

The Cross Tie Newsletter

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Valentine Dessert Theater

Join us Sunday, February 12th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for a Valentine Dessert Theater: a youth-led variety show benefitting summer youth events.

Bring your friends, family and neighbors. No date required! Tickets are \$8 per person.



Ringgold/Trenton, GA 2012 Disaster Relief January 31-February 4 • February 7-February 11

Over a five week span, Smoke Rise sent mission teams to Ringgold, GA in 2011 to help repair and build homes from start to finish for those in need. This year, Smoke Rise will be partnering with "Rebuilding Hope" to assist folks in Trenton, GA who lost their homes to the tornadoes in 2011. There are 6 homes to rebuild. One of the homes is for a single Dad with two children who lost his wife a year ago, is on disability and is now staying with his brother and family.

If you would like to help but are not able to go on one of the trips, please consider making a contribution to help buy building materials. Please make checks payable to Smoke Rise Baptist Church and add "Trenton" to the memo line. Some examples of needs are:

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| 2x4 Pressure Treated Board | \$5 | 4x8 Sheetrock | \$10 |
| 5 lb. Joist Hanger Nails | \$15 | 30 lb. Felt Paper Roll | \$20 |
| 1 Gallon of Ceiling Paint | \$25 | 50 lb. Box Nails | \$50 |

For more information, contact Ron Sikes at ronsikes4009@comcast.net.

A Financial Note

Dear Church Family,

As soon as I heard the news, I knew I could not keep it to myself. I *had* to share it with you! Our budget giving in December made it the best December we have had in the last three years! When I saw the figures I was moved beyond words.

This year our total giving reached 3.7 million dollars! Going back to the year 2000, in only six of these years have we given more and those were the years *before* this recession. This is just incredible. *You* are incredible!

I don't know why I marvel at this because I certainly have been praying long and hard, and I know you have too. Yet, again, God has proven to be faithful.

My personal prayer was to reach a half million dollars in December 2011 because, despite the generosity of our church family, we still ended the year 91,000 dollars in the red. While we did so much for so many families away from our church, we did not do what we needed to do to take care of this family, our family.

My prayer for 2012 is that we will be strong at home in order to make an even greater impact through our ministries abroad. God knows I love this family!

Grace and Peace,
Ernie

Thank You Note

Smoke Rise Baptist Congregation,

The outpouring of love and caring for me, my family and Paul's family has been a true testament of your Christian faith and love. The many hours of being by my side, the calls, visits, cards, prayers, food and so many acts of love and kindness have been a blessing to me, my family, Paul's family and Georgia Tech co-workers and friends.

Thank you all ever so much for your tender loving care and acts of love.

*Sincerely,
Marianna Marseglia*

Wednesdays for Adults: Winter 2012 Speakers

The Wednesday night schedule of speakers is listed below. Join us each Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

January Speakers

- 1/18 Rev. Ernie Forrester
- 1/25 Chris Cherry: *Youth & Children's Ministry Intern and McAfee Theology Student*

February Speakers

- 2/1 Dr. Page Fulgham
- 2/8 Dr. Rob Nash
- 2/15 *Dr. Baxter Wynn: Author of "Two Sons of Atlanta"; FBC Greenville*

Mission Moment: Edgewood Church

Last year we saw God do amazing things!

- 12 precious people were baptized into the faith
- We were given our own church building in Edgewood and have made amazing strides in renovating it
- We were recruited as leaders in the community to help select the new elementary school principal and be involved in ongoing discussions about APS school closings
- We celebrated Tyrone's freedom in an unexpected show of mercy from a judge
- A group of amazing people pulled together to make it possible for us to move to Edgewood!

Last year was so amazing, but it felt like something closer to a decade than a year. We crossed the annual finish line feeling winded and low on steam. Because of this, and because God has given us the game-changing opportunity to live among the people we are called to reach, we have decided to start a very intentional and prayerful time of discernment to determine how God would have us minister to the people of Edgewood in the coming months and years. Please join us in prayer as we seek a way of ministry that is both increasingly effective and increasingly life-giving.

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.

Honduras Trip: Space Available

There is space available on the Honduras mission trip March 10 – 17. If you are interested, please contact Glenn or Pat in the Missions Office this week.

Smoke Rise Recreation Update

Recreation at Smoke Rise is entering the busiest season of the year. IMPACT Basketball is in full swing and teams are hard at work. With practices every night of the week and a schedule full of games, there is an exciting level of energy surrounding the entire league.

The IMPACT competition cheerleading squad is wrapping up another successful and fun-filled season. The group recently traveled to Orlando, FL to participate in the National-Level Competition. The squad performed superbly and was awarded third-place!

Men's Softball for the Spring season is rapidly approaching. Be on the lookout for more information!

Run the Reagan

Run the Reagan, known as Gwinnett County's greatest road race, will take place February 18th. All proceeds benefit the Gwinnett Community Clinic, a non-profit that provides basic health care for people who are medically indigent, and Young Life, a faith-based organization that works with parents, schools and churches to positively impact the lives of teenagers.

Register or find out more online at www.RuntheReagan.net. The registration deadline is February 15th.

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. 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, please contact Carrie Dean at 770.561.2961.

Birth Announcements

- "*Vivienne Jane*," born December 20th to Sally and Alan Hearn; grandparents are Cindy and Bill Hearn; aunt is Marla Hearn Boren.
- "*Austin William*," born December 23rd to Shelby and Robert Turner; grandmother is Judy Fowler.
- "*Robert Chase*," born January 10th to Rachel Griffin and Ben Brogdon; aunt is Lois Brecht.
- "*Andrew Christian*," born January 10th to Allison McClary; Grandfather is Aran McClary.

Nielson & Young Concert

This concert is presented by the SRBC Music Ministry in dedication of The Nancy Jane Blair Memorial Gift

Duo Pianists in Concert
Smoke Rise Baptist Church Sanctuary
Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 5:00 PM

Nielson and Young: After more than three decades of musical collaboration that continues to take them around the world, duo-pianists Stephen Nielson and Ovid Young are veterans of more than 3,500 concerts in a fascinating array of venues. Those performance sites have ranged from Copenhagen, Denmark's Tivoli Concert Hall; Toronto, Canada's Roy Thompson Hall; Madras, India's Academy of Music; Moscow, Russia's Kremlin and Tchaikovsky Hall; Oberammergau, Germany's Passionspiel Theatre; Bern, Switzerland's Konzerthaus; and Dallas, Texas' Meyerson Symphony Center. Nielson & Young have been hosted for concerts at many hundreds of churches and universities, appearing by themselves or with symphony orchestras from coast to coast in the United States and abroad.

On the artistic staff of the International Church Music Festival since 1985, Ovid and Stephen have been active church music leaders in addition to having held appointments as university professors in California, Illinois, Texas and Indiana. Individually and jointly, they are widely-published composers of music for solo and multiple keyboards, choir and orchestra. Nielson & Young's extensive discography includes many recordings from the classical repertoire as well as from the ever-expanding output of their signature hymn-tune arrangements, many of which settings are for two pianos and orchestra.

Financial Corner: Through December 31, 2011

| | Year—to—Date | |
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| Income | | |
| Total Contributions | \$ | 2,090,789.67 |
| Total Other Income | | 1,674.83 |
| Total Income | \$ | 2,092,464.50 |
| Expenses | | |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ | 1,766,664.28 |
| Total Ministries—Worship | | 41,547.81 |
| Total Ministries—Education | | 95,904.57 |
| Total Missions | | 205,096.72 |
| Total Capital Expenditures | | 67,685.33 |
| Total Equipment | | 6,706.16 |
| Total Expenses | \$ | 2,183,604.87 |
| Total Difference | -\$ | (91,140.37) |

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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| 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 |

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



Deaths

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

Marti Andrew's mother-in-law, Frank Bowden and Rachel Dennis.

Lilburn Co-op

Lilburn Co-op Pantry needs for the month of January: mac and cheese, cereal and canned meat.

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Sunday Morning Speakers

January 22nd

Dr. Rob Nash

January 29th

Dr. Allen Walworth

February 5th

Dr. Rob Nash

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