



# Carolina Connection

A quarterly publication connecting Baptist Secretaries across North Carolina



We arrived on Monday to crisp mountain air and snow on the mountain. Wow! God truly blessed us with such a beautiful week. Not only was it beautiful outside, but it was beautiful on the inside. His Holy Spirit was so very present with us that week. Everywhere we went, He was already there working behind the scene. I praise Him for His love and faithfulness.

We were so blessed to have Marilyn Chadwick as our key-note speaker for this past 2014 conference. In whatever season of life we find ourselves, Marilyn challenged us to make God look good in the good times and in the bad times. She shared that we need all seasons to bear fruit. There is a time for everything. Fruit bearing is so important. The growth sequence for grapes: The bud breaks through, then it grows, then the flowers come, then come the grapes, they grow, then the harvest season, then winter time (a season of rest, the roots get ready for the next season of growth), at the end of winter comes the pruning season (we need to be cleaned up). What do we need to prune or to de-clutter from our lives so we can allow new growth to bear more fruit. We have a choice to abide in Christ. If we stay thirsty for God, then we will be able to endure and stand our ground in Christ. Marilyn challenged us to pray this prayer: "Break my heart for what breaks Yours".

God provides the answers to every challenge, every trial, and every season of our lives if we seek Him and His wisdom. Stay in His Word daily!

Your officers are prayerfully seeking God's wisdom in planning the 2015 conference, which will be at the Caraway Conference Center. We ask for your prayers as we follow His direction in choosing a theme, a keynote speaker and breakout leaders, also pray as we seek His guidance to keep finances in check. As you all know prices are sky rocketing every year, we are working hard to keep cost down, so that everyone can enjoy their time away. If you will remember, at the closing session, I asked everyone when you find a penny on the ground to pray for your officers. We are so grateful for those prayers.

Nancy Evans, President

**We want to hear from you!!**

**What do you enjoy most about the conference?**

**Please send your responses to [ncbaptistsecretaries@gmail.com](mailto:ncbaptistsecretaries@gmail.com).**

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## Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund

As most of you know, the NC Baptist Secretaries Association was founded by Betty Walker, administrative assistant at First Baptist Church of Burlington. She served as the first president of the association. Betty also served on the planning committee that led to the formation of the National Association of Southern Baptist Secretaries and served as the second president of that organization.

\$45.00 was collected in her honor at the last conference and was forwarded to the endowment fund. These funds will help keep the organization functioning for years to come.

Contributions can be made to the Betty Walker Endowment Fund at any time. Please be sure your checks are marked accordingly and mail to Secretary/Treasurer, Drema Hill.

### 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).



Our time of worship on the mountain was absolutely wonderful. Sydney and Cathy led us in worship each day singing some newer contemporary songs and also some hymns. They also shared some original songs they had written and produced. Moreover they shared their amazing testimony with us.

Sydney and Cathy have faced many trials but our Lord has brought them through each one and continues to work in their lives. We are so grateful they were able to come and share their story with us as well as their talents. April Van Dyke

### What some of you thought about Sydney & Cathy:

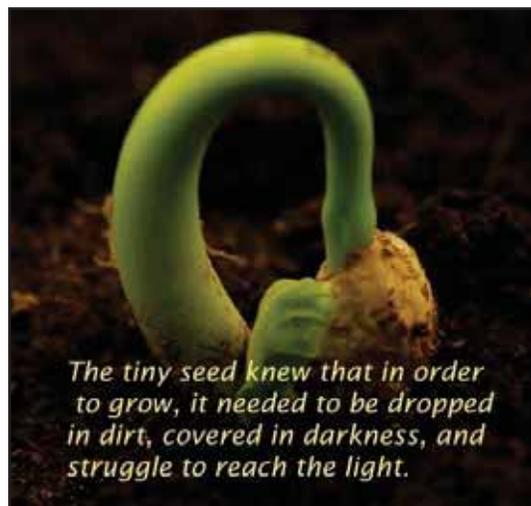
- "The worship this year has be fantastic!"
- "Worship music-Awesome! Best worship leaders we've had!"
- "Worship-Phenomenal, what a blessing!"
- "God spoke to me through the music."
- "Loved the music leaders-best yet."
- "Truly enjoyed this year's music."



Register early for the 2015 NCBSA conference. The conference will be at Caraway on November 9 -11<sup>th</sup>. Yes, we are a week later than usual this year because the Baptist State Convention of NC has scheduled their annual convention the first week in November.

It's been a few years now since we've been to Caraway and the officers felt it was time to go back there. The total cost will remain at \$220.00. With the increased charges at Caraway, we know we will have to be very frugal, but definitely did not want to go up on the registration fee. You may send installments if you so choose. A \$50.00 deposit will hold your spot. The \$220.00 includes membership and conference fee, room at conference center, and meals. Private rooms will be an additional \$70.00. Commuters will pay \$160.00 which includes membership and conference fee, Monday dinner, Tuesday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Wednesday breakfast and lunch.

Make checks payable to NCBSA and mail to:  
Drema Hill  
% Randolph Baptist Association  
PO Box 2167  
Asheboro, NC 27204



*The tiny seed knew that in order to grow, it needed to be dropped in dirt, covered in darkness, and struggle to reach the light.*



## 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, reserves your spot. Remainder due by August 31.

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

**(Installments are acceptable)**

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**c/o Randolph Baptist Association**

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Cancellations: Before June 30: Full refund

July 1-August 5: 60% refund

After August 5: No refunds

\$30 Membership - Nonrefundable

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY AUGUST 31**



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