

The Cross Tie Newsletter

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Linda Cummings' Retirement

It is with a sad heart but warm wishes that we congratulate Linda Cummings on her retirement from Smoke Rise. Linda has been an integral part of the Smoke Rise staff for 27 years. We would like to express our appreciation for the good work she has done throughout the years. Stay tuned for details about Linda's retirement recognition.

SRBC Tech News



Using a QR code-reading app on your Smart Phone, scan the code to the right to send a text message to sign/opt in to our new short message service (you can also just text SRBC to 59769). Stay tuned for some soon -to-be-announced news about exciting, new and different ways to both receive and provide information using this capability.

Free Wi-Fi is still available in most areas around the church but we have added a password to protect our network from outside access. Connect to the wireless network where you are and enter the password - *wirele55*.

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 periodically. We need at least 600 square feet of storage space in close proximity to the church. Please contact Bill Blanton at 770.921.4115.



Lilburn Co-op

For the month of November, the Lilburn Co-op Pantry is in need of any type of Thanksgiving related food.

A Gracious Christmas

The 2011 Ladies' Holiday Event will be Tuesday, November 15th, featuring Georgia chef and cookbook author Gena Knox.

Tickets are \$15. If you would like to host and decorate a table, please contact MaryLynn Manley at 770.925.7509.

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.

Military Away Christmas Boxes

The Military Away Committee will again recognize members, relatives and friends of members who are away in the service of our country with a Christmas box this year. Contributions are needed to make this possible.

If you would like to support this effort, please make all checks out to Smoke Rise Baptist Church and designate the memo line as 'Military Away.' The committee appreciates your faithfulness in support of these special people.

New Baptist Covenant

The New Baptist Covenant will gather together November 17-19. This group of ecumenical Baptists began four years ago with a pledge to live Jesus' Luke 4 mandate to "bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA will serve as the New Baptist Covenant II's anchor site, hosting worship services and breakout sessions that will be broadcast via satellite to various host cities across the nation.

If you would be interested in going as a group, please contact Wayne Martin at 678.344.2990.

Holiday Kitchen Tour of Homes

Join us Saturday, November 5th from 10:30am-2pm for a Holiday Kitchen Tour of Homes. Kitchens and dining areas will be dressed for the holidays with lots of decorating ideas.

The cost is \$5 per person and tickets are on sale now. For more information, please contact Linda Cummings at 678.533.0547 or lcummings@smokerisebaptist.org.

Homes and activities include:

- **Kim Sekulow's home:** *Flower arranging demo by Danny Vancil and a bow making demo by Elaine Williams and Judy Kirkland*
- **Penny Stovall's home:** *Easy & tasty hors d'oeuvres demo and tasting by Arlene Kirkland and Suzanne Cowan*
- **Mary Ann Niermann's home:** *Easy & tasty dessert demo and tasting by Carol Anne Everett*

Our Favorite Christmas Movies

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

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. Please contact Bill Blanton at 770.921.4115.

Multi Focus WMU Meeting

The Multi Focus WMU will meet Tuesday, November 8th at 10am in the Smoke Rise Parlor. Our mission project for the month will be the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We invite all ladies to join us.

Generations of Our Church & Culture

Join us on Wednesday nights for a fun and nostalgic look at what makes each generation unique. Come and listen to the music that stirred your youth years and remember the historic events that shaped your generation. Bring a memento to share or wear something that represents your generation.

Session Schedule:

- November 9th: **GIs, Silents & Baby Boomers**
Led by Kathy Dobbins, Minister of Spiritual Formation
- November 16th: **Generation X & Y**
Led by Carra Hughes Greer, Minister to Families with Youth
- November 23rd: No Activities
- November 30th: **Generation Z**
Led by Marti Andrews, Interim Minister to Families with Children

Sadie Ladies Circle Meeting

Sadies Ladies Circle will meet Monday, November 7th at 6:30pm at the home of Elaine Williams.

Our mission focus this month is contributing food for the St. Mountain Co-op. Any food items are welcome, but they especially need cereal, peanut butter, canned meat and juice. Visitors are always welcome.

Love Wins

Love Wins: A Book about Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived. This New York Times bestseller by pastor Rob Bell has stirred up a lot of conversation among Christians. Come and be challenged by the discussion. Led by Joel Harrison on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

It's Time to Fall Back

Don't forget—Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6th. Remember to turn your clocks back !

New Books in the Smoke Rise Media Center

New books, CDs and DVDs are "blowing" into the SRBC Media Center like fall leaves! New books for adults:

- *Tell the Generations Following* (Baker)
 - *Spiritual Sayings* (Gibran)
 - *The Case for Christ* (Strobel)
 - *God and Government* (Colson)
 - *Atlanta's Garden Plants* (Heizer)
 - *What If Everyone Lived Next Door to Jesus?* (Stone)
 - *One Thousand Gifts* (Voscamp)
 - *The Genesis Genealogies* (Park)
 - *The Spirit of Retirement* (Autry)
 - *The Greatest Thing in the World* (Drummond)
 - *American Eden* (Graham)
 - *America By Heart* (Palin)
 - *Hope When the River Rages* (Kaltenberger)
 - *Heaven Is For Real* (Burpo)
- New CDs and DVDs:
- *NOW That's What I Call Faith*
 - *WOW Worship*
 - *Flywheel*

	Year—to—Date
Income	
Total Contributions	\$ 1,549,349.64
Total Other Income	1,502.69
Total Income	\$ 1,550,852.33
Expenses	
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,479,168.82
Total Ministries—Worship	28,583.71
Total Ministries—Education	74,499.25
Total Missions	147,227.76
Total Capital Expenditures	44,353.83
Total Equipment	4,309.21
Total Expenses	\$ 1,778,142.58
Total Difference	-\$ (227,290.25)

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

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

Deaths

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

Bill Flowers' mother; Suzanne Kelly; and Percy Marchman.

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



Looking Ahead

Deacon Ordination

November 6th

Parent/Child Dedication

November 13th

Thanksgiving

November 24th

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