

Registration Form

Name: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Mailing Address (work): _____

City: _____

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 - 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
828-728-4297
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).

Final Payment Due: September 30



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I Choose Joy

By Angela Cockerham

"This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24) The word "joy," or some variation of it, is found 187 times in the Bible. The scriptures are filled with instances where the people would "rejoice with great joy." That's pretty easy when things are going well, but how about during the difficult times? Are we able to do as James suggests and "count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations?" (James 1:2) Are we "exceeding joyful in all tribulation" like Paul? (2 Corinthians 7:4) Can we really have joy through the trials and struggles of life? Abraham Lincoln once said, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be." Does that mean we can *choose* to be joyful?



Join us at this year's conference as our keynote speaker, Bridget Taylor, speaks to us about how we can choose a joy-filled life. Bridget's passion is ministering to women. She speaks at women's conferences all over the US and shares her testimony in song. Bridget's music has been on Christian Radio since 1993 when her debut album was released, and her songs continue to make the Top 20 Inspirational Hit list. Bridget lives in Georgia with her husband Don and

two daughters, Hillary and Jill.

I look forward to seeing you at Ridgecrest in November. My prayer is that you will be exceedingly joyful in the days to come, and that we may all contribute to the joy of others!

Looking For Joy

By Karen Brawley

Walk down a Children's Sunday School hall on any given Sunday morning and the probability is good that you will hear the song we all know, "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down In My Heart." This one is and always has been a favorite. As we stop and think about this song, we know that the next verse says it's because we have the love of Jesus in our hearts. But, where do you look for the joy? Perhaps, it's in your flower garden or in a sunset or sunrise. Maybe your joy is having time for that second cup of coffee - that you rarely get to have; having lunch with your children at school; sending notes to loved ones; singing; or baking for others. The list could go on and on as there are stars in the heavens. Joy oftentimes seems to come in the smallest occurrences. More so than not, you seem to get more joy out of giving than receiving.

Edited by Karen Brawley



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Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.

Psalm 95:1



As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.
Psalm 42:1



Call Grace Hodge (336-725-8767, ext. 15) or graceh@ardmorebaptist.org if you or your association are willing to lend a hand. We have a variety of tasks to complete. Thanks for your



- Ridgecrest Conference Center has a newly added covered walkway that leads down to the dining hall. This is a very nice addition and will keep everyone out of any possible bad weather. Staff at Ridgecrest has also assured us that shuttles will also be available as well for those who have problems walking long distances.
- Door prizes are so much fun to receive. Don't forget to bring one!

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:

Resource Development and Promotion Team
Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1107
Cary, NC 27512-1107
Please designate on check:
"Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund"

Thanks to your generosity, this fund continues to offer financial support to our organization.



Interest has been expressed in having a choir. If anyone is interested in participating in the NCBSA choir please contact Karen Brawley at 704-663-0986 or send an e-mail to kbrawley@bereabaptist.net by May 15.



Seen a Good Movie Lately?

By Grace Hodge

"Finally, (sisters), whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Philippians 4:8 (NIV)
Being mindful of these words, let's think about how we spend our time. Would we consider our activities to be excellent and praiseworthy? Can you recall the last good movie you watched?

We all know good, wholesome movies are hard to come by these days. But we have to be encouraged by the recent efforts of Sherwood Pictures to create meaningful films like *Flywheel*, *Facing the Giants*, and *FireProof*. These movies have been a good way to spend my spare time, causing me to reflect on my life and walk with Christ.

At our conference in November, we plan to use some of our free time "thinking on such things", in addition to offering some breakout sessions based on the principles presented in *FireProof*. Be sure to watch your *Carolina Connection* for further details. In the meantime, invite a "girlfriend" out for a night at the movies.

Possible Breakout Sessions

Spiritual Enrichment

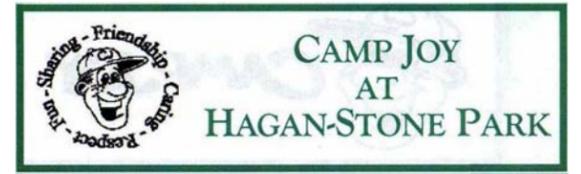
- "To Be Determined"
- Martha McDowell, FBC Laurinburg
- "You Can Be Free"
- Eddie Thompson, BSC of NC
- "To Be Determined"
- Tara Furman, Cary
- "Building A Real Marriage"
- Johnny Blevins, Elkin Valley Baptist, Elkin
- "Did Jesus Use A Palm Pilot? Lessons from the Best Time Manager"
- Beth Beutler, Motivational Author/ Speaker
- "How to Grow Spiritually Even Though You Work in a Church"
- Beth Beutler

Professional Development

- "Being Professional in the Workplace"
- TBD
- "Microsoft Shortcuts, Tips & Tricks for Word, Publisher, and PowerPoint 2007"
- Kay Tatum, Performance Dimensions, Inc, "Creative Writing"
- Shelia Berry
- "We Interrupt This Work Day"
- Beth Beutler, Motivational Author/ Speaker
- "Safety In The Workplace"
- Major Rummage, Concord
- "Leadership at Every Level"
- Michael Euliss
- "403(b) Retirement Regulations"
- Johnny Ross, Guidestone Financial

Personal Effectiveness

- "Retirement"
- Johnny Ross
- "The Oasis"
- Teresa Almond, Concord
- Spiritual Yoga/Women's Health
- Crystal Dula
- Ancestry History - "Buried" Secrets
- Martha Hines
- "Grief"
- Paul Mullen
- "Stress of Being a Caregiver"
Paul Mullen



Joyful Giving

By Grace Hodge

Ladies, this year we have an excellent opportunity to support a really special charity. Camp Joy is a non-profit summer day camp for children ages five and older with special needs that have developmental, physical, and mental disabilities. They also provide an environment for kids with visual and hearing impairments. For the past ten years, there have been ten spaces for children without disabilities.

Since 1963, this camp has been operating in Greensboro, NC at Hagan-Stone Park. The camp serves Guilford County and all the surrounding counties. The camp has six cabins, a multipurpose building, arts and crafts shelter, playground, and a swimming pool. The campgrounds are also connected to the Hagan-Stone Park facilities and nature trails.

A nurse is on duty at Camp Joy at all times to handle medical needs. There are trained staff and dedicated counselors and instructors and of course, lots of volunteers who "make" camp happen. Camp Joy opens its doors to campers that need one-on-one attention and may need their own private assistants.

We have the opportunity to give joyfully to provide "camperships" to children who otherwise could not afford the registration fee and camp supplies. **Forty-five dollars** would send one child to camp for a week. **I challenge you to save your change through the year to send one kid to camp.** We can make a difference!

