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Association: _____

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NEED Private Room (Enclose additional \$60): _____

Special Needs: _____

Membership Only: \$25: _____

TOTAL COST: \$190.00 (includes membership and conference fee, room at conference center, and meals). Private room - additional \$60

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: _____

Make checks payable to NCBSA. Mail to:

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

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2010 NCBSA Conference Life—A Balancing Act



Excitement is in the air as I eagerly wait for November to arrive. The Executive Committee has been working hard to plan a conference that will be both refreshing and spiritually uplifting, and we are thrilled to see how God is working in our midst. Although we still have much work to do, we are pleased at how everything is shaping up.

The theme for our conference this year is Life—A Balancing Act. Balance is more than just juggling a schedule. Webster defines *balance* as “mental and emotional steadiness.” My life becomes unmanageable when I try to be all and do all, and I lose that sense of steadiness. While it is true I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me, no where does the Bible tell me I *should* do all things or that I’m expected to be everything to everyone.

Join us at the 2010 Conference at Caraway as we learn about the balancing act of life, something that our speaker Martha McDowell is familiar with. From 2003 to 2005, Martha was virtually homebound, suffering from secondary adrenal disease. Life as she knew it came to a halt, but it was during this sickness that God revealed to her that ministry was not just simply busy activity. True ministry is looking for opportunity in our daily lives to serve and to simply “be.” Now that Martha is “back on track” and able to manage her disease, she is actively serving Christ by leading Women’s Retreats, leading Vacation Bible School, and being a minister’s wife and a mother. Her spiritual gifts are encouragement and teaching, and she is able to share her vulnerability openly. Through revealing her weaknesses and sharing her humorous stories, she is able to connect to other women.

I encourage everyone to register quickly, and please be sure to indicate your choices for the breakout sessions. This will help the breakout leaders make the necessary preparations to ensure that everyone has the best experience possible. Thank you for your continued prayers for the Executive Committee, the conference, and each other. I look forward to seeing you in November.

Angela Cockerham

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Edited by Karen Brawley



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First-Timers' Welcome & Orientation

Is this your first time to attend a NCBSA conference? Be sure to sign up for the **First-Timers' Orientation Monday, 2:00pm** Led by Cathy Hawkins, First Baptist, Hudson Got Questions? Come join us and get helpful hints For making the most of your 2010 conference experience

Betty Walker Endowment Fund

Again this year, an envelope will be available for your contribution to the Betty Walker Endowment Fund. This fund was established to aid in providing monies for the Secretaries Conference. Please consider giving to this fund. If you do not come prepared to give in November, donations can be made throughout the year. Take

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their STRENGTH. They will SOAR on wings like eagles; they will RUN and not grow weary, they will WALK and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31



Door Prizes

Door Prizes are so much fun to receive! We all love to hear our name called. We encourage everyone to bring a gift if they are able. Perhaps, several people would like to go in



Registration begins at 12 noon, November 1. Noon is the earliest that you can check in on Monday, but please keep in mind that all rooms are not guaranteed to be ready until 2:00pm. First General

Our Mission Emphasis:

Operation Bandanas

Operation Bandanas, a frontline ministry of spiritual support and encouragement to our military, began in November 2006, for Ft. Bragg soldiers deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan. Since that time, OpBan, through the generosity of churches and individuals, has been responsible for providing 113,887 Psalm 91 bandanas to our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines serving in harm's way. The bandanas, imprinted with God's words of comfort, strength, courage, and protection, are equipping our troops with a piece of God's armor and is a love gift of imperishable food that feeds their soul and reminds them of His presence with them and His protection over them. I hope you or your church will partner with Operation Bandanas in meeting the many requests we have from our Chaplains and individual soldiers. They do so much for us; surely, we can provide Psalm 91 bandanas to them. For more information, visit the website, www.operationbandanas.org or contact Mary Gray at bandanas91@yahoo.com.



Do you have a servants heart? We are still looking for people that can help collect money for our sales tables from our shopping ladies or be a greeter. Please contact Pam Shoaf (336-357-2721) to volunteer an hour of your time at the following opportunities:

- NC Baptist Secretaries Conference Caraway, November 1 - 3
- NCBSA product Table
- Greeter's for First-timers

Requested Favorites Return

Master Brewed & Prayer Room

- Master Brewed - a "grounded" spot that will help give balance to your life.
- Prayer Room - a place where one can step away from the everyday and visit with the Father.



2010 Nominating Committee

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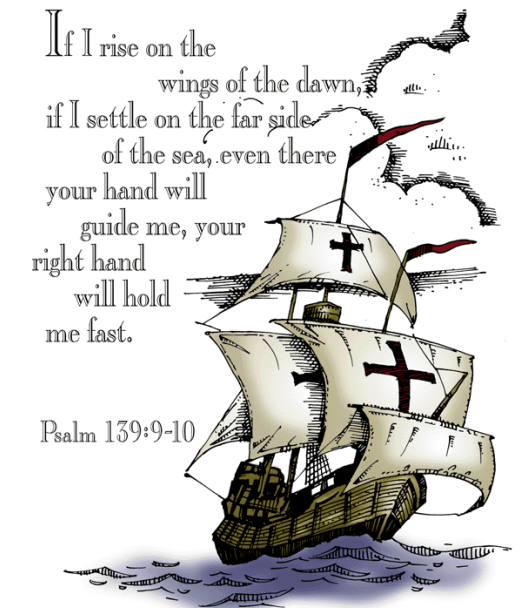
Patsy Mills, Rehobeth Baptist Church



Tuesday Night Banquet

On Tuesday evening, a banquet will be held in the Caraway Dining Hall. The Jersey Baptist Youth Group will help serve the festive meal and any gratuities collected will help fund their mission trip next summer to the Christian Activity Center in East St. Louis, IL. Dress clothes are not required, but for those of you who like to plan your wardrobe, you may wear your Sunday best.

Following the banquet, we will be entertained by *Men On A Mission*, formerly Cold Springs United Methodist Men's Ensemble, from Concord, NC. Some of you may remember that they sang for us at Caraway in 2005. They sing for the glory of God and will have some CDs available. There will be a love offering taken for the group.



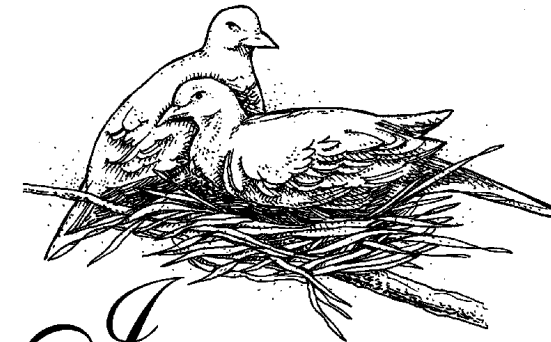
Oh! Oh! Oh! It's Magic

Abracadabra! Has anyone seen a rabbit? How about a few scarves? On Monday night, our entertainment will be a Magic Show. I'm sure there won't be any rabbits disappearing, but I am certain there will be a whole lot of stress disappearing. Andy Lackey will entertain us with an impressive magic show. After a long day of travel, break-outs and reconnecting with friends, this will surely be a great ending to a wonderful day!

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Please Circle The Sessions You Plan To Attend (one per time slot) Mail copy with registration form to Grace Hodge				
First Timer's Orientation - Monday, 2:00 p.m. Led by Cathy Hawkins				
Breakout 1 Monday 4:30 - 5:20 p.m.	Breakout 2 Monday 6:45 - 7:40 p.m.	Breakout 1 Tuesday 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Breakout 2 Tuesday 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Breakout 3 Tuesday 1:00 - 1:50 p.m.
Spiritual Enrichment				
With Wings to Fly <i>Sandra Harrison</i>	With Wings to Fly <i>Sandra Harrison</i>	The Faces of Jesus <i>Rodney Stillwell</i>	The Faces of Jesus <i>Rodney Stillwell</i>	The Faces of Jesus <i>Rodney Stillwell</i>
Are You Still Breathing? Then Get On With Living! <i>Mary Gray</i>	Are You Still Breathing? Then Get On With Living! <i>Mary Gray</i>	You Can Be Free <i>Eddie Thompson</i>	You Can Be Free <i>Eddie Thompson</i>	You Can Be Free <i>Eddie Thompson</i>
Steps to Spiritual Growth "Beginning the Journey" <i>Johnny Blevins</i>	Steps to Spiritual Growth "Developing the Habits for Spiritual Growth" <i>Johnny Blevins</i>	Encountering Jesus on a Daily Basis <i>Tara Furman</i>	Encountering Jesus on a Daily Basis <i>Tara Furman</i>	Steps to Spiritual Growth "Following the Lifestyle of Spiritual Growth" <i>Johnny Blevins</i>
Professional Development				
Connecting Through Social Media <i>Traci Griggs</i>	Connecting Through Social Media <i>Traci Griggs</i>	A Counting for Non- Accountants - Part 1 <i>David Todd</i>	A Counting for Non- Accountants - Part 2 <i>David Todd</i>	Are You Audit Ready? <i>David Todd</i>
Challenges in the Church Office: Effective Communica- tion Strategies <i>Michael Euliss</i>	Challenges in the Church Office: Effective Communica- tion Strategies <i>Michael Euliss</i>	Windows 7 <i>Kay Tatum</i>	Microsoft Word 2007 Ad- vanced <i>Kay Tatum</i>	Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 Advanced <i>Kay Tatum</i>
Mind the Gap: Strategies to Close Generational Divides <i>Debbie Loftis</i>	Mind the Gap: Strategies to Close Generational Divides <i>Debbie Loftis</i>	Image Isn't Everything, But It's Close <i>Adam Tucker</i>	Image Isn't Everything, But It's Close <i>Adam Tucker</i>	How to Dress for the Work- place - Essential Tips for Working Women <i>Brenda Duke</i>
				Are You at Risk? <i>Keith Googe & Skip Gibbs</i>
Personal Effectiveness				
God Goes to the Movies <i>Tyler Domske</i>	God Goes to the Movies <i>Tyler Domske</i>	Balance Your Life with Exer- cise <i>TBA</i>	Balance Your Life with Exer- cise <i>TBA</i>	Overview of Church Retire- ment Plan <i>Johnny Ross</i>
Identity Theft: Are You Safe? <i>Tom Craven</i>	Identity Theft: Are You Safe? <i>Tom Craven</i>	Master Brewed for Balanced Service <i>Teresa Almond</i>	Master Brewed for Balanced Service <i>Teresa Almond</i>	
Coupon 101: Grocery Stores <i>Dawn Larkins</i>	Coupon 102: Drug Stores <i>Dawn Larkins</i>	Balancing Your Work and Personal Life <i>Jeanette Weynadt</i>	Dare to Be a Healthy Chris- tian <i>Ray Morrow</i>	Dare to Be a Healthy Chris- tian <i>Ray Morrow</i>
Bonus Time - Tuesday				
	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.		2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	
	One-on-One Consultations - GuideStone <i>Johnny Ross</i>		One-on-One Consultations - Preferred Church Insurers <i>Keith Googe & Skip Gibbs</i>	



*I will lie down and
sleep in peace,
for you alone,
O Lord, make
me dwell in safety.*

Psalm 4:8

Tuesday Afternoon "Extras"

On Tuesday afternoon, these gentlemen will be available for "bonus" sessions:

Keith Googe and Skip Gibbs: of Preferred Church Insurers of North Carolina will be available for one-on-one consultations. If you need some extra advise for your at-risk plan for your church or other church insurance needs, please stop by for more information.

Johnny Ross: Johnny will be offering this session regarding how to make the most of your investments. He will be available for one-on-one consults throughout the day.

Continue To Say A Prayer . . .

Many of you know the family of Joy and Kerry Reeves who have led many sessions at our previous conferences. Ladies, please continue to be in prayer for them and their work in Haiti. They have blessed us so many times at our conference. If you want to follow their journey and get updates from the field, log onto www.reeveshaiti.org or the blog site is www.newvisionhaiti.blogspot.com.



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Preview of Breakout Sessions

After reviewing the following listings, indicate the sessions you want to attend by completing the Breakout Schedule found on the back, and mail with your registration to Grace Hodge.

Spiritual Enrichment

Sandra Harrison, Ministries Dir., South Yadkin Baptist Association
“With Wings To Fly”

We will learn how to hear, discern and follow the leading of the Lord Jesus. We will talk about knowing if God walks us up to a cliff and says, “Come.” He will either give us a platform to stand on or wings to fly. Taken from Isaiah 40:31

Tara Furman, Author & Speaker
“Encountering Jesus on a Daily Basis”

Participants will learn how to encounter Jesus each day by establishing a **vibrant** quiet time. We will learn how to hear His voice and connect life circumstances to His direction and the importance of journaling His leading. We will discuss how to discern His activity in our lives based upon the “runway lights.” This is sure to be a life changing session.

Eddie Thompson, Sr. Consultant of Marriage & Family BSCNC
“You Can Be Free”

In a troubled world it’s easy to be filled with anxiety and fear. We can find ourselves struggling to overcome negative thoughts, irrational feelings and habitual sins. Of course these affect our lives in many ways, including personal relationships and our walk with God. But we are not alone! The Bible says that all Christians will struggle with this spiritual conflict and the battle for our minds. Join us as we discover our most important defense and how to take steps toward our freedom in Christ.

Rodney Stilwell, Sr. Chaplain, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries, Winston-Salem, NC

“The Faces of Jesus”

This session will be a visual arts/Bible study workshop. We will begin by learning about how we are made in the image of God. Then we’ll review some of the ways the Scripture speaks of the “faces” of Jesus. The session will switch to a hands-on activity. Each participant will be led to make a “Jesus face” with clay - based on a particular Bible story. These will be used as the basis of a creative exercise and discussion. Later the faces will be fired in the kiln and mailed to each participant.

Johnny Blevins, Pastor, Elkin Valley Baptist Church
Steps To Spiritual Growth

- *Session One: “Beginning The Journey”*

This session will help us to see God’s plan for the believer and the role spiritual growth plays in that. It will also introduce you to the initial step to take to begin this life-changing journey.

- *Session Two: “Developing the Habits for Spiritual Growth”*

This session will deal with the daily habits that enable spiritual growth and give practical steps for developing them in your life.

- *Session Three: “Following the Lifestyle of Spiritual Growth”*

This session will look at how our lifestyle can impact our spiritual growth. It will provide practical steps to developing a lifestyle that enables growth to happen.

Mary Gray, Founder of Operation Bandanas, Speaker

“Are You Still Breathing? Then Get On With Living!”

Living for Christ is a life of adventure! Maybe you’ve lost some of that sense of adventure and feel you and your life are pretty common and ordinary. I have great news for you . . . if Christ lives in you, you are extraordinary and He has great plans and a great purpose for your life! How can you hear the voice of God revealing His plan and purpose for you? In exploring this subject, Mary will share with you her latest call to ministry through Operation Bandanas and how in the world she got from there to here!

Professional Development

Traci Griggs, Creative Team Leader, BSCNC

“Connecting Through Social Media”

Social networking is a buzz word that means a lot to younger generations, but leaves many older folks scratching their heads. In this breakout, we’ll get an overview of social networking tools such as Facebook, Twitter, blogging, texting, social bookmarking, photosharing sites, and email newsletters. You’ll find some ideas for utilizing some of these resources (many of which are free!) to reach your younger folks, and begin educating your older members on why they are so valuable.

Kay Tatum, Co-owner of Performance Dimensions, Inc.

- *“Microsoft Word Advanced” – 2007*

Learn how to use features such as the Quick Styles Gallery, Quick Parts, and Building Blocks Organizer. Discover how to use mail merge functions, use existing templates, add custom headers and footers, and manipulate page setup and page layout functions to customize the look of your documents and create your own.

- *“Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 Advanced” - 2007*

Understanding the advanced features of Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 will help you make your points effectively during any PowerPoint presentation. You will learn how to use features like slide masters, transitions, animations and narration to create striking PowerPoint presentations. You’ll also discover Presenter view, a key new feature that improves live presentations.

- *“Microsoft Windows 7*

If you’re upgrading to Windows 7 from Windows XP or Windows Vista, you’ll find pleasant improvements with the new features in Windows 7. You will learn about the Search bar, how to pin items to the Taskbar and Start menu; how to use Jump Lists, keyboard shortcuts, how to use Windows Explorer in Windows 7, and more! You are going to love Windows 7!

Michael Euliss, Church Leadership and Engagement Consultant, President & Founder of Euliss Consultant Group

“Challenges In The Church Office: Effective Communication Strategies”

Scripture tell us to “Love your neighbor as yourself,” but how can you if your neighbors are so different? Many times what we say is not interpreted the way we mean it. People get upset, defensive, and communication breaks down.

Harvard University states that 85% of the reason people are successful in the workplace has to do with their people skills and knowledge.

Since the beginning of time, people have struggled to communicate effectively with one another. Often it’s because the person they are speaking with communicates differently than they do.

In this class we will look at the different communication styles and how you can be more effective showing the love of Christ when you better understand yourself and those around you.

David Todd, CPA, Paul, Cox & Todd, PLLC

- *“A Counting for Non-Accountants (Part 1 and 2)”*

God has charged us to be good stewards of our churches assets. Are you complying with the laws as far as what is deductible on church member’s records? Are you complying with employment laws by sending out W-2’s or 1099’s? Is what your fellow church friend or pastor told you about an issue really right? Join us for a frank discussion that looks at church accounting issues for today’s church environment. Come for one session or both for a more detailed view.

- *“Are You Audit Ready?”*

Does your church have good internal controls in place? Do you know if your church is audited what things you need to have in order? Ever wondered about a pastor’s housing allowance and what to do to make it official? Find out what you can do to have your P’s and Q’s in place if the IRS or auditors come to town.

Adam Tucker, Freelance Graphic Designer

“Image Isn’t Everything, but It’s Close: Conveying Your Message Without the Design Getting in the Way”

The worst design is one that obscures its message. This workshop will focus on simple tools and techniques to help you communicate your message clearly and concisely in your publications.

Brenda Duke, Secretary, Saluda First Baptist Church and Mary Kay Consultant; STAR Team Builder

“How To Dress for the Workplace - Essential Tip for the Working Woman”

Whether your place of work is strict or relaxed, there is a certain level of refinement that should always be maintained - and things you should simply never do. Learn the 10 rules for building a workplace wardrobe. Plus, fashion tips for women from 20 to 60 plus!

Debbie Loftis, Employee Relations Manager & Certified Business Coach, Triad Guaranty

“Mind the Gap: Strategies to Close Generational Divides”

Do you think some of your coworkers write an unintelligible language: LOL, btw, or g2g? Are your oldie goldies from 1985? Do you - or your church - have a Facebook page? Did you say, “What’s Facebook?” Are you motivated by respect for a job-well-done and title recognition or by meaningful work and the power to do it your way? Do you naturally work for consensus or do you believe that disagreement automatically equals conflict? Your answers to these questions could provide a tell-tale sign of your distinct generation - one of four now populating our work world.

Differences can churn myriad emotions, create misunderstandings, hamper productivity, and undermine teamwork. In this active discovery session, learn to identify generational differences and to engage three dual-action strategies to help you transition from minding the gap to standing in the gap.

Keith Googe and Skip Gibbs, Insurance Advisors, Preferred Church Insurers of North Carolina

“Is Your Church At Risk?”

This session presents practical risk management steps to minimize the risk of allegations of child sexual abuse and other risks that may take place at your church. Risk management resources on the topics of children and youth protection along with employee and volunteers will be made available to the attendees. The presentation includes relevant, historical data illustrating the severity and frequency of such activity in our society today.

Personal Effectiveness

Jeanette Weyandt,

Director of Counseling Ministry, Calvary Baptist Church

“Balancing Your Work and Personal Life”

Do you tend to be a “Jill of all trades” with requests from your boss, family, or friends seeking your help often? Have you felt guilty for saying no to such requests, or are you able to set limits with your time so you can avoid exhaustion? So many times women are challenged by trying to be a Proverbs 31 woman and at the same time crave to follow Jesus’ example of getting away from the crowd for forty days of solitude - or perhaps just a few hours! Let’s learn and discuss together ways to keep a healthy and Godly perspective.

Teresa Almond, Ministry Assistant, Glorietta Baptist Church

“Master Brewed for Balanced Service”

My Life is completely Balanced - Yeah Right!!!!

Has your life “bean” balanced in Christ? Or are you just trying to stay balanced during the daily grind of life? Well, perk up and stop by the “Higher Grounds” Coffee Shoppe during the Tuesday morning breakout sessions and together we will try to figure out how to stay balanced in an unbalanced world!

Leader - TBA

“Balancing Your Life with Exercise”

- Session one will be low impact exercise. You will discover things that you can do at home, at work, perhaps in line at the grocery store!

- Session two is a little more “ramped up.” Although, you most likely won’t break a sweat, you’ll find ways to definitely increase your heart rate!

Johnny Ross, GuideStone State Representative, BSCNC

“Overview of Retirement Plan”

It is possible to be an active participant in the Church Retirement Plan and have very little understanding of the benefits you have. It is also possible to be “on the sidelines” missing out completely on the very BEST retirement plan available to employees of our churches. This conference will provide an overview of the plan explaining the great benefits enjoyed by participants and revealing the wonderful benefits which non-participants are missing. Don’t be caught by “ignorance” and later regret it!

Ray Morrow, Assistant Professor of General Internal Medicine, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

“Dare To Be A Healthy Christian”

The current plague of poor health habits is threatening the mission of the Christian Church. Learn about the current health dilemma that the Church is facing and how Christians can live the basics of good health.

Dawn Larkins, Pianist, Teacher and Computer Guru

- *“Coupon 101: Grocery Stores”*

In this economy, people are cutting costs everywhere. Have you ever wondered how you could save money at the grocery store? This is a basic Grocery Store coupon class. Topics covered in this session are: The Price Book, Where to find coupons, How to organize coupons, Stacking coupons, Coupon Lingo, How to understand the deal, Rules and policies of the store, How to effectively use coupons in the grocery store, and Grocery store strategies.

- *Coupon 102: Drug Stores*

This session focuses on basic Drug Store shopping strategies. Topics covered are: Rules and policies of the stores (CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid) Reward Cards, Rewards for promotional items, How to put deals together, and How to Roll your money at the drug stores.

Thomas Craven, Lieutenant, Patrol Division, Winston-Salem Police

“Identity Theft: Are You Safe?”

Did you know that identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes and one of the most lucrative businesses in America? Learn new and innovative ways criminals are accessing your information and what they are doing with it. Discover what you can do to combat the problem or deal with it if it has happened to you or someone in your circle.

Tyler Domske, Youth Minister, First Presbyterian Church ,

Mooreville, NC

“God Goes to The Movies”

Do you watch only Christian movies? Neither do your kids. If we believe that God is the creator of all things, then we can start to see his presence in and through all things, even secular movies. To say that God cannot be found in the midst of a summer blockbuster is putting a bit of a limit on what God can do. That is the aim behind “God Goes to the Movies” - to find ways in which God is speaking through mainstream movies, helping us to see that God shines through all things, not simply through the Christian market. We will look at clips from several movies to see what these movies can tell us about God, and awaken our senses to God’s presence in the places that we least expect it.