

# The Cross Tie Newsletter

December 12, 2011

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## Christmas at the Co-ops

Don't forget the Co-ops during the holidays. Here are a few ways you can lend a hand during the Christmas season:



- Adopt a family
- Donate gift cards in \$10 increments
- Donate gifts for teens
- Buy Co-op Christmas Cards—the cards are on sale every Sunday through December 18<sup>th</sup> before and after the 11:00 AM service. All proceeds help clients pay for housing and utility bills. A minimum donation of \$5 is requested.

## Adult Studies: Winter 2010

### Women of the New Testament

Last January, we did a Bible study highlighting the women in the Old Testament. This winter, we will look at the women in the New Testament. What was their prescribed role in society and what societal expectations did Jesus radically alter? How does this relate to women in today's church? Led by Elbia Coe.

– Mondays at 9:45 AM beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>; five sessions.

### James: Mercy Triumphs

James forces us to face the implications of faith. Be inspired to put your faith into action in practical ways as you get to know both the man and the book of James. Video teacher, Beth Moore, explores the concepts of joy, hardship, faith, wisdom, single-mindedness, the tongue, humility and prayer. Led by Ashley Woods

– Sundays at 5 PM beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>; \$15 for workbook.

## A Holiday Greeting from Bob & Jackie



Jackie and I want to send you greetings during the holidays. We hope you are doing well and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. You are very much on our minds as you gather with your families this year because you will always be a part of our family. We love and miss you and are grateful for the many holidays we spent together.

We look forward to visiting Smoke Rise in the coming years and catching-up with you. Our prayers continue with you as you go through this transition and welcome a new pastor. We'll celebrate that person's arrival, just as you will. Until then, may God "bless you and keep you." Merry Christmas!

-Bob and Jackie

## *Sing We Now of Christmas*

Sanctuary Choir with Orchestra  
Featuring:

The Children Choristers &  
The Smoke Rise Youth Choir

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

### **Trucks Needed**

The Lilburn Co-op needs men with trucks, vans or SUVs to help with food and furniture pickups. Men without these types of vehicles are also needed to assist with this effort. If you can help, contact Bill Blanton at 770.921.4115.

### **Thanks for Supporting Our Military**

Thank you for your generous donations to our Military Away Fund. With these funds, we were able to honor our veterans by placing flowers in the sanctuary for the Veterans Day service on November 13<sup>th</sup>. We also are supporting the Trees for Troops Program by purchasing two Christmas trees to be donated to service people and military locations during the Christmas season. We were also able to pack and send out twenty-five Christmas boxes thanks to your donations.

With your continued support, we are able to show our appreciation to those who put their lives on the line every day to keep our country safe.

### **Church Office Holiday Schedule**

Due to the holidays, the church office will be closed on December 23, 26 and January 2.

### **Stone Mountain Co-op**

Stone Mountain Co-op Pantry needs for the month of December: peanut butter, jelly, rice, pasta and sauce, cold cereal, tuna, soup and juice (boxes or bottles).

## **Advent 2011 at Smoke Rise**

### **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:15 PM: Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM: Children's Choir—3s, 4s & 5s follow regular Music & Missions schedule; grades 1-5 rehearse until 7:15 PM
- 6:00 PM: Youth Activities in the Gym and Basement
- 7:00 PM: Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Loft

### **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>: Advent IV - Love**

- 9:00 AM: Christmas Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM: Sunday School
- 11:00 AM: Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM: *Sing We Now of Christmas*—A concert by the adult, youth and children choirs in the Sanctuary

### **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>: No Evening Church Activities**

### **Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>: Church Office Closed**

### **Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve**

- 5:00 PM: Child-centered Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary

### **Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas**

- 9:45 AM: Optional Sunday School classes for adults; no children or youth Sunday School (please notify the office by December 20<sup>th</sup> if your class will be meeting; all classes will meet in the Sanctuary building only)
- 11:00 AM: Worship in the Sanctuary

### **Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>: Church Office Closed**

### **Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>: No Evening Church Activities**

### **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Day**

- 9:45 AM: Sunday School
- 11:00 AM: Worship in the Sanctuary

## **End-of-the-Year Contribution Reminder**

In order to receive contribution credit for 2011, contributions must be either received in the church office by 12 noon on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> or postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Online contributions should also be received by 12 noon on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

It is important that you do not file your federal income tax return until you have received your contribution statement from the church.

## Dates to Volunteer at Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church is a new church start on Norris Lake Road in Snellville. In order to have their building ready for worship by January, they need help with landscaping, mowing, trimming, painting and raking leaves. They will have work days during the first three weeks of December. Work times are 10 AM—1 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 AM—2 PM on Thursdays and 10 AM—2 PM on Saturdays. If you would like to help paint, please bring your brushes and rollers for painting. Paint will be supplied.

To sign up, please call Debra Dice at 678.727.6898.

## Living Into Sabbath: A Retreat Experience

On February 3-5, get away for a weekend at The Sabbath House in Bryson City, NC to explore and experience how to practice Sabbath moment to moment throughout the day. Learn exercises and tools that support the keeping of Sabbath as well as recognize the deep rhythm between work and rest.

Pick up a brochure in the upper or lower breezeways. For more information or to register, contact Kathy Dobbins. A \$50 deposit is due by Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Our Favorite Christmas Movies

Join us on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall as we watch scenes from the following classic Christmas movies and look at the message they share: *It's a Wonderful Life*, *White Christmas*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Led by Kathy Dobbins.

## Edgewood Tutoring

Edgewood Church needs volunteers who would like to tutor elementary school children. The time commitment is one day a week for the remainder of this school year (Fall 2011 through Spring 2012). The time is flexible and volunteers can work with the principal to determine a day and time that will fit into their schedule.

If you are interested in tutoring, please contact Carrie Dean at 770.561.2961.

## Have Extra Storage Space?

Our Appalachian ministry needs storage space for furniture, appliances and household items that are collected and taken to God's Appalachian Partnership (GAP) periodically. We are in need of at least 600 square feet of storage space in close proximity to the church.

If you can help, please contact Bill Blanton at 770.921.4115.

## Lilburn Co-op Needs a Man

The Lilburn Co-op needs a man to work on Fridays from 10 AM—2 PM in the Co-op's Food Pantry Warehouse. If you are interested in helping with the Co-op's food ministry, call Bill Blanton at 770.921.4115.

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## Pastor Selection Committee Update

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We want to give you an update on the progress of the Pastor Search Committee. The process of selecting a new pastor is like building a large skyscraper. The most important part of any new structure is the foundation. It plays a pivotal role but is often forgotten because it is obscured by the building it supports.

The unseen progress of the Pastor Selection Committee includes multiple meetings as the committee works through the process of building a foundation. This foundation consists of developing a culture of spiritual discernment so that we can be open to God's desires and leadership in the process, as well as engaging in careful study and prayer concerning who we are as a church body and where we are going. Our desire is to seek wisdom and guidance from people both inside and outside of the church. It is very important to the members of the committee to listen to the members of Smoke Rise Baptist Church. We want to have a thorough understanding of your desires and thoughts concerning our future pastor, so we will conduct listening sessions in the near future that will involve a cross section of groups in the church, including a wide range of ages and areas of interest.

Most importantly we need your prayers. Pray for the members of the committee, pray for our church. Pray for God's guidance through this important journey.

## Financial Corner: Through December 8 2011

|                            | Year—to—Date |                     |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Income</b>              |              |                     |
| Total Contributions        | \$           | 1,807,503.14        |
| Total Other Income         |              | 1,614.40            |
| <b>Total Income</b>        | <b>\$</b>    | <b>1,809,117.54</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>            |              |                     |
| Total Operating Expenses   | \$           | 1,672,492.04        |
| Total Ministries—Worship   |              | 30,684.95           |
| Total Ministries—Education |              | 81,192.21           |
| Total Missions             |              | 164,908.63          |
| Total Capital Expenditures |              | 47,521.33           |
| Total Equipment            |              | 6,477.20            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>      | <b>\$</b>    | <b>2,003,276.36</b> |
| <b>Total Difference</b>    | <b>-\$</b>   | <b>(194,158.82)</b> |

## Families in Need (FIN)

Assistance is still available for Smoke Rise families through FIN. If you know a fellow member in need, encourage them to contact Tim Adcox or Ernie Forrester. If you have a need, please contact one of our ministers.

Please continue to support this worthwhile ministry through your prayers and resources to assist SRBC members who are in financial need.

## Our Ministers

Church Office: 770.469.5856

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| E. Ernest Forrester, Jr. | Associate Pastor                |
| Kathy Dobbins            | Minister of Spiritual Formation |
| Tim Adcox                | Minister of Missions            |
| Danny Vancil             | Minister of Worship & Music     |
| Marti Andrews            | Interim Children's Ministry     |
| Carra Hughes Greer       | Minister to Families with Youth |
| Truett Gannon, D. Min.   | Pastor Emeritus                 |
| Rob Nash, Ph.D.          | Co-Visiting Preacher            |
| Allen Walworth, Ph.D.    | Co-Visiting Preacher            |

## Deaths

Join us in extending our sympathy to our friends and family at Smoke Rise who have lost loved ones:

Lois Jernigan's cousin; Claire Nash's sister/Karen Bates' aunt; David Bagnal's father; Peggy Harris' father; and Suzanne Holley's father.

## Smoke Rise Counseling Center 404.636.1457 x424

### Affiliate of Care and Counseling Center of Georgia

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Gloria White, M. Div., LCSW  | Counselor and Center Director |
| Gina Campbell, M. Div., LCSW | Counselor                     |
| Evie Bodine, M. Counseling   | Counselor                     |



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## Looking Ahead

**Youth Winter Retreat**  
December 31—January 2

**Deacons' Meeting**  
January 8<sup>th</sup>

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