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 Place of Employment: _____
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 City: _____
 Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____
 E-mail Address: (Required) _____
 Position: _____
 Association: _____
 Roommate(s): _____
 NEED Private Room (Enclose additional \$60): _____
 Special Needs: _____
 Membership Only: \$25 _____
 This is my first time attending a NCBSA conference: _____

TOTAL COST: \$185.00 (includes membership and conference fee, room at conference center, and meals). Private room accommodations are available at the Asheboro Inn for an additional \$60.

COMMUTERS: \$130.00 (includes membership and conference fee, Monday dinner, Tuesday lunch and dinner, Wednesday lunch).

We encourage you to register early! A \$50.00 deposit, along with the completed registration form, reserves your spot. Remainder due by September 30.

Amount enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to NCBSA. Mail to:
 Cathy Hawkins
 345 Main Street
 Hudson, NC 28638

Cancellations: Before Aug. 1 - all but membership fee will be refunded.
 Between Sept. 1 & 30 - 90% of conference fee will be refunded (excluding membership fee).
 After Sept. 30 - No refunds (extreme circumstances will be taken into consideration).

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
 September 30, 2008!

Final Payment Due: September 30



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HELP WANTED: Good Communication Skills Required "Listening & Speaking" God's Language of Love

By the time you receive this publication, Easter will have come and gone, the early crocuses and ruffled daffodils will have sprung forth in all their glory, and warmer days will be just around the corner.

As Geary and I await the birth of our first grandchild, you can believe we are looking forward to his (yes, it's a boy!) birth-day. We can't wait to see him for the first time and begin our special grandparent/grandchild relationship.

Your 2008 officers have been intently praying, watching and listening for God's direction. It is exciting to see His plan unfolding. Although the planning process is still in the works, we are certain our focus will include the importance of good and effective communication in the workplace. "Listening & Speaking" are two vital skills we need in all relationships,

including ... God, family, and friends ... as well as co-workers, disgruntled church members, and those to whom we come in contact with each day.

On that note, we are *super-excited* and *super-blessed* to have as our 2008 key-note speaker ... the Dr. Gary Chapman! Dr. Chapman is a very well-known author and speaker, as well as the Senior Associate Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and he is coming to share his wisdom and wit with us ... the NC Baptist secretaries!



You don't want to miss out! Mail your registrations in early. I'm sure we're going to have a full-house.

– Jo Ann Walton

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E-Mail Care/Share Groups

Want to stay connected with your NCBSA friends through e-mail ?

If you are willing to lead the way for an e-mail care/share group, then let's talk. Please contact Linda Lunsford (336-725-8767; llunsford@ardmorebaptist.org) and find out how to get started. The number of groups will depend on how many volunteers we have to step forward.



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Are You A Good Team Player?



Successful teams are more effective and accomplish more than individuals working alone. Paul states in his letter to the Romans, "Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of His one body, and each of us have different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others." *Romans 12:4-5*

Some of God's team players may be visionaries, having the ability to see the "bigger picture." Some are good leaders and have the special ability to delegate tasks, according to specific gifts/talents. And where would we be without those who are willing to serve, but prefer to stay in the background? No matter what position we play on God's team, it is important for us to listen to God first, and then to each other.

How are your listening and team skills? At this year's Monday Night "get acquainted time," you will be given the opportunity to test those skills. Which team will take the prize? Will it be yours? Keep watching ... more information will be revealed in upcoming issues of the *Carolina Connection*.

– Angela Cockerham

Love Language Or Leftovers?

We all live torn between two worlds, the physical and the spiritual. In the physical realm, we exist in our fast-paced world of work, worry and wonder. We throw all our effort into *working* to provide what we need, as well as what we want. We *worry* about how we can accomplish our feeble plans, and then *wonder* if we will measure up to what everyone expects of us.

On the other hand, in our spiritual world we *take time* daily for meditation, prayer, and worship; we *make time* to share our love with family, friends and all the others who vie for our attention.



I don't know about you, but I have no trouble fitting it all in and finding time for everything, including God ... NOT! Many times after a long day in the physical world, God only gets my leftovers. Can you relate?

Our energy is depleted by the time we get around to

spending prayer time with Him. Oh, how we love to sing the song, "Take Time to Pray" but then we don't pray enough. Bible study is very important to us, however, when the phone rings, or there are other distractions, we stop what we are doing to answer. We let our responsibilities overtake our opportunities to be with Him and to be who He wants us to be. *Our greatest need in learning to speak God's love language is spending quality and quantity time with our Lord Jesus.*

God is love and He works through us in ways we cannot see. We must continue learning God's language through the examples of Jesus. Let the following be your daily prayer as you make yourself more and more available to Him ... "Speak through me, O Lord." ...

– Jo Ann Walton



Church "Body" Language

Can we listen without hearing? Can we hear without listening? Yes! and Yes! Our actions always speak louder than our words. Many times our "body language" says more than we would like to admit. What happens if we are physically unable to hear?

In keeping with our theme of "Listening & Speaking" God's Language of Love, our missions emphasis will be the NC School for the Deaf. Their students may be hearing-impaired, however, they will be able to hear God's message of love through our acts of caring and giving. Ruth Jones, Activity Directory of the NCSA will be joining us to share about some specific needs

of the school. A short video and even some of the students will be visual reminders to us of our opportunity to give. You will be blessed by listening to God and sharing your gifts with those who are physically unable to hear.

Since we had great success with last year's silent auction (raised an additional \$235), we are planning another one this year to help raise more money for this worthy cause. Several items with varied values will be auctioned. So, ladies, be sure to bring "deep purses." There may be something you just can't live without!

– Cathy Hawkins

"Do you hear what I hear?"



Call Linda Lunsford (336-725-8767) if you or your association are willing to lend a hand.

We have a variety of tasks to complete. Thanks for your service to the NCBSA.

WANTED: Devotional Writers for our Website

We are looking for volunteers who would like to write devotionals for our website. Who better than you ... knows the kind of encouraging and challenging words our ministry assistants need to hear?

If interested, please contact
Linda Lunsford
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Possible Breakout Sessions

Spiritual Enrichment

- "To Be Determined"
– Martha McDowell, FBC Laurinburg
- "To Be Determined"
– David Moore, SBC
- "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People"
– Dr. Wade Dellinger, FBC Hudson
- "Listening for God's Call"
– Ruby Fulbright, WMU of NC
- Christian Meditation and Prayer
– Tara Furman, Cary
- Spending Time With "The Potter"
– Rodney Stillwell, Forsyth Prison Ministries

Personal Effectiveness

- "Theme" Decorating
– CeCi Hughitt, Calvary Baptist, W-S
- Estates and Wills
– Bill Overby, Baptist Foundation, Cary
- Women's Health Issues
– Alice Cooper, RNC, OGNP, Duke Hospital
- Fat-free 4 Jesus: Nutrition; Fitness; Devotion
– Dr. Kerry & Joy Reeves, Newton
- 403B IRS Regulations; Retirement, Are You Ready?
– Johnnie Ross, Guidestone Financial
- Cafe Chatter: Can You Hear Me Now?
– Teresa Almond
- How the Convention Can Assist You
– Kay Bissette, SBC

Professional Development

- Computer Training – Power Point; MS Word 2007
– Kay Tatum, Performance Dimensions, Inc., W-S
- "Handling People, Handling Time"
– Beth Beutler, Motivational Author/Speaker
- Publications: Speaking in Print
– Scott Crockett, Owner, Keiger Printing, W-S
- Financial Helps
– To be determined
- Church Health
– Neal Eller, SBC
- Role Renegotiation Model
– Wayne Oakes, SBC
- Missions Travel Preparations
– Gaylon Moss, SBC

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How can I contribute to the Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund?

Contributions can be made any time.
Make checks payable to
the Baptist State Convention and mail to:

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Cary, NC 27512-1107

Please designate on check:
"Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund"

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support to our organization.

