

The C R O S S T I E

Ice Cream Scoops

Monday, July 16 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Home-made Ice Cream Taste-Off for the best family recipe!
**Devotion led by Ed & the Mississippi VBS crew & along with a crazy game of family-style kickball...(Bubbleman too!)

Join us for a night of fun for the entire family!

Questions? Call Kellie at 770-469-5856 or email her at kdenton@smokerisebaptist.org.
Youth Fellowship to Follow the night's festivities.

Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

Brought to you by the SRBC Family Fun Team adult classes
Join Smoke Rise Friends on a trip to the Braves vs Houston Astros
on July 31st at Turner Stadium.

Tickets are \$5/person (includes bus trip - seats are 1st come 1st serve)

Chick-fil-A box is \$5/person (optional) — includes sandwich, coleslaw, & potato chips
Bus leaves at 5:30 p.m. — First pitch is at 7:35 p.m.

For more information contact Linda Cummings @ 770-459-5856

Volunteers needed for Katrina Relief monthly trip

Our project list is growing.

We have the Prevost motor coach available and Jimmy guarantees a good ride! The church is ours so there is plenty of room. Ruth and Mary always keep us well fed. It is hot this time of year, but are you going to let that keep you from bringing hope to a family that will soon begin a "3rd" year in a FEMA trailer?

Projects available on this weekend trip are:

1. New roof only half complete for David Necaise
2. Drywall finish in Adam Fields' house
3. Kitchen counter, electrical, and bathtub tile for Cora Wells
4. Complete handicap ramp for Cecil Fayard
5. Install cabinets in new construction for George Cannette family
6. Install drywall, exterior siding repair, and exterior door in Glenn Broadus' trailer
7. Install cabinets in new construction for Martha Ann Tarver

Contact Jim Huston (678-300-9303) or Greg Everett (770-318-5915, geverett@wilwat.net)
for more information or to sign-up to help.



The July 13, 2007
Newsletter of the
Smoke Rise Baptist Church

SRBC Deacon Nominations: Very Important!!

The Deacon Selection Committee requests your assistance with their work of nominating persons from our congregation to serve as deacon for a 2-year term beginning January 1, 2008. Please list individuals you feel qualify for this important office. The qualifications for deacons can be found in 1 Timothy 3 and Acts 6. Place your suggestions in the offering plate or bring them by the church office and drop them in the suggestion box by July 29. Thank you!

Thanks To All The VBS Team Players!

This year's VBS was blessed with a dynamic team of rookies and seasoned vets who brought a true lifelong blessing to our children and parent attendees. With over 260 participants including adult volunteers, youth helpers, kitchen staff, children and parent attendees, everyone involved decided to Get In The Game and become a part of God's Team!

Special thank you to our wonderful Coaches Panel: Robert Felton, Coach Mark Whitley, Hugh Buchanan, Dr. Browning and Tim Adcox for their insight and wisdom on how we can support our children in sports and keep ourselves focused on spiritual community in Jesus Christ. Also thanks to our own Vic Greene and Ernie Forrester for showing us how to help our kids become true heroes on and off the playing field.

A Great Big Cheer and Thanks goes to the many adult and youth volunteers who helped decorate ahead of time and prep crafts and snacks.

Amanda and the nursery team for engaging and training our tiny tots into team players

Peggy Harris, the Agape and Seekers classes for their contributions to the "snack shack" fund and for baking and donating cookies and other goodies for after dinner treats. Lou and her staff for five fabulous "Concession" dinners!

A Goal Scored by our Youth Helpers & Volunteers... You Rock!

A BIG cheer goes out to Kara Blankenship, our new Children's intern who jumped in and joined the Smoke Rise huddle!

A penalty goes to the rain but a home run is given to those who helped organize the Adult Kickball game! (Stay tuned for more Kid and Adult kickball fun on Monday evening July 16. Mark your calendars for our Family and Friends Summer Get Together!)

A Touchdown was earned by the Mississippi Praise Team (Hattiesburg Community Church Student Ensemble) for their energy and excitement in the opening rally.

The MVP Awards go to Marsha Winston and Laura Smith for their awesome job in decorating the Worship Rally Arena.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our Music, Craft, Bible Story and Recreation Rotation Leaders and Graded Area Shepherds for your mentoring, commitment and excellence to this program.

And thank you to the many parents and grandparents for sharing your children with us. We hope they gained some tools that will help them learn to focus on God and make the most of the precious life He has given them.

Thank you to the nursery workers:	Jo Payne
Carole Still	Michelle Gutknecht
Leigh Anne Hess	Jim Still
Laurie Boltin	Brenda Gulley
Nancy Garcia	Erin Roberts
Lori Kelly	Race Roberts
Jennifer Kelly	Marilyn Fitzgerald
Melissa Adams	Kathy Trautman

Thank you to the 4 yrs - 5th & 6th grade workers:

Dot Morris	Mitch Morris	Mitzi Ethridge
Tim Adcox	Daniel Wilson	Debra Blake
Joyce Lovern	Laurie Wood	Danita Baham
Susie Middlebrooks	Ernie Forrester	Karen Smith
Gretchen Childs	Preston Jones	Laura Rossman
Corry McNamara	Rebecca Bennett	Kay Rossman
Debbie McNamara	Brittany Elliott	Jessica Paist
Emily Childs	Aaron Allison	Andrea Smith
Chris Anderson	Carter Hewitt	Abby Paul
Allison Huff	Parker Sanford	Katie Whittle
Roxie Moaveni	Race Roberts	June Anne Wheeler
Gaye Bruce	Davida Greene	(Coach) Fran Hibbert
David Jobson	Rachel Greene	Danny Vancil
Chase Jones	Heather Huff	Margaret Ann Proppitt
Kevin Malais	Gillian Huff	Gail Hunter
Ashley Morris	Christia Swearingen	Becky Sea

We welcome our newest members to our church family



Bill & Janet Rocker
9305 Delff Way
Alpharetta, GA 30022
770-998-7048



Pat Wiley, daughter Andrea,
and Medie Wiley, Pat's
mother

1980 Oak Branch Way
StoneMountain, GA 30087
770-736-0990



Carley Batchelor, daughter
of Bill & Coley

Faith & Issues

Sundays at 9:45 am; Room A125

July Schedule

- 22 The Christian Life: What does personality have to do with it?
- 29 Who is a Christian and who defines it?

August Schedule

This month we will learn about prayer from other faith traditions and in doing so we will examine and affirm the prayer practices of our Christian faith.

- 5 Prayer Traditions Series: How do Christians Pray?
- 12 Prayer Traditions Series: How do Jews & Muslims Pray?
- 19 Prayer Traditions Series: How do Hindu's & Buddhists Pray?
- 26 Recent archaeology discoveries that challenge or inspire our faith?

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to Doug Cowan whose uncle died; to the family and friends of Nell Doverspike who had been a member of Smoke Rise since 1992; Edie Belden on the death of her husband, George who had been a member since 1981; Charlie and Debbie Scott whose niece died; Hank and Mary Wingate whose son died; Bill Blanton whose brother-in-law died; Robert Towe whose sister died; and, to the friends and family of former member, Barbara (Wilkes) Smith.

Births

Congratulations to Stephen and Brenda Banks on the birth of a daughter, "Elisa Rayann," born June 11; brother is Evan; grandmother is Marilyn Barnes.

Staff News

Ann Carrollton will retire July 13th after serving as Records Secretary for 20 yrs. Cindy Pratt is moving to Florida. She has served as Youth/Adult Education Secretary for the last 4 yrs. Best Wishes to Both!

Notes from the Pastor

Dr. Gannon Retires...Again

On June 30, Dr. Gannon retired for the second time. In 1997, he retired from fifty years of pastoring churches after serving Smoke Rise from 1976-1997. Immediately, he became a part of the faculty at the McAfee School of Theology on Mercer's Atlanta campus. He established the school's mentoring program, which placed students in Baptist churches in Georgia. He also taught courses on spiritual formation. During his tenure at McAfee, Dr. Gannon became the Watkins Christian Foundation Professor of Ministry Experience.

Dock Hollingsworth, assistant dean for the Pastoral Residency Program said, "In addition to his academic contributions, his pastoral presence with the students will be his most enduring legacy. He was their pastor and chaplain, always affirming them and available to them."

Dr. Alan Culpepper, Dean of the school said of Dr. Gannon, "He was a man of great compassion and integrity. I cannot think of anyone better suited to launch our mentoring program."

On behalf of Smoke Rise, I congratulate Dr. Gannon for ten years of excellent service to McAfee. I also commend his wife, Margaret for her service to McAfee. Every time I went to the campus for special occasions and programs, Mrs. Gannon was there welcoming guest speakers and students. She supported Dr. Gannon's work at McAfee with the same devotion she did at Smoke Rise.

Dr. Richard Davis also Retires

Another Smoke Rise member retired June 30. Dr. Richard Davis retired after serving for twenty-five years as the Director and President of the Developmental Disabilities Ministries. Dr. Davis was the first and only director of DDM and served with great distinction. He led this ministry with wisdom, compassion, vision, dedication and commitment. Under his leadership, DDM grew from a program of Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries to an independent Christian organization with 17 group homes/apartments around the state. DDM has been a pioneer in community-based residential services for men and women with developmental disabilities and has been the inspiration for similar ministries in neighboring states. His wife of forty-three years, Nancy, has also been at his side supporting Richard in every way. She strengthened DDM by her presence and charm.

By the way, Dr. Bill Neal has been chosen as Dr. Davis' successor. I cannot think of a finer couple to assume the helm of DDM than Bill and Judy. This strategic ministry is in good hands!

Ann Carrollton Retires

Ann Carrollton has worked in our office for almost twenty years and is retiring effective July 13. On behalf of the church, I want to thank her for her many years of dedicated service. Ann has been a valuable part of our support staff and a joy to work with each week. Her commitment to this job and the quality of her work have been exceptional. She has served us well and done it with the sweetest disposition. We'll miss you in the office, Ann, but look forward to seeing you in the choir and around the church on Sundays. May you and Jack have many wonderful years together in retirement.

Cindy Pratt is also leaving us because she is moving to Florida. Cindy's husband has accepted a call to pastor a church in the Sunshine state and their family will be moving before school begins. Cindy has been in the office for five years and will be greatly missed. She, too, has served us well and has done her work with an abundance of grace and poise. Since her desk is in the middle of the office complex, everyone passes it each time

they come into the office. I marvel at the way she handles interruptions and treats people so kindly even though she is extremely busy. She's a real diplomat. Thanks, Cindy for your good work. You and Don go to Florida with our blessings and prayers.

Mission Trips

Remember all our members that are on mission trips this month. Our youth have gone to World Changers in New Orleans, a group left July 7 for Tijuana, another group leaves July 14 for New York and the final group leaves July 22 for Gatlinburg. A group just returned the last of June from a successful trip to Appalachia. These mission projects represent over 100 Smoke Rise members ministering in the name of Christ in a hurting and broken world. I am grateful for their commitment and dedication. Pray for them as they go in His name and on behalf of our church.

In addition, each month our motor coach leaves the parking lot headed for Biloxi helping people recover from Hurricane Katrina. I do not know of another church that has been as consistent and dedicated to this task as Smoke Rise. Jim and Ruth Houston bought a motor home and parked it in Biloxi so they can coordinate the work of volunteers from all over the country. What a story! What a privilege and honor it is to be a part of what God is doing to heal a broken world!

Hal Runkel is coming back...

Noted author Hal Runkel is coming back to Smoke Rise on Sunday, September 23. He spoke to the adults in VBS this year about his favorite topic, "Scream Free Parenting." He lives in our community and travels all over the world speaking to adults about how to be responsible and loving parents and grandparents. He is coming back on September 23. Mark you calendar and watch for details. You will not want to miss him.

By the way, on Monday July 16 Kellie is planning a social for all our young families. There will be activities for children, youth and adults. The adults will be playing kickball again as they did at VBS. Now mind you, they will be playing after having eaten a lot of homemade ice cream, so don't expect any speed demons to set records for running around the bases, that is, unless we set more ice cream on each base! Hmmm...that's not a bad idea!

New Sunday School Class

I have been teaching the Discovery Sunday School class for eight years and have enjoyed each week. I have learned a lot from the class members, many of whom are my peers, along this spiritual journey. Last Sunday I told them that I am beginning a new Sunday School class for young adults on August 12, Kick-Off Sunday. Actually, Jackie and I are beginning it. It will be hard to leave this class and these good friends, but I am excited about the class that is being formed.

We have several young adult classes, but need a class that appeals to newlyweds and even young singles. Jackie and I feel led to begin a new class for this age group and nurture them along their way as they begin life in the adult world. If you know anyone in this age group (twenty-somethings), let them know about this class or give me their name and I will call and invite them. The class will begin on August 12 at 9:45 in room 209, close to the fellowship hall. Remember us in prayer as we begin this new class.

Until Sunday,
Bob

P.S. My poinsettia is doing fine! If you were not in worship on July 8 when the children helped me transfer my seven month old poinsettia to a larger pot, ask someone and they will tell you. It's a good story.

Letters of Appreciation

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful red roses which were presented to us on June 10 in recognition of our 50th wedding anniversary. We enjoyed them so much. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. We are grateful to be members of this church.

Sincerely,
Ruby Jo and Warren Mason

Dear Smoke Rise Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, and phone calls during these past few months while I recover from the accident. Your Christian friendship means much.

Dick Reasoner

Our New Members in June

Alex Burton (son of Alan and Amanda Burton), 3377 Rae Place, Lawrenceville, GA 30044; tel. 678-344-4941.

Tommy Greene (son of Will and Davida Greene), 578 Patterson Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30044; tel. 678-225-4864.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest (Mary) Lee, 6202 Springhouse Circle, Stone Mountain, GA 30087; tel. 678-684-3607.

John Spears, 5357 Gauley River Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30087; tel. 770-491-7546.

Newly Weds

Matthew Garcia and Tara Stecher were married June 22 in Richmond, Virginia. Matthew is the son of Dan and Nancy Garcia.

Attention Nursery Parents/Extended Session Volunteers

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

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of June 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	\$1,103,013.61	\$1,262,502.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	22,362.66	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,125,376.27	\$1,262,502.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 967,887.90	\$1,018,501.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	23,898.49	20,625.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	54,466.81	74,001.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	105,518.63	118,241.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	32,691.92	33,750.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	2,529.45	8,915.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,186,993.20	\$1,274,033.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 351,086.60	
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	+2,579,197.91	
Expenses	-2,773,170.05	
Cash Balance	\$ 0.00	
Outstanding Commitment	\$ 6,382.40	



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770-469-6547

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Twin Beds Needed for Spanish Mission Church

Please call Elbia Coe 770-491-6281 if you you have twin beds you can donate to needy families in a local Spanish Mission Church. Pick up can be arranged. Thank you.