

Registration Form

Name: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Mailing Address (work): _____

City: _____

Home 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).

Final Payment Due: September 30



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Recognizing God's Language of Love

By Angela Cockerham, President

On my drive to Caraway last November I noticed God's beauty all around me. But as I drove away after the conference, something was different. I had a new perspective. I still saw God's beauty; however this time, I saw it as an expression of His love. It was such an eye-opener for me to realize that God expresses His love in so many different ways, and oftentimes I don't even recognize it. My prayer is that I, and each of you, will learn to see those "100 little ways" that God shows His love to us.

God's love is sometimes reflected in the people He puts in our lives. I want to take a moment to thank each of you for taking part in the 2008 NCBSA conference, and for allowing God's love to shine through you. Although the executive committee plans the conference, it takes each of you to make it what it is.

I want to also thank our keynote speaker Dr. Gary Chapman who did an outstanding job of sharing "God's Language of Love"; and of course, as always, our guest speaker Haven Parrott was a true blessing. Thanks to the Spenas for the worshipful music, to all the breakout leaders, and to the volunteers who stepped right up when called to task. And what about that grand finale by SPLAT? What an awesome way to end the conference!

As I close, I have a favor to ask of you. These are sobering times, and I ask that as you prepare for the 2009 conference at Ridgecrest, you will not only pray for the conference, but you will also pray for our nation and for each other. Many of us are going through difficult times, but by sticking together we can find joy ... the kind of joy that only comes from our Heavenly Father. God bless you, and I

Listening to You...

By Grace Hodge, First Vice President

We value your input and we do listen... The 2009 Executive Team has already met and discussed the evaluations from last year's conference and are working to implement changes to fulfill your needs at the upcoming conference. We are excited about the plans for this year. And you are such a valuable part of our planning process. People came to the conference looking for "rest and fellowship", "spiritual renewal and growth", and "to be reenergized with professional development." We heard that you connected with old friends and made new friends. One person was glad they were able to share the joys and issues that comes with our unique ministry. We had some first-timers say "I'll be back" and then someone even asked for extra day of renewal. I'm not sure that will happen, but we certainly want to thank the 2008 Officers for the heart and hard work that they put into last year's conference. I have been attending the conference since 2002 and I have never gone home without "meeting Jesus" and a bag full of new ideas or concepts that have helped me in my ministry. Continue

Edited by Karen Brawley



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Secretary/Treasurer

Be Still,
and know
that I am
God

Psalms
46:10

Inspirational

By Karen Brawley, 2nd Vice President

As we drive to Caraway, we witness God's splendor around us. The beauty that surrounds us is simply breathtaking, yet beyond words. God is like that in our everyday-ness. Sometimes we are too busy to stop and take notice as we do on our drive in and out of Caraway. Other times, we are fully aware of Him. Psalms 46:10 tells us "Be still and know that I am God."

Each year, we come away from the conference feeling refreshed and blessed. We're happy that we reconnected with old friends and made new ones. Please mark your calendars now to attend the 2009 Conference at Ridgecrest on November 2 - 4. It is my hope that you will find it to be a joyful conference.

*National Conference for Secretaries
and Ministry Assistants*

25th Anniversary Celebration

Great is Thy Faithfulness

April 22 - 25, 2009

Ridgecrest Conference Center



In the multitude of my
thoughts within me thy
comforts delight my soul.

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For The Record

By Cathy Hawkins, Secretary/Treasurer

I pray that everyone felt the love that I did at Caraway in November. Each year I always leave feeling such a blessing. We had a total of 150 secretaries/ministry assistants attending. The offering sent to the North Carolina School for the Deaf totaled \$1, 196.00. Thank you for giving.

We have some sale items that can still be purchased:

TOTE BAGS-1/\$6 OR 2/\$10(OLD STYE AND NEW STYLE)

ENGRAVABLE CHARMS-\$10

BUTTERFLY CHARMS-\$5

CROCHETED BUTTERFLY MAGNETS-\$5

If you would like to purchase any of these items before conference in November, please e-mail me at FBCHUSON@BELLSOUTH.NET. The remaining items will be available at Ridgecrest in November.

We have great plans already for this year's conference, so get your registration in early! I am looking forward to seeing each of you in November. Encourage the other Secretaries/Ministry Assistants in your Association to join us this year. Let's break attendance records in 2009.



Interest has been expressed in having a choir. If anyone is interested in participating in the NCBSA choir please contact Karen Brawley at 704-663-0986 or e-mail me at kbrawley@bereabaptist.net by May 15.

God's Language of Love in Pic-



NCBSA,

We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expression of sympathy. Thank you for the beautiful peace lily. Mostly, thank you for your prayers and friendship during this difficult time.

Angela Cockerham
Doris Shores Family

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! Cathy, the funds are amazing. Please thank all of your members for each of us here at North Carolina School for the Deaf. I got your voicemail the other afternoon and I thought maybe I misunderstood you when you said how much the total offering was - you guys are incredible! I just wish I could have been at Caraway with you all. I hope you got the brochures I sent. After I mailed them, I realized they didn't have the insert about the Volunteer Services Program so, I apologize for that. I'm sure that your conference was a tremendous success and what beautiful weather you guys had. Hopefully, you're getting some well deserved rest before the holiday rush starts.

Again, I can't thank you enough. Please let your members know that their generosity will go a