



Carolina Connection

A quarterly publication connecting Baptist Secretaries across North Carolina

Our Theme for 2016 is "An Ornament Adorned For Christ"

The Scripture reference is 1 Peter 3:4
...let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious".
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We can choose how we reflect and adorn the body of Christ by how we act or react to what is in our hearts. Come and let us learn together how we can adorn our hearts with imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit which in God's sight is very precious!



Your officers are so excited about our key note speaker this year. I met Beth Greer last year at a women's conference and fell in love with her instantly. She can relate to anyone on any level and shows so much love to those around her.

A native South Carolinian, Beth grew up in Brazil, South America, where her parents served as Southern Baptist missionaries. She is a graduate of Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina, where she majored in Spanish. Beth is a gifted Bible teacher, speaker and worship leader and finds great joy in serving the Lord. She is committed to the truths of God's word as a wife and mother and is passionate about teaching and equipping the Body of Christ. She also has a passion for seeing those who are lost come to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. When not ministering with One Purpose she ministers under the umbrella of Life and Godliness Ministries, a Bible teaching ministry that believes Christ has provided, by example and commission, "Everything pertaining to life and godliness." Beth is also a 4 and 5 year old preschool teacher at a local church. She also has several music CD's for sale.

She is married to Tom Greer and lives in Lexington, SC, with their two teenage daughters, Blake and Jordan. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Columbia, SC, where she is active in the music and women's ministries. You can visit Beth's website at www.lifeandgodliness.com.



Glorifying God is the very purpose of our existence. When you sing His praises, it releases His blessings into your life. We as Christians need to freely give praise to our Savior, for He alone is worthy to be praised. Zechariah 2:10 says “*Sing and rejoice, ... for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord.*” Then in Zephaniah 3:17 “*The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*” Just think about it – He rejoices and quiets us and sings over us. WOW! What a promise.

We are in for such a treat this year. We have Melodie Griffin from SC. Leading our Praise and Worship time together. Melodie is an inspirational speaker, recording artist, and freelance writer. She is a faculty member with CLASSEminars and does laundry in her spare time. South Carolina is home to Melodie, her husband, their children, and Westie and Newfoundland doggies. Catch up with her at www.melodiegriffin.com.

Melodie speaks at all kinds of Christian women's events, crisis pregnancy events, and gives motivational talks to secular organizations. Her worship music ministry has been sought after by women's conferences, retreats, church-wide events, and Christian conferences.



The decision was made to have all private rooms in Oleander or Palmetto across the street. There are some sacrifices that have to be made in order to accommodate as many ladies as possible. We want to make the best use of space, and having so many private rooms really limits how many we could get in the conference center.

The other option would be for you to partner with someone and share a room, as there are two beds per room, and if the ladies don't know anyone to room with we could provide contact info with the lady we partner you with. *(That way you can get to know each other prior to the conference). If all double occupancy rooms are not taken by the registration cutoff date, the first private rooms reserved would be moved to the Smith Conference center in the order they were received.*

If it is a safety concern for walking across the street (It is a very secure area) We could partner you with someone else who is staying in Oleander or Palmetto to walk with or drive. There will be several ladies walking to their rooms in those two houses.

Several years ago at Caraway we had all private rooms at the hotel in Asheboro, and no one complained. This scenario is great, because it is just across the driveway from the conference center and not several miles away.

We want to be as accommodating as possible but I think we all have to be open minded and do what is best for NCBSA. We do hope you understand and will join us November 7-9.



Monday Night Fellowship



On Monday night we plan to have a time of fellowship and refreshments. Make plans to join us, as we are able to catch up with old friends and welcome new ones.

Registration & First Timers

Thank you to those that have already sent in your registration and deposit for the NCBSA Conference. November 7 – 9, 2016 will be a time to remember. If you have not registered yet, early registration is still open! \$50.00 will hold your spot and the balance may be paid periodically with final payment due by September 30th.

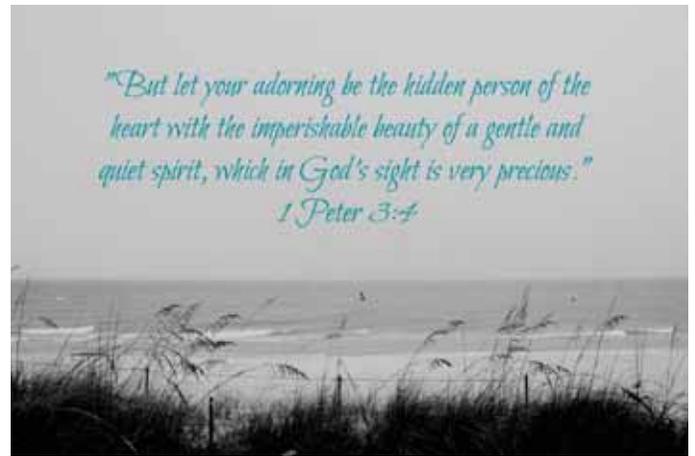
This year would be a great time for Secretaries who have never been a part of the NCBSA to come to Fort Caswell and enjoy God's beauty. Encourage a First-Timer to attend this year. Each First-Timer will be assigned a mentor who will help her find her room, show her around the area, and be on hand to answer any questions she may have. The mentor will make her feel special and welcome.



Your officers have been working diligently and are so excited how it is all coming together. We analyzed your evaluation sheets and are implementing as many breakout suggestions as possible

during the conference. Please be in prayer for us as we strive to make this conference an experience of spiritual, professional, and personal enrichment with lots of fun and fellowship for all.

Come, and bring a First-Timer with you!



Mission Emphasis

The mission emphasis for this year will be the Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund. In looking back at the history of our meetings, it has been over ten years since this was the mission emphasis for one of our conferences. We want to continue to honor Betty for her vision to establish the NC Baptist Secretaries in 1982. Betty Walker was the former Administrative Assistant at First Baptist Church in Burlington. She personally understood the struggles and blessings that we face each day on our jobs because she too experienced them. Her dream was for other Administrative Assistants to have opportunities for professional development, emotional support and spiritual motivation. In 1982-1984, she served as the first president of our association. She also served on the planning committee that led to the formation of the National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries and served as Second President of that organization. She was a teacher and trainer for Baptist Administrative Assistants for many years.

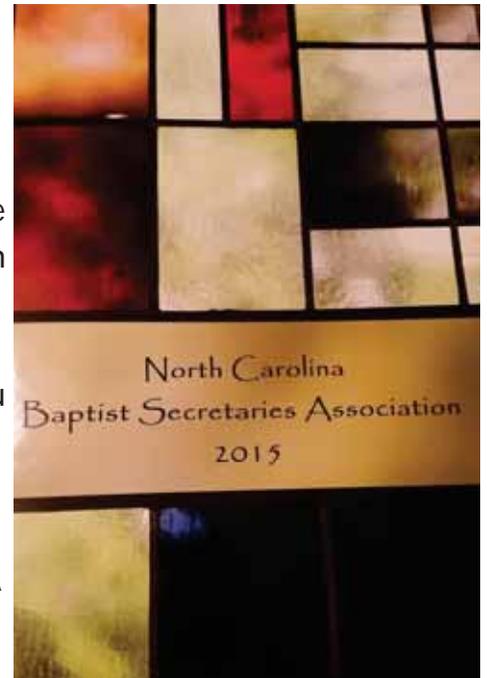
The Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund was established in 1997. Once the fund reached the goal of \$5,000, 95% of the interest has been distributed to the NCBSA and 5% goes back to the Endowment Fund. These funds enable us to continue to provide high quality conferences each year and serve to remind us of what a significant difference one individual can make in the lives of others.



Would you, Associational Administrative Assistants, be willing to contact your church's secretaries about the NCBSA Conference, and let them know just how important this training and bonding experience is to you? Encourage their pastors to let them be involved in our organization. Send them a copy of this newsletter, encourage them to send their secretary to this training and uplifting time. Also, church secretaries that already enjoy our time together, would you contact other churches in your association and encourage them to become involved?

NCBSA Directories

If you attended the 2015 NCBSA Conference at Caraway and had your picture taken for the directory, you should have received a free 8 x 10 photo of yourself and also a copy of the directory. If you had your picture taken and have not received either of these, please contact April Van Dyke at ncbaptistsecretaries@gmail.com. If you did not attend the conference but would like a directory please contact April as well. We are working on getting the directory linked to the NCBSA website, and as this becomes available we will pass that information along.



2016 Nominating Committee

Loretta Warren
Karoline Overby
Diane Rowell

Your Nominating Committee is working hard to have in place next year's officers. Please keep them in your prayers. There is someone God is speaking to about serving as an officer. Pray that they will listen to His voice and obey.

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2016 NCBSA Conference November 7-9 at Ft. Caswell

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): _____

Physical Needs: _____

Food Allergies: _____

This is my first time attending a NCBSA Conference: _____

TOTAL COST: \$220.00 (includes membership and conference fee, room at conference center, and meals).

Private room - additional \$70

COMMUTERS: \$160.00 (includes membership and conference fee, Monday dinner, Tuesday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wednesday breakfast and lunch).

We encourage you to register-early!

A \$50.00 deposit, along with the completed registration form reserves your spot. Remainder due September 30.

Amount enclosed: _____

(Installments are acceptable)

Make checks payable to NCBSA. Mail to:

Gail Thompson

c/o West Cabarrus Church

7655 Bruton Smith Blvd.

Concord, NC 28027

Cancellations: Before July 31: Full refund

August 1– September 30: 60% refund

After September 30: No refunds

\$30 Membership - Nonrefundable

FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30



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