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Connecting the Dots Conference



What a wonderful time of year for a retreat! It is always a beautiful setting at Caraway with the beautiful color of leaves and the drive around the mountain.

Our keynote speaker was Dr. David Cox, co-founder from *The Other Six Days*. Dr. Cox spoke on connecting the dots of our life and emphasized that our Worship is our Work and witness, and it reflects how we honor God.

We were happy to have Sandy Yarborough, Minister of Music of Jersey Baptist Church, to lead our worship music and sing a solo. More special music we enjoyed: Linda Lunsford, soloist and former NCBSA officer from Ardmore Baptist Church and Alicia Corder, soloist, volunteer, and daughter of Angela Cockerham.

Tuesday evening, our banquet was served in the dining hall at Caraway. We enjoyed the creative candles on each table as we were served by the Cross Roads Baptist Church Youth Group. Afterwards, our entertainment was "Steel Praisin" steel drum band from Friedburg Moravian Church.

Thank you to each one who attended and volunteered. We appreciate and love all of you that helped "Connect the Dots!"

Please be in prayer for the Executive Committee as plans are made for the conference in 2012 at Ridgecrest.

- Pam Shoaf -



We Hear You . . .

Thank you for your participation in completing the conference evaluations. Your officers look forward to getting your feedback each year. This is so vital to the Executive Committee in planning for next year. It is our desire to continually improve the conference to meet your needs, so that you may better serve in your work positions, as well as improving your walk with Christ. We work hard to bring you break-out sessions that will refresh and renew, while also bringing key training that is vital to your work. What a joy it was to be with other ladies that share our ministry! Your officers are already working diligently to put the 2012 Conference together and to incorporate as many of the suggestions as possible. Our goal is to improve ourselves so that we can give our very best to our Lord as we serve you this year.

- Brenda Duke -

2012 Executive Committee

Pam Shoaf
President

Brenda Boyles
President Elect

Brenda Duke
2nd Vice President

Drema Hill
Secretary/Treasurer

Wash me,
and I shall be
whiter than
snow.

Psalms 51:7





God's Hands



Today is in God's hands and so are you.
 His hands are strong and will uphold you;
 His hands are great and will enfold you;
 His hands are gentle and will embrace you;
 His hands are protective and will cover you;
 His hands are reassuring and will quiet you;
 His hands are powerful and will defend you;
 His hands are parental and will train you;
 His hands are masterful and will conform you;
 His hands are compassionate and will care for you;
 His hands are healing and will renew you;
 His hands are calming and will comfort you;
 His hands are giving and will bless you.
The hands that hold you will never let you down.

- Roy Lessin -



“Connect the Dots”

Considering the economy and the conference being moved up a week, we were very pleased to have 102 secretaries, administrative assistants, and ministry assistants registered for the 2011 NCBSA conference. We were so blessed to see God’s handiwork in bringing 14 first timers. We want to thank each of you for attending and pray that you were as blessed by the conference as we were. Special thanks to those of you who served as mentor to a first timer. We have received good feedback and feel that this endeavor was a huge success.

We were able to do more advertising this year to get the word out about our great organization and plan to do so again for the 2012 conference. We also hope to pair up first timers with mentors again; this is a great way for members who have been several times to volunteer and serve others.

We are also glad to announce that we will again allow you to pay for your registration fee in installments. With church and personal budgets affected by the economy we are doing our best to keep the costs down as much as possible. Would you consider making payments by sending \$30 a month until you have it paid?

- Drema Hill -



We REALLY want to continue to spread the word about our conference. We were blessed with 14 new members this year! Thank you for helping to get the word out. Would you commit to telling one other administrative assistant about the conference and what it means to you?

2012 Executive Committee



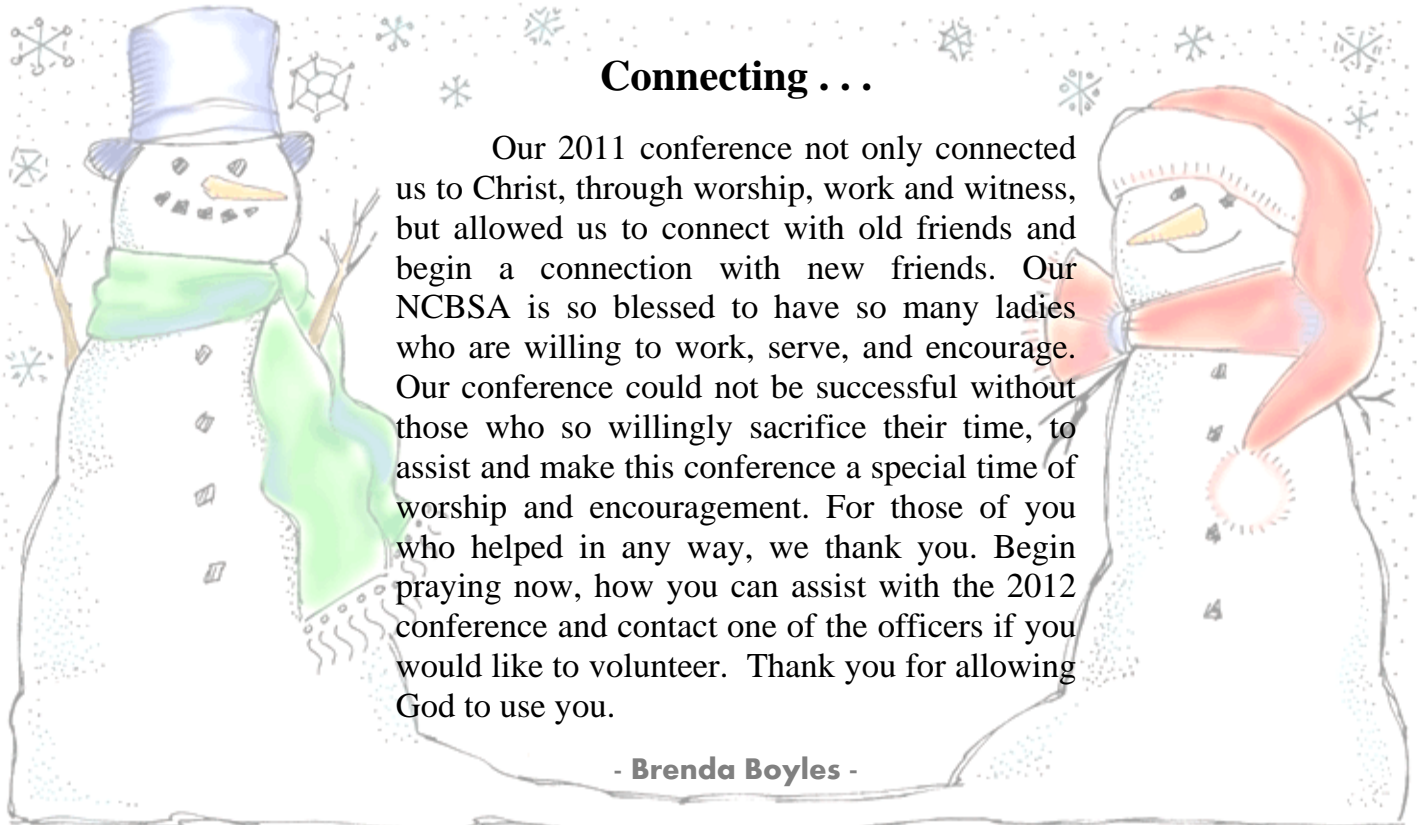
Pictured left to right: Brenda Duke, Second Vice-President; Pam Shoaf, President; Drema Hill, Secretary/Treasurer; and Brenda Boyles, President Elect.



Connecting . . .

Our 2011 conference not only connected us to Christ, through worship, work and witness, but allowed us to connect with old friends and begin a connection with new friends. Our NCBSA is so blessed to have so many ladies who are willing to work, serve, and encourage. Our conference could not be successful without those who so willingly sacrifice their time, to assist and make this conference a special time of worship and encouragement. For those of you who helped in any way, we thank you. Begin praying now, how you can assist with the 2012 conference and contact one of the officers if you would like to volunteer. Thank you for allowing God to use you.

- Brenda Boyles -





Jesus is the Gift

Jesus is the gift that perfectly fits every heart and it is with His love that all celebration starts.

We rejoice in Him as we remember His birth and thank God for sending His only Son to earth.

His life led from a manger to a cross on a hill where He faithfully followed His Father's perfect will. He freely laid down everything so that we could live and there is no greater treasure anyone could give.

Like a scarlet ribbon His love wrapped around the cross and He offered it to us all at the greatest cost. So each time that we give we remember what He's done and honor the perfect Gift - God's one and only Son.

For God so loved the world that He gave... John 3:16



Betty Walker Endowment Fund

The North Carolina Baptist Secretaries Association was founded in 1982 by Betty Walker, secretary at First Baptist Church of Burlington. Her dream was for the church secretaries to have opportunities for professional development, emotional support, and spiritual motivation.

Associational, agency, and state convention secretaries were drawn to the annual meetings designed especially for those who fulfill their calling by serving as office support staff, or ministry assistants. We are forever grateful to the dreams and visions of Betty Walker who recognized the calling of the ministry assistant.

In 1998, The NCBSA entered into an agreement with the NC Baptist Foundation to establish the Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund. These proceeds will provide significant and lasting gifts for the benefit of our organization. If you want to contribute to this fund, you can forward your payments to "The Baptist State Convention" and earmark it for the Betty Walker Endowment Fund.

How can I contribute to the **Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund?**

Contributions can be made any time.

Make checks payable to
the Baptist State Convention and mail to:

Resource Development and Promotion Team
Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1107
Cary, NC 27512-1107

Please designate on check:
"Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund"

Thanks to your generosity,
this fund continues to offer financial
support to our organization.



Offering Totals:

Mission Dignity Total	\$1,277.00
Cross Roads Baptist Youth Total	\$ 482.00
Steel Praisin' Band Total	\$ 409.51



“Connecting the DOTS”



Stay Plugged in!

Keep us up to date!

Send address or email changes to Brenda Duke at: fbcoffice@fbcshaludanc.org

* A little bird told us that some of you are about to retire. Please know that our retirees are ALWAYS welcome. You are a vital part of our organization!



Registration Form ~ Date: Nov. 5 - 7
Ridgecrest Conference Center

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: _____

Is this your first time attending a NCBSA Conference? _____

Membership Only: \$25

TOTAL COST: \$190.00 (includes membership and conference fee, room at conference center, and meals). Private room - additional \$70

COMMUTERS: \$135.00 (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:

Drema Hill
c/o Randolph Baptist Association
P.O. Box 2167
Asheboro, NC 27204

Cancellations: Before July 31: Full refund;

Aug. 1 –Sept. 30: 60% refund;

After Sept. 30: No refunds;

Membership Non-refundable.

Final Payment Due: September 30



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Many Thanks!
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