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**November 4-6, 2013
Ft. Caswell, NC**

"You my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature, rather serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13

The last couple of years the news has covered several stories of cruise ships that have either gone off course, or had mechanical failure that resulted in horrible outcomes. As Christians we must be equipped, well prepared, ready, and worthy of the task set before us. Have we gone off course, had failures that

resulted in us not being equipped and ready to serve? What better place for us to reevaluate if we are truly prepared, well equipped, ready, and worthy to serve our Lord and Savior than Ft. Caswell's beautiful setting by the ocean.



Renea Henderson will be

our keynote speaker.

Renea's unique gifts allow her to share the gospel, challenge our hearts, and make us laugh and cry all at the same time. Renea communicates the gospel through drama, stories, and song in a very powerful way. A few words used to describe Renea are: "Outstanding... hilarious... challenging... dynamic! She will also share with us on Tuesday evening through a mix of contemporary, southern gospel and inspirational music. Renea is married to Rev. Johnny Henderson and has three daughters.

You don't want to miss the blessing as Renea feeds your soul, strengthens your faith and makes you laugh. We want our vessels to be sea worthy and I hope you are making plans to join us as Renea is sure to lead us on an unforgettable cruise experience with a renewed spirit as we

**Set Sail
for Serving.**

We all like to receive door prizes. It's an exciting time at the conference when it's time to give out door prizes. We all hope that our name is called or that of our co-workers. Would you please consider bringing a gift or gifts when you come this year? It's because of your thoughtfulness that makes 'door prize' give away a blessing.



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.



REGISTRATION FOR 2013 CONFERENCE



First of all, let me thank those of you who have already sent in your registration and deposit for the NCBSA conference. As you know by now, we will "Set Sail for Serving."

There is no telling what kind of treasures you may find in the sand at Caswell.

Registration is up tremendously from this time last year, but there are still rooms available in the main building. If you prefer to stay in that building, let me encourage you to send your registration, along with at

least a \$50.00 deposit to hold your room as soon as possible. Otherwise, as you know we do have accommodations across the road from the main building reserved as well. There will be plenty of room for everyone.

Your officers have already had two planning sessions and have another planned in June. We are excited about serving you and are trying to provide a speaker, music and breakout sessions that will supply your every need, as well as a little fun thrown in as well.

TUESDAY NIGHT BANQUET

We are having something different this year. We are inviting you, your association, or group to decorate a table or tables at Tuesday Night Parade of Tables.

We ask that you keep with the theme "Set Sail for Serving" or a beach theme. Contact Brenda Boyles: 704-786-9171 or email her. bboyles@cabarrusbaptist.com and let her know how many tables you want to decorate.

We're looking forward to seeing some magnificent tables.



LET'S JUST LIFT OUR HANDS AND PRAISE THE LORD



Jonathan and Laura

will be back with us again this year to lead us in worship.

The benefits of worship songs can be many and specific to the individual. We all need different things in our lives to make us go, keep us motivated and on track. Therefore, there is no one benefit that meets the needs of all individuals. We must extract what we need from praise and worship songs that we listen to in order for them to be beneficial.

Glorifying God is the very purpose of our existence. When you sing His praises, you are actually aligning yourself with God's plan for

The Joy of Serving

2013 Nominating Committee

- Kim Smith, Chairperson
- Sheila Berry
- Sherry Martin

2013 Advisory Team

- Teresa Almond
- Angela Cockerman
- Pam Shoaf

Please be in much prayer for all of the above. If you are asked to serve in some capacity, please give it your prayerful consideration before you give your answer. It is such a blessing to *serve* as an officer. It would be great if each of you could

your life. This releases his blessings over and into your life. Our Creator certainly deserves our worship. He is worthy of it, and due the honor. The fascinating truth is that we need worship more than He does!

We can't wait to see what God has planned for us during worship time.



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MISSION'S EMPHASIS

In keeping with helping those in N.C., the executive committee has decided to promote North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) as our mission project for this year. NCBAM is a dynamic Christian resource dedicated to serving North Carolina's aging (65 years and older) and their families. The ministry focuses on providing information and referrals, on connecting the aging and their families with resources to meet needs,

and on coordinating practical ministries. In partnership with North Carolina Baptists, as well as social service agencies, NCBAM provides "help for the journey" while seeking to enable the aging to maintain independence and quality lives.

The needs of North Carolina's aging are ever increasing. NCBAM shrinks the gap between those needs and people willing to help.

In addition to aging

adults receiving the practical help they need to enjoy quality lives in their own homes, NCBAM wants to change the way our culture views aging people. North Carolina Baptists are committed to honor and recognize the aging as true legacy builders.

We realize we have several retired secretaries and more approaching retirement and thought "some of our own" might even benefit from NCBAM.

Drema Hill



FIRST-TIMERS' WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

Sister secretaries, we need some new members for our organization! Please be diligent to invite those who have never been to a conference to join us at Caswell next November.

Anytime we do something we haven't done before – tried a new recipe, a different hair style, or even a new Bible study group – along with our anticipation of a happy result, there is also some apprehension. It's that unknown factor that comes into focus.

We don't want our first-time members to feel a moment of apprehension or confusion. For that reason, when a registration form of a first-timer is received, a mentor is assigned to that person. This mentor is a secretary who has attended other NCBSA conferences. She will take the first-timer under her wing from the moment she arrives on Monday until she leaves on Wednesday. The mentor will help her find her room, show her around the conference area at Caswell and be

on hand to answer any questions the first timer might have. In other words, do everything she can to welcome the first-timer and show her she is special.

We want to do everything we can to make the conference an experience of spiritual and personal enrichment plus lots of great fun and fellowship – for everyone.

Will we see you at the BEACH in November? Come! And bring a first-timer with you!

Patsy Mills



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

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.

Back By Popular Demand

Monday Night Fellowship and Entertainment

Live Auction and 'Live' Entertainment

We need people to donate items to be auctioned off. ALL proceeds will go to NCBSA to help with expenses at our next conference. If you want to donate, please call or email Diane Rowell at 704-933-8006 or office@centralbaptistkannapolis.com and let her know what item(s) you will bring.



We have several 'special' events in store for you.

Don't miss it! Come expecting to have a 'fun-filled' night.



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:

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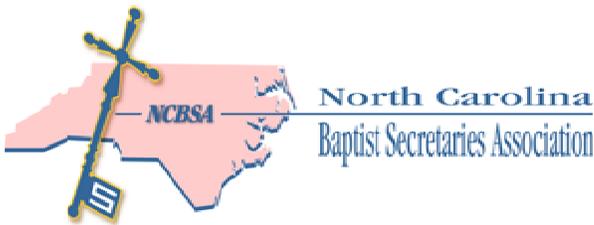
Cancellations: Before July 31: Full refund;

Aug. 1 – Sept. 30: 60% refund;

After Sept. 30: No refunds;

\$25 Membership - Nonrefundable.

Final Payment Due: September 30



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***office@centralbaptistkannapolis.com** with their name & email and they will be added to our mailings. Many Thanks!*

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COMMENTS FROM OUR 2012 CONFERENCE

1. The conference was great. I was spiritually fed and it was a blessing seeing everyone.
2. I loved connecting with other secretaries. Spiritual renewal, encouragement, improve work skills were met.
3. Monday night social was great—do something like that again.
4. I needed a time of renewal with the Lord. A time to not be a servant and to be served.
5. Peace of mind and laughter.
6. Spiritual encouragement and growth.
7. Time away and fellowship with other secretaries.
8. The great thing about the conference is that the breakouts are varied to meet the individual needs.
9. Always the speaker addresses areas that God is working in my life.