



# Carolina Connection

A quarterly publication connecting Baptist Secretaries across North Carolina

**Hollifield Hall @ Caraway  
Conference Center**  
(Picture from Dec. 2014)



**New beginnings at Caraway! Wow, you won't want to miss this year's conference! Excitement is in the air everywhere at Caraway. As you are reading this newsletter they are in the process of building a brand new auditorium, Hollifield Hall. It is scheduled to be finished in time for our November 9-11, 2015, conference. So, register ASAP to be sure you have a place reserved and to be a part of this special time together. It is going to be so nice to have plenty of room to conduct our conference.**



As your Executive Committee came together to discuss what we felt led by God for our theme and scripture for the November conference, we were all on the same page with "Rooted in God's Love." He led us to this scripture: *"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."* Co-

lossians 2:7 (NLT). Isn't it awesome when we are seeking God's direction how He puts the same thoughts in each of our minds? When it is His will for something He will tell more than one person.

With the weather complications we have had recently, (beautiful as it was), progress has been slower than expected. But God is working all things out for us and you. We are excited to see what God has in store for each of us at Caraway this year. Please get your registrations to Drema early! Because of the cut-off policy dates that Caraway has, your early registration is very important. They have to have our final number by the first week of August. If you don't have all of your money right now, remember \$50.00 will hold your place and you can make installments during the year. Come and let our roots begin to grow deeper into God's love together!

Nancy Evans

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Have you ever been in the presence of someone who made you feel that you have known each other all your life? Maybe someone who made you feel like you were the most important person in a room full of people? That person is our 2015 NCBSA Conference keynote speaker, Wendy Peters. She exhibits the love referred to in our theme Bible verse, Colossians 2:7. Someone who has received Jesus Christ as Lord, lives in the fullness of Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness, love, and grace. She is a creative speaker using her life experiences to convey biblical truths to women.



Wendy is a pastor's wife and a mother to Anna Grace (13), John (9), and Liam (3). She has been married to the love of her life, Rob, for the past 17 years and she serves alongside him as he ministers as the Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. A former 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and home school director, she is now blessed to stay at home and concentrate on being a mom as well as teaching & encouraging others as the Lord leads.

Commit to pray for Wendy and the NCBSA Conference expecting to be blessed.

Sandra Hall



Renea Henderson will be our Music/Worship Leader this year. She is a 1973 graduate South Iredell High School, a 1975 Graduate Mitchell College, and has participated in various home and foreign mission evangelistic outreaches. Renea is a lady with a full schedule. She loves to share her talents with the NCBSA ladies. She has made the statement that the spirit at our conferences are much the same as with the pastor's wives conferences. That is quite a compliment to the NCBSA.



Renea shares in Christian ministry through a mix of contemporary/southern gospel/inspirational music concerts, children's and clown ministry, and public speaking through retreats, conferences and special events specializing in family/Christian entertainment. Through a number of outrageously humorous dramatic characters, Renea provides "side-splitting" comedy with a message that is combined with a power-packed message.

She is owner of Henderson's Balloon Creations, a home based business featuring balloons, gifts, Christian products, special occasion decorating, and family oriented entertainment.



This year, since the conference will be held the second week of November, we will be meeting on Veteran's Day. The officers felt it would be appropriate to do something for our military this year. Our mission emphasis this year will be Operation North State. ONS utilizes North Carolina's people, places, products and pride to provide numerous military support services programs as a show of support and appreciation to the men and women who are currently serving in all branches of the armed forces as well as providing support programs for the veterans-in-need

that call North Carolina home. One of ONS' premier projects is their NCCARES Christmas Box Project-the state's #1 NC themed Christmas care package. In 2014, ONS completed its fifth year of NCCARES Christmas Box Project to send 1500 packages to North Carolina deployed troops. At our conference this year will be collecting Lance food products-crackers, peanuts, peanut bars, etc. For those of you that would prefer, you can also make a monetary donation at the conference that will help offset their postage cost.



On Monday night we plan to have cookies and hot cider around the fire pit. Make plans to join us, as we are able to catch up with old friends and welcome new ones.

### First-Timers Welcome and Orientation

Do you have ministry assistants in your area who have never been to the NC Baptist Secretaries Conference? Whether they have been serving for years or are new in the position, you know how much they could benefit from our conference. Please reach out to them and tell them about our conference. Invite them to come; encourage their pastors to allow them to come and if at all possible to pay for it.

We will again be assigning mentors to each first timer attending. It seems that this has been a tremendous benefit to those who've come in the past few years. The mentor will contact her before the conference and then meet her when she arrives. She will help her find her room and show her around the conference center. She will also be available to answer any questions the first-timer may have concerning the organization and the conference. If you would like to serve as a mentor, please let the officers know. We hope to need several!

We always have many breakout sessions geared at helping us with our job responsibilities. We also 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.

### We are here for you!!

Remember if you need to contact any of the officers, our phone numbers and emails are listed on the first page. Feel free to contact us with questions, concerns, prayer requests, or ideas. You can also send emails to [ncbaptistsecretaries@gmail.com](mailto:ncbaptistsecretaries@gmail.com).



If you would be willing to bring a case of can drinks or bottled water to the conference please let us know. We will have the drinks out during the conference for everybody.



Pictures...pictures...we need pictures! While at Caraway, we will be making a new 2015 directory. If you have pictures of recent past conferences, please either scan and email or mail them to one of your officers. We want to include a few candid shots in our directory.

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

## REGISTRATION

First of all, let me thank those of you who have already sent in your registration and deposit for the NCBSA conference. It has been a few years now since we have been to Caraway. It is very exciting to be one of the first groups to use the new auditorium. It promises to be a beautiful and reverent place to worship.



Your officers have already had two planning sessions and have another planned in May. 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. It is always fun to reunite with old friends and make new ones.

We have something in common right off in that we all serve God and others through our ministry positions. In this newsletter, you will be introduced to our theme, speaker and worship leader. Begin praying for our sessions and our officers if you have not already done so. Let's all pray that this will be the best conference ever.

Send in your registrations as soon as possible, so we will know better how to plan. Caraway requires the final numbers be turned in to them a little earlier now, so that is the reason for the earlier cut-off date. A \$50 deposit will hold your spot, with the balance due by August 1st.

## 2015 NCBSA Conference November 9-11 at Caraway

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! Caraway will fill up quick!**

A \$50.00 deposit, along with the completed registration form by July 1, reserves your spot. Remainder due by August 1.

**Amount enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Installments are acceptable)

**Make checks payable to NCBSA. Mail to:**

Drema Hill

c/o Randolph Baptist Association

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Cancellations: Before June 30: Full refund

July 1-August 1: 60% refund

After August 1: No refunds

\$30 Membership - Nonrefundable

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY AUGUST 1**



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