesday nights as Dr. Browning, local area coaches and parents discuss **LIFE, SPORTS, and OUR WORLD VIEW.**
 We can win the **BIG** game by following God's plan and making it a positive experience for our children and grandchildren.

June 11th 6:30-7:30

Hattiesburg **Community Church Student Worship Ensemble**
 Adult Worship time with Contemporary Christian Music and Drama.

ADULT KICKBALL TO FOLLOW!!!!

June 13th 6:30-7:30

Don't Miss This Night

Best-Selling Author, Hal Runkel SCREAM-FREE PARENTING
 Raising kids while keeping your cool.
 (nursery care provided on this night)

June 14th 6:00-7:30

True Heroes

Children perform songs learned during the week at 6:00.
 Ernie Forrester and Vic Greene will discuss helping your child be a true hero on and off the field.
 Looking forward to seeing you there!

Letter of Appreciation

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for every expression of love and kindness during the past few weeks. You reminded us that we did not face our loss alone. Smoke Rise is truly a compassionate church.

*Love,
The Chris Burns Family*

Senior Adult Ministry 2 Upcoming Trips

- Branson-October 7-12, 2007.
 - Italy- April 21, 2008 for 10 days. Includes Rome & Milan.
- Details of both trips to follow Call Linda Cummings 770.469.5856 with questions.



Notes from the Pastor

Fox Theater

For some time I have wanted more opportunities for church members to spend time together in social settings. Churches are built and strengthened upon relationships. This spring a committee was formed whose task it is to plan events that promote fellowship. You have probably read about events already scheduled for this summer and fall that will allow people of all ages to get to know one another.

Last Sunday was the first event. Thirty-six people rode the new motor coach to the Varsity to eat and then the Fox Theater to watch the "The Sound of Music" on the big screen. Jackie and I were in the group and had a wonderful time. Not only did we enjoy time with our members but also prospects. Two couples joined us that have been visiting our church the last two weeks. How quickly they bonded with the group and made new friends. What a treat this was for them and us.

I cannot say enough about the difference the new motor coach is making in our church. It allows us to bring people together for a variety of reasons and is helping us build community. What a blessing it is and how grateful I am to have it. Some of the people that rode to the Fox Sunday evening had never been on the motor coach. They were overwhelmed by its beauty and comfort. How fortunate we are!

Join us on some of these excursions this summer. Invite friends and family members to come along with us. I can think of no better way to introduce them to Smoke Rise members while enjoying the sites and sounds of this great city we call home.

Children's Intern

Welcome to our newest intern, Kara Blankenship! We are so glad to have Kara on board to help Kellie with all our children's programs. Kara will begin her studies at McAfee this fall and be with us for three years.

She is a native of Nashville but spent last year on staff at the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee. My friend Bill Shiell, who is pastor of that church, notified me that Kara was coming our way. He told me what an exceptional leader she is and how blessed they were to have her for a year. I am grateful that she can step in so soon after Rebecca's departure to help us with Vacation Bible School and all our summer activities for children. Rebecca Orton graduated in May from McAfee and is now the Children's Minister at Parkway Baptist Church in Duluth. We miss her and wish her well as she begins her career in ministry. All of us are glad she and John are close enough to stay connected to the staff and our church.

So, welcome Kara! We are delighted you are here and look forward to working with you.

Vacation Bible School

Kellie has planned an outstanding Bible School that is geared toward children and their parents. The format is entirely new and promises to be informative, fun and exciting for all ages. Dinner will be served each evening to make it easier for parents to come after work. Go on line at www.smokerisebaptist.org to register or get more information. Invite friends and neighbors to come with you.

Smoke Rise

Recently I wrote an article for our church's leaders about the direction I think we need to go with the Staff Reorganization plan. Let me share a portion with you.

"Recent days have revealed a deep level of concern for this church's future. We may have differing opinions on how to move forward with this plan, but we all agree that our church's future is of utmost importance. Everybody wants Smoke Rise to be a strong, vibrant church not only now but for years to come. This community needs Smoke Rise Baptist Church. For that matter, our city, state and world need us. Why?"

People need a church that accepts them where they are on their journey and offers to accompany them along their way. People are starving for community, encouragement and hope. They need a church that can help them make sense of life and embrace them when it doesn't. They need a church that will help them identify their gifts and empower them to use them to make the world better. They need a church that reflects the goodness of God and brings this out in them. They need a church that binds their wounds with grace and gives them time to heal. They need a church that stirs their hearts to worship and connects them to this gracious God revealed through the life of Jesus. They need a church that will love their children and grandchildren and be good role models. They need a church that offers a faith that replaces guilt with forgiveness, despair with hope, hate with love, fear with confidence, confusion with direction, loneliness with companionship and sorrow with joy. Smoke Rise is this church and it is up to us to invite these people to join us on our journey."

Will you invite your friends and neighbors to join us on this spiritual journey? I believe the benefits will be mutual.

Until Sunday,
Bob

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Join Smoke Rise friends on a trip to . . .
BRAVES VS HOUSTON ASTROS
July 31 - Turner Stadium

Game tickets \$5.00/person
(includes bus trip - seats first come first serve)

Chick-Fil-A box \$5.00/person - optional
(box includes: Chick-Fil-A sandwich, coleslaw, potato chips)

Time: Leave SRBC 5:30 PM
First pitch 7:35 PM



Put This on Your Calendar

The last Wednesday night dinner will be June 13. The kitchen will close until August 12. We will have a Kick-Off Breakfast for our new church year on August 12 at 9:00 A.M. All Wednesday night activities will start again at the beginning of the new church year on August 22.

There will be a church-wide breakfast on Sunday, July 1 at 9:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Southern favorites such as bacon, biscuits, sausage, bagels, and donuts will be served. Come and enjoy some great food and meaningful fellowship with our church family!

Donate Used Pill Containers

The free clinic in D'Iberville (Le Moyne Baptist Church in Mississippi) desperately needs used/old RX pill containers. They fill 300 prescriptions a week and bottle cost is not in the budget. Put bottles in the plastic trashcan marked "Pill Bottles Only" at the food pantry donations areas. (You may wish to remove the labels.) For information, contact Bob Burkett at hessnbob@bellsouth.net.

Supplies Needed for Mission Trip to Gatlinburg

Fruit Loop Cereal - 6 large boxes, Curly Ribbon-any color, Cardstock paper-colored, Magic Markers, Small scissors for children, Small White lunch Sacks, Green and Red construction paper, Black Pipe Cleaners, Craft Googly Eyes, Bottled CraftGlue, Small Lunch Size BrownPaper Bags, Old Newspapers, Green Tissue paper-sheets, Assorted Small Paint Brushes, Rubber bands, Small Sequins or Jewels for crafts, Yellow Washable Paint Pens, Red Heavy Duty Balloons, Funnels-plastic or paper, White Flour, Black Sharpie Markers, Green Craft Foam Sheets, Small Pkgs. Kool-Aid (non sugared)

Collection Boxes will be placed in the Narthex, outside Fellowship Hall, Children's Sunday School Hall and next to the Main Office. These items are needed by June 17. Thank you!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of May 30, 2007

Three hundred sixty-nine families have pledged \$1,876,935.20 to date for the 2007 Budget.

	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE
<u>INCOME</u>		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 920,407.95	\$1,052,085.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>18,282.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 938,690.42	\$1,052,085.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 802,718.51	\$ 847,489.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	20,521.31	16,525.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	47,764.84	67,098.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	91,666.99	91,797.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	28,237.60	28,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>1,931.40</u>	<u>7,832.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 992,840.65	\$1,058,741.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 382,672.24	

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
Add'l Funds from Finance Comm	+ 163,972.14
Contributions	+2,577,472.81
Expenses	<u>-2,771,444.95</u>
Cash Balance	\$ 0.00
Outstanding Commitment	\$ 8,107.50



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770-469-6547

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Stone Mountain Coop Needs for June:

Spaghetti sauce, cereal, rice, tuna fish, and
canned fruit.