

The C R O S S T I E

A six-week grief support class

will be held Mondays from 6-8 P.M.

beginning January 22

Cost of workbook is \$12

For registration, please contact Elizabeth Byars at 770.813.1041.

The February Prime Time outing



will be the "Driving Miss Daisy Tour" on February 1.
Leave the church at 9:30 A.M. and return by 3:30 P.M.

Cost is \$10 plus your lunch.

We will dine at the Sons Place Cafeteria in Inman Park.

They specialize in great southern food.

We will have a step-on guide that will provide us with much information. Bring or mail your check to Linda Cummings on or before January 28th. This should be a good one!



Adult-Youth Valentine Banquet

Fellowship Hall

February 10

5:00 P.M.



The next Prime Time meeting

will be February 6 at 6:00 P.M.

You should receive a call from your group leader.

If not, please call the church office
by Friday, February 2, at 770.469.5856
to make a reservation.

Quarterly Church Conference will held on Sunday, February 11. Make an effort to come and be a part of the business of your church. Please make your reservations for lunch by calling the church office no later than Thursday noon, February 8.

Deacons' lunch/meeting is also Sunday, February 11. Please make sure you make changes to your standing reservations with Bobbie.

The Lord's Supper will be observed on Sunday, February 11 in both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.



Save these dates . . .

Gary Leazer will lead us in a study and better understanding of **the Trinity** on March 5, 12, & 19. Contact Linda Cummings at 770.469.5856. x 208 for more details.

Faith & Issues January Bible Series

The Faith & Issues class meets every Sunday at 9:45 A.M. in Room A125.

The following are the topics to be discussed during the remainder of January:

21st — How do we study the Bible?

28th — The Lectionary: How can it be used for personal Bible Study?



Attn: Nursery Parents & Extended Session Volunteers



It is time to sign up for February, March & April service dates. The scheduling poster is outside the Nursery Office.

The Meaning of Worship



Find out why we do what we do in worship: the elements that make up our worship service, following the seasons of the church year, and the meaning behind the colors that are displayed in the Sanctuary. Please visit our Website at www.smokrisebaptist.org and click on the "Worship" tab.

Check out SRBC on the Web at www.smokerisebaptist.org

Find up-to-date info and opportunities to give, grow, worship and serve at Smoke Rise Baptist Church. Read The CrossTie before it is mailed, download sermons and make contributions online, too.

January/February Schedule

Beautiful Offering

Mondays at 9:45 A.M. beginning February 5th

A Bible study based on the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus wants us to learn to live in a way that reflects the kingdom of God to the world, to live as a woman with a kingdom heart. Seven weeks. \$11.00 for workbook.

Klesis: God's Call and the Journey of Faith

Sundays, January 28, February 4 & 11; 4:30 P.M.

Klesis is a process designed to assist in the examination of your calling. It assumes a concept of ministry that is inclusive of all who follow Christ and one that is as unique as each follower. It provides help in finding out who you are and learning how to give yourself away. 4 sessions - \$25.00 for materials.



How We Got The Bible

**Wednesdays January 31, February 7 & 14; 6:30 P.M.
in Fellowship Hall**

Led by Dr. James Fisk Gentry, Jr., Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Carrollton, Georgia.

Monday Night Roundtable

February 5

Featured book: *If Grace is True* by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland. Hosts are Colin & Faye Harris. Books will be on sale in the Sanctuary Breezeway. Please sign up in the Sanctuary Breezeway or online.

"A New Visit With An Old Friend."

6:00 P.M. in Room 225-226

February 18: The Prophets, led by Gary Leazer

February 25: The Poetic & Wisdom Literature, led by Gary Leazer

March 4: The New Testament Gospels, led by Colin Harris

March 11: The New Testament Letters and Revelation, led by Colin Harris



SRBC Media Online

Find out more about new books, audiobooks, and DVDs in the media center at SRBC by checking the new media center webpage. A link to the Media Center webpage is listed on the Multimedia and Ministries section of the church website. Coming soon will be a separate list of materials donated to the Media Center to honor or memorialize people.

Notes from the Pastor

When I read this email from Nathan Christensen, I knew I had to share it with you. I am confident it will touch your heart as it did mine. I cannot say enough to the **Military Away Committee** for staying in touch with all our members serving in the military. Thank you Margaret-Anne Prophitt, June Deans and Susie Middlebrooks. By the way, if you want to help them with this wonderful project, please contact Margaret-Anne. They would welcome your assistance.

Bob,

Greetings from Sunny San Diego!

I am writing to thank you and the congregation of Smoke Rise for all you have done for Kristen and me this year and let you know how much your thoughts, prayers and care packages have meant to us. Earlier this past week, after returning home, Kristen and I had a wonderful care package waiting for us from the church on the front porch. I can't even begin to tell you what it means not to be forgotten and know that people 2,500 miles away still think and pray for us. Inside the package we found several treats and numerous cards and even Christmas Tree decorations. Well, it didn't take longer than 5 minutes for the decorations to all be put up on the tree and the cards stuck up on the fridge like proud parents (even though we don't have any children haha!). What I find truly amazing is that people who hardly know us (especially me since I didn't grow up near Atlanta) take the time to give to us and remember us.

So, Kristen and I would like to especially thank the Turtle, Toddler, Three year-old, Two year-old and Crayon Classes who sent us cards and made us feel very special. We would also like to thank Katie Conway who took the time to write Kristen and me individual Christmas Cards. Also, we send a special thank you to the entire Smoke Rise Congregation for

your thoughts, prayers and graciousness to Kristen and me and putting together the Christmas package.

Christmas has been a very special time for Kristen and me over the past four years because it has been the only holiday we've spent together since being married. Over the past 48 months, Kristen and I have spent a mere 11 together, and no longer than 45 days consecutive without one of us being deployed, underway or on official travel. So, needless to say December has been a month we've come to treasure these past few years and we really cannot fully express our gratitude to all of you who think of us, pray for us and bless us this time of year. A simple "Thank You" does not and cannot fully express the debt of gratitude we owe you.

Currently, Kristen is serving aboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) as a Nuclear Reactor Officer in the engineering plant and has completed two lengthy deployments. I am a Public Affairs Officer for the Navy and will deploy on USS JOHN C STENNIS (CVN 74) in January for seven months, my fourth deployment. Needless to say, we've been quite busy these past few years and will remain so for the immediate future.

Again, Kristen and I cannot thank you enough Bob, and all of Smoke Rise Church. We are truly blessed to be remembered by all of you even though we remain so far away. Thank you from the very bottom of our hearts. May God continue to richly bless you.

Nathan and Kristen Christensen

Please remember this fine couple and all our military personnel in your daily prayers. I cannot think of a more fitting resolution to make in the New Year.

Until Sunday,
Bob

Letter of Appreciation



The family of Tom Harris express their gratitude to the Smoke Rise Church family for the compassion and support you all gave us following his death.

Every expression of kindness — cards, calls, visits, prayers and food — meant so much to us.

Thank you for giving us strength during this difficult time.

Love,

Marinel Harris

Carole and Dan Mitchell & children
Sue Ellen and Dan Brannan & children

Birth

Elliot and Jerri Temple are the proud parents of Addison Kay, born December 26. Proud grandparents are John and Ouida Temple.

Deaths

We extend our sympathy to Joel McLendon, whose grandfather died; and to Pat Smith, whose sister-in-law died.

We also extend our sympathy to Glenn, Jessica and Katherine Paist at the death of their wife and mother, Fran. This family have been members of our church since 1989.



Youth News

Every Sunday night we have choir for the youth beginning at 5:00 in the Choir Suite.

Is your student involved?

This is followed by our Sunday night with Brent. See you Sunday.

YOUTH/ADULT VALENTINE EVENT

Saturday, Feb. 10 — 5 P.M.

Information and Posters will be posted soon.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

**DISCIPLE NOW (For ALL Youth)
March 2 - 4**

Our Newest Members



Mr and Mrs. Jon Cone (Fran), 4221 Weston Drive, Lilburn, GA 30047. Deacon: Greg Adams.

Dr. and Mrs. John Cowan (Amy), 311 Cardigan Circle, Lilburn, GA 20047; tel. 770.638.9669. Deacon: Beth Stewart. (Amy is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bob Browning.)

Lucy Evei, 5094 Stratmor Court, Stone Mountain, GA 30087; tel. 770.908.0063. Deacon: Karen Stitt.

Ms. Linda Franks, 3061 Bayview Court, Stone Mountain, GA 30087; tel. 770.498.4434. Deacon: Fredolyn Stitt.

Charlie Hooper, 6302 Springhouse Circle, Stone Mountain, GA 30087; tel. 679.684.3612. Deacon: Richard Davis.

Ms. Shannon Jones, 1749 Beacon Hill Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30329; tel. 404.697.4711. Deacon: Beth Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Patrick (Kathy), 486 Bruce Way, SW, Lilburn, GA 30047; tel. 770.638.6795. Deacon: Tracy Swearingen.

Lydia Pierce (daughter of Keith and Kristen Pierce), 1111 Chartley Drive, Lilburn, GA 30047; tel. 678.380.3966. Deacon: Charlie Coe.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

As of December 31, 2006

Four hundred twenty families have pledged \$2,089,351.00 to date for the 2006 Budget.

	YEAR TO DATE (THIS YEAR)	BUDGET TO DATE
<u>INCOME</u>		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$2,481,969.28	\$2,500,000.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	<u>59,264.61</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,541,233.89	\$2,527,000.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,956,431.68	\$2,060,806.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – WORSHIP	38,831.86	39,600.00
TOTAL MINISTRIES – EDUCATION	123,892.03	136,988.00
TOTAL MISSIONS	205,767.11	200,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	75,176.84	75,106.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>15,459.34</u>	<u>14,500.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,415,558.86	\$2,527,000.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE:	\$ 455,463.88	

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	+2,560,580.31
Expenses	<u>-2,754,552.45</u>
Cash Balance	\$ 0.00



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Kellie Denton	Interim Minister to Children
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770-469-6547

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January Donations will go to the Lilburn Cooperative Ministries. Their needs are: PB&J, Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce, Juice, and Canned Fruit. Also needed are new or slightly used games, puzzles, and children's books for their clients. Please bring all items to the shelves near the office or the shelves in the hallway under the gym. Thanks for your generosity!