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Wild About Jesus

Wow! What a sweet spirit we experienced at the 2012 Conference. We were so blessed to have Phyllis Elvington challenge us to be "Wild About Jesus" as we "Listen to God Speak". Phyllis encouraged us to trust, don't worry, watch and pray, place what we have in the hands of the Master for Him to multiply it, and give thanks in everything. Jesus retreated, prayed, and listened carefully for the Master's instructions. May each of us find that place of stillness and begin to seek and experience a deeper rela-

tionship with the Father. As we seek Him let us not see the chaos in our lives but let us be "Wild About Jesus" and be examples to others we encounter on our journey. Your officers have already begun preparation for the 2013 Conference. We ask for your prayers as we serve "YOU" and look for ways to assist our members. We are trusting the Lord to lead us to the keynote speaker, breakout leaders, and volunteers for the 2013 conference.

Begin making your preparations to join us for the 2013 Conference November 4th - 6th at Caswell. I look forward to seeing each of you in November. If we can assist you in any way, please know your officers are here to serve you.

Brenda Boyles

WHEN WE PUT
OUR PROBLEMS IN
GOD'S HANDS,
HE PUTS HIS PEACE IN
OUR HEARTS.

Ask us any question....

Send us any comment....

We are listening....

Evaluations in Review

We asked and you provided. Why are we asking each year for your evaluation? We value your input. You have told us the things about the conference that you liked and disliked. The Executive Committee has already met and discussed the

evaluations. We will do our best to implement the changes that are necessary to fulfill your needs at Caswell. We appreciate your comments and suggestions. This is a vital part of our planning process for 2013. Our goal is to improve the conference each year and your input

helps us to accomplish just that. Thank you for taking your time and filling out the evaluation each year. We do listen!

Diane Rowell

Casting all your care upon Him;
for He careth for you.

1 Peter 5:7

FORT CASWELL



Fort Caswell is a coastal fort located on Oak Island on the North Carolina coast as a part of the Harbor Defense of Cape Fear and Wilmington, NC. The fort is fairly unique in several ways because it was first a masonry Third System Fort, started in 1826, that was overbuilt as an Endicott Period Fort in 1894 and, at the end of its military life in 1946, was purchased by the Baptist Convention of North Carolina.



LEAVE IT
at the
CROSS

Registration for 2013 Conference

As I write this, it is a cold and dreary day. Doesn't that make you look forward to going to the beach where it's a bit warmer and maybe sunnier?

As you probably know by now, the 2013 Conference for the NC Baptist Secretaries Association will be at Ft. Caswell, Oak Island, NC on November 4-6th. There are a number of reasons for scheduling the next conference at the coast. We have a number of ministry assistants who have been faithful in coming from the eastern part of the state to Caryaway and Ridgecrest for years. They have often com-

mented on their evaluation forms that we should come down there sometime. It is important to us to try to keep the costs of our conferences down and NC Baptist Assembly at Caswell definitely offered the most economical deal as well.

We have reserved plenty of space for every one and hope you will all make the effort to join us at the beach. The Smith Conference Center will house 76 guests. We also have two houses across the street from the conference center reserved for all beyond that number. Of course, the first ones to register will be

placed in the Smith Center, so it is to your benefit to get your deposit in early. The fee will be \$200.00 for the entire conference. You can make installments if you so desire. Make checks payable to the NCBSA and mail to Drema Hill PO Box 2167 Asheboro, NC 27204.

Your officers are already hard at work making plans for what we pray will be a very rewarding and inspiring conference. See you at the beach!!!!!!



Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund

As most of you know, the NC Baptist Secretaries Association was founded by Betty Walker, administrative assistant at FBC in Burlington. She served as the first president of the association. Betty also served on the planning committee that led to the formation of the National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries and served as the sec-

ond president of that organization.

On this 30th anniversary of the NCBSA, your officers felt it fitting to make a contribution in your honor to the Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund instead of a table favor for you at this year's banquet. We made a donation \$250.00 in honor of our 30th anniversary, along with the \$85.00 which was

collected at the conference. These funds will help keep the organization functioning for years to come. Contributions can be made to the Betty Walker Endowment Fund at any time. Please be sure your checks are marked accordingly.



Drema Hill

WILD ABOUT JESUS THROUGH SONG

Isaiah 42:10 says, "Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth,...". Music is one of those good things in life we take for granted. Good music is a blessing from God and it is a soothing tonic for troubled hearts. Hearts in tune with God will sing praises to Him. Music can motivate us to live for Christ, read His Word, (yes, Phyllis, I said "read His Word") and through it we can lift our hearts in praise

unto Him.

God created music and it is heard in the whisper of the wind and in the song of the birds. He also gave man (or should I say Jonathan and Laura) the gift of song; and throughout all the ages, music has blessed multitudes of people.

Singing God's praises honors the Lord, edifies each other, and brings us joy. Jonathan and Laura did a fantastic job in bringing us into worship. For me the

sound of worship is like the balm in Gilead. It soothes my restless soul and it lifts my heavy spirit. Through it, God speaks a peace to our hearts and assures us of His abiding presence.

Thanks Jonathan and Laura for listening to the voice of God and bringing us songs that he laid on your heart. You both were "Wild About Jesus".

Diane Rowell

SEE YOU AT CASWELL!

MISSION'S EMPHASIS - Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital

Each year, the officers choose a recipient for our mission's emphasis that year. There are so many needy and worthy causes; it is sometimes a difficult task. However, this year we wanted to choose an entity that was available to the entire state, not just a particular area. We decided the Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital would be the recipient this year. Dr. Paul Mullen graciously agreed to come and introduce the offering emphasis at our opening session.

Many of us have either been

treated at Baptist Hospital or have had family members, church members and friends treated there. Many times, there are folks who, through no fault of their own just cannot pay the hospital bills. The benevolent fund was set up many years ago, for just this. It assists those who sometimes "fall through the cracks." They make too much money to qualify for government assistance, but not enough to pay these, sometimes astronomical and unexpected hospital bills.

Through your generosity, \$817.36 was collected and sent to the hospital from the North Carolina Baptist Secretaries Association for the 2012 conference. We also sent 21 blankets to WFUBH Cancer Center.

Drema Hill



Break-Out Sessions

It is with a feeling of great anticipation each fall when I receive my final newsletter before our conference. I can hardly wait for information to see what great Keynote speaker we will have and to see what great Break-Out session will be offered.

This year was no exception! I was unable to attend them all but I understand that every leader in every session was outstanding. Marty Dupree was there to help us learn how to more effectively share our faith and Sheila Berry designed a spiritual

wardrobe for the well-dressed Christian lady. Dr. Mike Collier encouraged us to fight courageously for our families and Becky Myers opened the Word to help us deepen our relationship - become WILD about - the Lord Jesus. Teresa Almond helped us get out of "The Jungle" by putting some fun and praise into our lives.

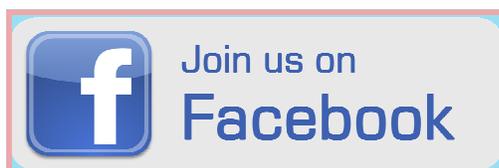
We were encouraged by other session leaders to eat healthy, use our Spiritual gifts effectively, how to dress for success, and what a privilege it is to raise our

children to be on mission. And, thankfully, Kay Tatum was on hand again to help with our computer expertise.

Happily there were Break-Out sessions for all of us and I'm sure we went back to our places of services with a greater desire and ability to serve our Lord more effectively. I am excited as I look forward to 2013!

May God bless and guide our lives in the year ahead.

Patsy Mills



Find us at [NCBaptist Secretaries](#) or leave us a message at NCBaptistSecretaries@gmail.com.

This year we decided that we would do a Facebook page. We thought it would be a great way to interact with secretaries, ministry assistants, and others that are connected with NCBSA. We just ask that you use Facebook as a way to share your prayer requests,

concerns, and ask questions concerning your area of work. The Facebook "wall" is where it all happens. Use our Facebook page to connect with co-workers and see what they're posting.

It can be a great way to keep in contact with your friends **BUT**

remember that the comments you post on group discussion boards can be read by anyone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the officers at any time.

JESUS IS LORD OF ALL!



Registration Form Date: Nov. 4 - 6

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: _____

TOTAL COST: \$200.00 (includes membership and conference fee, room at conference center, and meals). Private room - additional \$70

COMMUTERS: \$145.00 (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:

Drema Hill

c/o Randolph Baptist Association

P.O. Box 2167

Asheboro. NC 27204

Cancellations: Before July 31: Full refund;

Aug. 1 – Sept. 30: 60% refund;

After Sept. 30: No refunds;

\$25 Membership - Nonrefundable.

Final Payment Due: September 30



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