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I love working puzzles, crosswords, Sudoku, word finds, and connecting the dots! This is a good way for me to relax and unwind. Sometimes the puzzles are easy and sometimes I have to take some time to figure them out. How do we “Connect the Dots” in our daily lives? Christ should be at the center of our lives; and our worship, work and witness should revolve around Christ.

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling.” Ephesians 4:4

Our keynote speaker for our 2011 Conference is Dr. David Cox, the co-founder and current director of The Other 6 Days, a ministry that seeks to equip, empower and edify Christian men and women in today's marketplace and workplace. Based in Raleigh, NC, The Other 6 Days assists Christians to integrate faith and work, encouraging them to put into daily action what they celebrate on Sunday. Dr. Cox writes, speaks, conducts conferences and leads this ministry that now ministers to 4,400 people weekly. He is currently completing his first book, an interactive workplace-specific devotional book.

He has served as a church pastor most of his adult life, having previously served churches in Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Texas. Dr. Cox had the privilege of founding Richland Creek Community Church in Wake Forest, NC, where he served for seven years beginning in 1996. He has also been an interim pastor and is currently beginning service as interim pastor of Rolesville Community Church in Rolesville, NC. We pray that this retreat will refresh your spirit and help you “Connect the Dots” in your own life.

- Pam Shoaf

Centering In Christ

Do you have a Heart Radiologist in residence? Jesus is ‘the best’ heart radiologist, always addressing the motives of our hearts, which many times prevent our connecting with Him and His Father’s purpose for our lives. We have to be careful not to become consumerist Christians, who reflect little to no life change. Choosing to make Christ the center of our thoughts and behavior allows him to influence every aspect of our lives. To connect, we must establish good communication ... not just always giving Him our request, but also making the time to listen and hear His reply and instruction. To truly connect to our Lord and Savior, we must be associated with Him in a personal relationship, and be in harmony with Him, through our worship, work and witness.

My hope and prayer is that this year’s conference will renew and strengthen you and your commitment to connect all the dots of your life with Christ being the ‘center.’

- Brenda Duke

WWW.CHRIST (Worship ~ Work ~ Witness. CHRIST ~ centered)

Edited by Brenda Duke



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Do You Like to Receive Gifts?

Each year at the NCBSA Conference, we all like to receive door prizes. Without the thoughtfulness of ladies just like you this would not be possible. If you feel led to do so please bring one or more gifts to donate to our door prizes so that each lady may be blessed with a gift to take home.



Volunteer Needs

If you or your association would be willing to lend a hand, please contact Drema Hill (336-625-4175; dremahill@triad.rr.com). We have a variety of tasks to complete. Thanks for your service to the NCBSA.

It's Picture Time!

Classic Directories ~ Wayne Collie

Wayne Collie, from Classic Directories will be at the conference, taking pictures of us for a new pictorial directory. Each member photographed will receive a complimentary directory. So bring your best smile! :)

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Renea Henderson
Humorist

Monday Night Fellowship & Entertainment

Don't miss it! We'll gather on Monday night to reconnect with old friends, as well as make some new acquaintances, and to tickle our funny bones. Our special guest will be Renea Henderson, an accomplished humorist and dramatist.

Renea will utilize an array of hilarious characters to share comedy and communicate motivational truths and insights for joyful living. She provides side splitting "comedy with a power-packed message". She has shared music, church ministry, and marriage with her husband, Rev. Johnny Henderson, Pastor of Cross Road Baptist Church, Asheboro, NC since 1975. They have three daughters: Adrienne, Danielle, Elizabeth and three grandchildren.

- Drema Hill



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.



Possible Breakout Sessions

Spiritual Enrichment

- “Apologetics”
- Adam Tucker
- “Importance of Family”
- Eddie Thompson, BSC of NC
- “To Be Determined”
- Tara Furman
- “Lifestyle Evangelism”
- Marty Dupree
- “The Joy of Forgiveness”
- Sandra Harrison
- “God, That’s Not Fair”
- Martha McDowell
- “To Be Determined”
- Dr. Michael Collier

Professional Development

- “Minister/Staff Relationships”
- Phil Stone
- “Excel, Windows 7, & 3rd class “To Be Determined”
- Kay Tatum, Performance Dimensions, Inc.
- “Phone Tree”
- Julie South
- “Getting Organized”
- Angela Cockerham
- “Church Financial Issues”
- David Todd, CPA
- “Benevolence”
- Jerry Hill

Personal Effectiveness

- “Church Retirement - GuideStone”
- Johnny Ross
- “To Be Determined”
- Teresa Almond
- “First Place”
- Pat Blake & Toni Underwood
- “Facing Hard Choices in Healthcare”
- Tim Pheagin, Hospice Chaplain
- “What Everyone Should Know about Personal Investments”
- Will Hege
- “Personal Stewardship”
- Will Hege
- “Boundaries”
- Jeanette Weynadt

A Ministerial Sacrifice

This year the missions offering given at our conference will go to support ‘Mission Dignity’ through GuideStone Financial Resources. Being church staff ourselves, we know that people who give their lives to the ministry make many sacrifices, which sometimes includes a sacrificial salary.

‘Mission Dignity’ provides funds for 2,500 ministers and their widows with insufficient retirement incomes. Most have served small churches that provided only a small salary and little, if any, retirement. Now these recipients can buy groceries, pay for utilities, and have much needed medical care.

The family of Rev. T. B. & Lee Esther Calloway fondly remember “My father was a church builder. I look back and see the churches the Lord chose him to start, or the “forgotten” churches that our family was called to. Many of these churches started with just our family and two or three more. Every time the church grew to where it could support us, the Lord moved us to another field. So you see, my father never had a retirement. But because of the blessings from you, my parents were well taken care of in their later years.”

What can you sacrifice to help these widows and retired ministers take care of everyday needs?

- Grace Hodge

First-timers’ Welcome & Orientation

Is this your first time to attend a NCBSA annual conference? There will be a special time to get acquainted during your first day at the conference.

Mentors needed: would you be willing to be a mentor to a newcomer? Your advice and support can go a long way in helping a newbie feel connected.

Please contact Angela Cockerham (336-835-3401 or acockerham@phbcelkin.com) if you would be willing to be a mentor this year.

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

We Believe

Registration Form Date: Oct. 31 - Nov. 2

(Change in conference date is due to BSC scheduling)

Name: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Mailing Address (work): _____

City, Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____

Position: _____

E-Mail Address: (Required): _____

Association: _____

Room mate(s): _____

NEED Private Room (Enclose additional \$70): _____

Special Needs: _____

This is my first time attending a NCBSA Conference: _____

Membership Only: \$25

TOTAL COST: \$190.00 (includes membership and conference fee, room at conference center, and meals). Private room - additional \$70

COMMUTERS: \$135.00 (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:**

(Installments are acceptable)

Make checks payable to NCBSA. Mail to:

Grace Hodge
c/o Ardmore Baptist Church
501 Miller Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Cancellations: Before July 31: Full refund;

Aug. 1 –Sept. 30: 60% refund;

After Sept. 30: No refunds;

Membership Nonrefundable.

Final Payment Due: September 30



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Many Thanks!
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