

**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.

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

**Make checks payable to NCBSA. Mail to:**  
 Brenda Boyles  
 c/o Cabarrus Baptist Association  
 930 Lee Ann Drive  
 Concord, NC 28025

**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).

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
 September 30

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER:**  
 September 30, 2007!

**Final Payment Due: September 30**



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## 2006 NCBSA Conference A Huge Success!

By Jo Ann Walton



*His Spirit Among Us 2006*

Looking back . . . on the 2006 NCBSA Conference, I wouldn't change a thing!! Many words describe it – inspirational, heart-warming, beautiful, fun ... but the best description is "totally awesome." Lots of people worked diligently for many months to make our time together so wonderful and enjoyable. Teresa Almond and Kay Hale, thank you for your tireless dedication and attention to detail and organization. Girls, you are a blessing!

Looking forward . . . as your officers, we are striving to find more and better ways to serve YOU during the year and diligently looking for ways to help our members "connect." Because we believe communication is vitally important to our relationships, we have chosen it as the theme for this newsletter. Your evaluation responses are crucial to our planning and prayers. In addition, your feedback and completion of any questionnaires will prove to be beneficial to our organization. Be assured, Brenda, Gail, Linda, and I are already hard at work on the 2007 conference. We are trusting the Lord to lead us to the right keynote speaker, musicians, breakout leaders and volunteers.

I look forward to seeing each of you in November!!

### Evaluations In Review

By Gail Holland

Why are we asked each year to fill out an evaluation form at the conference? More paperwork we don't need.... But your officers want and need to know how we can meet your needs during our time together. We need honest opinions on what is working and what is missing when we come together each year. We appreciate the fact that it is a big investment of your time and energy to leave your jobs for

three days and travel out of town to be together. You gave us many wonderful suggestions and we intend to incorporate as many of your ideas as possible.

Overwhelmingly, you have told us that the things you need most are spiritual renewal, encouragement, fellowship, a break from your routine, and that you need to laugh. You want more familiar music, more time in the classroom (which means less time in general

sessions so that this is possible). Most of you prefer to meet at Caraway, but unfortunately their campus limits the number of people we can accommodate. You want more communication throughout the year through e-mails and our website. You want water, fruit ... and chocolate available at all times. Wow! You go girls!!

**Chocolate, Fruit & Water ... A Must!**

### 2007 Executive Committee

Jo Ann Walton  
 President

Gail Holland  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Linda Lunsford  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Brenda Boyles  
 Secretary/Treasurer

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## The Magic Of God's Presence

By Linda Lunsford

*"We've got  
so much,  
so much,  
so much,*



*...  
to be  
thankful  
for!"*



Guitar-picking George Fields

Were you as amazed as I was, when George Fields performed his magic tricks at our 2006 State Conference? I still can't figure out how he did

that rope trick ...

So it is with the magic of God's presence in our lives. I am always amazed how God's presence makes all the difference in our lives and the lives of those we serve.

As ministry assistants, we must remember it is the power of God's presence that brings wisdom for our day, healing for the hurting, and joy in our service. As we serve in 2007, let us be encouraged to not question how God works, but to

live by faith and know that even if we can't visibly see Him – God's holy presence is all around and in us, continually accomplishing His purposes.

We are praying that God is already preparing your hearts to receive His blessings at our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

**Register Early!**

## The Joy Of God's Presence

By Brenda Boyles

Judging from your responses, many of you found renewed joy and inspiration from our time together. From the unique fashion show (straight from Paris) to our "holy" sing-along, we truly experienced the lighthearted and sweet spirit of our God.

Another evidence of God's presence among us was His generous spirit displayed in your giving. You gave an amazing \$1,325.00 to help

the children at Victory Junction. Fantastic!

We honor God when we *give and seek* Him with all our heart, mind and soul. Both can sometimes be hard work, but it is in our giving and seeking that we truly find the joy of God's presence.

From the sale of T-shirts and tote bags (which, by the way, were a big hit), we collected \$1,329.00. We still have some T-shirts available at a cost

of \$15. Send me an e-mail to place your order. And don't miss out – mail your registration forms early and join us for the 2007 NCBSA Conference at Ridgecrest. It's sure to be a joyful mountaintop experience!

**TO ORDER:**  
E-mail  
Brenda Boyles!  
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## "Our Newsletter Needs A Name" Contest



In celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we thought it was time our quarterly newsletter was given a name. Since it is a primary tool for connecting our members, we wanted to include you in the process.

Our newsletter is one of the main ways we stay informed, so let's brainstorm together and give it the title it deserves.

Judging will be done by the 2007 Executive Committee and the "top three" entries will be announced at our Conference in November. Then ... you get the final vote. So, get your creative juices flowing and send in your entries.

### Ways to submit your entries (no limit):

- 1) Submit your entry online: [www.ncbaptistsecretaries.net](http://www.ncbaptistsecretaries.net)
- 2) Answer questions below using separate sheet of paper. Mail to: Linda Lunsford, Ardmore Baptist Church, PO Box 5507, Winston-Salem, NC 27113.

Newsletter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Why I Chose This Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The newsletter has meant to me ... \_\_\_\_\_

Constructive tips for improvement: \_\_\_\_\_

*Be sure to include your name, address, phone and email.*

**Entry Deadline:** August 1, 2007

Check us out on the web!

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## Conference Tidbits – From Caraway to Ridgecrest



"Retreating" to Caraway

After just returning from our second planning meeting held at Ridgecrest, we were once again reminded that it is, just like Caraway, a special place to "draw aside" from the dailyness of life. We are excited about hosting our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration there and are pleased to let you know that with their new facilities – our rooms, general assemblies, and all breakout sessions will be held in the same building (Mountain Laurel Inn). All meals and Tuesday's banquet will be served in Rhododendron Hall. Because it is our goal to encourage more secretaries to attend, the LifeWay Conference Center at Ridgecrest was more accommodating for a crowd of 200+.

We, as your officers, ask that you please don't let travel or distance be a factor in keeping you from attending this year. Let us know if you are willing to carpool or are looking for a traveling companion. We'll be glad to assist!

## Are We User Friendly?

*How can the NCBSA help you throughout the year?*

According to your evaluation responses to this question, you want continuing communication, plus maximizing the use of the Internet and our newsletter publication. Be assured, we are reviewing these two avenues of media and want to hear from you. One of our goals is to design our

website and publication to meet your needs.

Several of you have suggested forming care groups, as a means of support and staying informed of prayer needs. Did you know when you submit your prayer requests online, they are forwarded to Linda Lunsford, who then posts them on the web? Since our meeting in November, two of our secretaries have been badly

injured. Being able to post requests such as these, allow us to stay united in prayer and gives us opportunities to encourage each other by e-mail or snail mail.

We'll be praying for you!

*Password protection and other security issues are being explored. Check out our findings in the next edition of our newsletter.*

**Are you or someone you know in need of prayer?**

**Visit our website and submit your requests ...**

*God's inspiration*

+

*Betty Walker's  
act of obedience*

=

*a dream realized*

+ *hundreds*

*of*

*NC secretaries*

*blessed!*

## Communication Is Vital

We want to hear from you!

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