

Registration Form

Name: _____
 Place of Employment: _____
 Mailing Address (work): _____
 City: _____
 Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____
 E-mail Address: (Required) _____
 Position: _____
 Association: _____
 Roommate(s): _____
 NEED Private Room (Enclose additional \$60): _____
 Special Needs: _____
 Membership Only: \$25 _____
 This is my first time attending a NCBSA conference: _____

TOTAL COST: \$185.00 (includes membership and conference fee, room at conference center, and meals). Private room - additional \$60

COMMUTERS: \$130.00 (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:
 Cathy Hawkins
 345 Main Street
 Hudson, NC 28638

Cancellations: Before Aug. 1 - all but membership fee will be refunded.
 Between Sept. 1 & 30 - 90% of conference fee will be refunded (excluding membership fee).
 After Sept. 30 - No refunds (extreme circumstances will be taken into consideration).

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
 September 30, 2008!

Final Payment Due: September 30

Frances Jenell Miller

Frances was retired as secretary of the Ridge Baptist Association where she served for 24 years. She was the immediate past president of the National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries, Inc (NASBS). Frances was a member of Lake Shipp Baptist Church for the past 27 years where her husband served as pastor. She was a current member of Lena Vista Baptist Church.

In
 Memorium:
 Frances Jenell
 Miller
 December 29, 2007



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– Journey of Promise – A Mountaintop Experience

by Jo Ann Walton, President

After Abraham witnessed God's mighty hand of provision on Mount Moriah, I wonder if he was really ready to leave for home with his son, Isaac? Don't you think he wanted to stay and relish in the moment? After all, God had met his need and provided a ram for the sacrifice AND Abraham *knew*, most assuredly, that His God was a true promisekeeper. Nevertheless, don't you think Abraham was anxious to get back home to share his miraculous faith story with his friends and relatives?

spending time with God and each other!!



It takes numerous hours and lots of prayer and hard work to plan a NCBSA conference. Plus, it takes "workers" to bring that vision to fruition. So many of you willingly pitched in and assisted tirelessly to make that happen, and for that I am grateful. Many thanks to Kim Bolton, Jonathan and Laura Turner, and the Alexander Baptist Association "FunFest" girls, for your special touch. And finally, let me again give special thanks to the rest of the 2007 Executive Committee, Brenda Boyles, Gail Holland, and Linda Lunsford. You are the greatest!



Our time spent at Ridgecrest proves to me that we are all a lot like Abraham. We love

Hope to see you all at Caraway!!

Conference In Review

By Angela Cockerham, President Elect

It was amazingly evident that God had orchestrated the topics presented by Kim Bolton and the breakout leaders at Ridgecrest this past November. Like a three-corded rope, the topics intertwined, strengthening our faith and uplifting our spirits. Thank you to all who participated in making our 2007 conference the best ever!



Your evaluation comments included: "one of the best conferences I've ever attended" ... "well worth my time" ... "wonderful" ... "lots of opportunities to grow" ... "spiritual". The Executive Committee commends each of you for turning in your evaluation forms. Your comments and suggestions are a vital part of the planning process, and they help ensure that the conference will continue to grow, improve, and meet the needs of North Carolina's Baptist secretaries.

- 2008 Executive Committee
- Jo Ann Walton
President
- Angela Cockerham
President Elect
- Linda Lunsford
2nd Vice President
- Cathy Hawkins
Secretary/Treasurer

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Inspirational & Up-lifting

By Linda Lunsford, 2nd Vice President



“Cause
I’m
the
PMS
Queen
... ”

Concerning our gathering, the following were words spoken from the heart of Rev. Geary Walton, our Spiritual Advisor: “*Shame on us men. Who said women don’t know how to lead worship?*”

Each year as we open our hearts to God, he continually comes to meet with us. This year was no different as His presence was felt in our midst. Thanks to the leadership of Jonathan and Laura Turner and Kim Bolton, we were led to the throne of God once again. Yes, even in our times of laughter and Kim’s PMS Queen

rendition, God’s presence was felt as all of our female conference participants bonded around our monthly madness. As demonstrated by the personal testimonies of many, our spirits were truly blessed and our hearts renewed.

Why would we expect our next conference to be any different? Sure hope you are already making plans to attend November 3-5, 2008 at the Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro.

Hope to see you there!!

For The Record

By Cathy Hawkins, Secretary/Treasurer

Ridgecrest was just awesome! We had a total of 164 secretaries/ministry assistants attending this year. Your generosity in giving is to be commended. The total amount collected for Care House was \$1,939.74, so with the promised matching funds, our collection actually benefited the Care House \$3,879.48. You were also great shoppers. Our sale item purchases totaled \$1,527.60.

Sale Items Still Available

- One long sleeved T-shirt – \$12
- Several tote bags – 1/\$6 or 2/\$10
- A few engraveable charms – \$10
- “2007 Ornaments Sold Out”

Please e-mail me at fbchudson@bellsouth.net if you would like to purchase any of these items. I look forward to working with each of you this year. Let’s talk to our local secretaries/ministry assistants to encourage them to attend our conference in November.



TO ORDER:
Contact
Cathy Hawkins

See officer info
on page 3.

Carolina Connection Makes It’s Debut



A total of 31 entries were received and the top 3 submissions were determined by our officers. These three contestants were recognized in our November meeting and are as follows (alphabetical order):

- 1.) *Carolina Connection* - submitted by Anita Cullen (Clyde)
- 2.) *Keylink* - submitted by Rhonda Clark (Durham)
- 3.) *The M.A.S.T.* - submitted by Diane Rowell (Kannapolis)

After the ballots were in, your vote determined the outcome of our newsletter’s new name. *Carolina Connection* took the most votes and is very fitting, as many entries expressed the purpose of this publication. It is a vital part of our ministry in keeping us informed and “connected” with each other. Anita Cullen received a handmade afghan as the prize, and her entry makes it’s debut in this 2008 Winter edition. A big thank you to all those who submitted entries.

25th Anniversary “Panaroma Of Pictures”



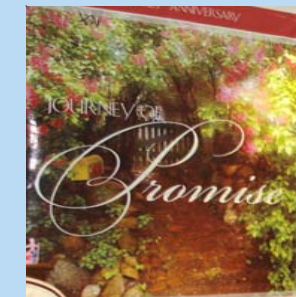
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Kim Bolton –
Our PMS Queen



Celebration Banquet – A Table set for Queens!



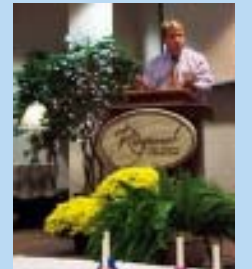
Journey of Promise



Celebration Banquet
Great conversation & fellowship



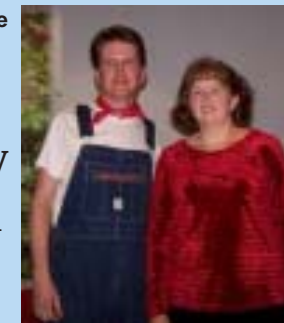
Forever Friends
Kay Beamon &
Bobbi Young



2007 Missions Emphasis
C. F. McDowell shares
about the BCH Care House

25th
Anniversary
Celebration

Jeremiah 29:11



Jonathan & Laura Turner,
Alias – Peakwood & Mrs. Gasp



“Boosting Our Local Association”
led by Sandra Hall



25th Anniversary Cake
2007 Officers

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2008 Officers Info ... We Are Here For You!

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