



Carolina Connection

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Meet Deborah Ross. Wife, mother, author, entrepreneur, professional Christian choreographer. And our keynote speaker for the 2019 conference at Caswell.

We received many great recommendations for keynote speaker through your evaluations and prayerfully considered them. As we began researching and reaching out to potential speakers, the Lord closed doors. Looking back, we are grateful He closed those doors and led us to Deborah.

Drawing from her professional background in dance, modeling, television, stage and theater, Deborah surrenders her life, her studies, her talents and her experiences to the usefulness of the Holy Spirit.

"God wants YOU whole!" AND "God wants YOUR FAMILY whole!"

This is Deborah Ross's message. And her passion is to seek God's anointing, enabling her to minister with a "Contagious Faith"... a faith that resonates deep within the hearts of desperate humanity. Having overcome personal and marital adversity that seemed unsurmountable, she is compelled to share her story so that others will be empowered to stand strong in their faith, believing God for *their* miracle.

How very grateful we are for how God has led us through the planning stages of this year's conference! He pointed us so clearly to the scripture and theme, and then to Deborah as the speaker and worship leader. We are very excited and anticipate another wonderful conference. It is our prayer that you will be able to join us at Fort Caswell November 4-6 as we come together as sisters in Christ.

Your officers continue to pray for you and if you need us, don't hesitate to let us know.

Blessings, Karoline



Registration & First Timers

A BIG thank you to those who have already sent in your registration and deposit for our upcoming NCBSA Conference. As with past conferences, November 4th – 6th, 2019 will be a time to remember. As many of you may remember, rooms in the Smith Conference Center at Fort Caswell are limited. For that reason, early registration is encouraged! As registrations come in, rooms in the conference center are being filled first. Once the conference center is filled additional registrants will be placed in Palmetto House (across the parking lot from the conference center). A \$50 deposit will hold your spot and the balance may be paid periodically, with final payment due by September 30. If you are unable to attend this year's conference, you can still be a member of the NCBSA. Just remember to send in your annual membership dues of only \$30. This helps with the administrative costs of the NCBSA. As a reminder, only active members qualify to serve as future officers.

Whether you are a secretary, treasurer, office manager, ministry assistant or volunteer, this is a great time to be a part of the NCBSA. Come to Fort Caswell and enjoy God's beauty! If you have been before you know that the NCBSA Conference is a way to make new friends as well as reconnect with old ones, be encouraged, learn how to better minister to others, etc. That's why it is so important to invite a First Timer to attend this year. Each First Timer will be assigned a mentor who will help her find her room, show her around the area, and be on hand to answer any questions she may have. In order to make each First Timer feel special and welcome we need several current members to prayerfully consider saying "yes" to being a mentor.

Your officers have been working diligently and are super excited that it is all coming together. Already we have seen God's mighty hand at work! We have prayerfully considered each and every evaluation sheet and are implementing changes as needed for the conference. Please be in prayer for us as we strive to make this conference an experience of spiritual, professional and personal enrichment along with lots of fun and fellowship for all.

Don't forget to send in your registration and invite a First Timer!

Rachel



Hello All

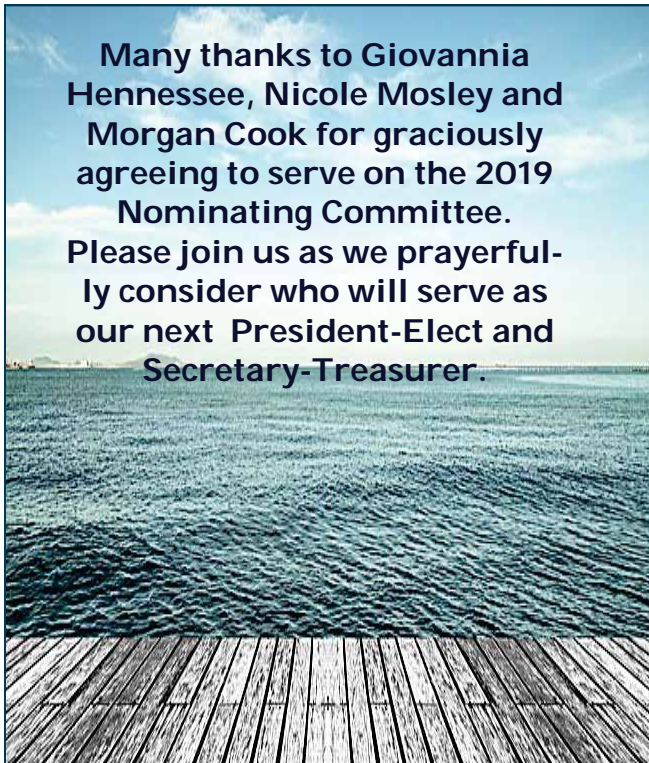
Your officers are at work planning for the NCBSA conference and we are so very excited as to what God has in store for us at Caswell in November. While we were at the Caswell conference center a few weeks ago, their staff informed us of a few changes that we need to pass on to each of you. Our room check-in time will not be until 4:00pm. With that in mind, our Conference

Registration Check-in will begin this year at 1:30pm. We have made a few adjustments to our schedule to try to accommodate each of you for this later check-in time. We do appreciate that you will keep these changes in mind as you arrive for the great week that we will have together. Thank you for your understanding and patience with these changes from the Caswell staff. Get your registrations in now. Looking forward to seeing you all in November.

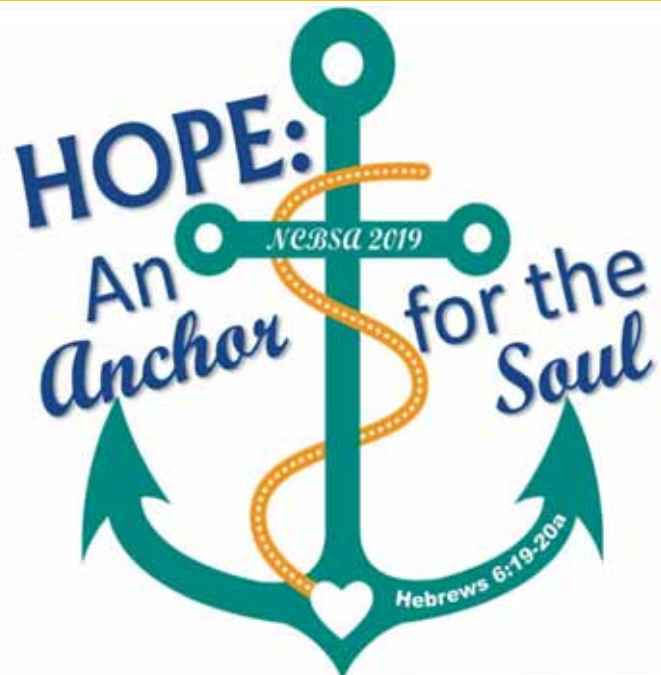
Teresa



Many thanks to Giovannia Hennessee, Nicole Mosley and Morgan Cook for graciously agreeing to serve on the 2019 Nominating Committee. Please join us as we prayerfully consider who will serve as our next President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer.



COMING NOVEMBER 4-6, 2019



Mission Emphasis

As you know, many of the coastal and inland areas surrounding Fort Caswell were majorly impacted by hurricanes and floods in the past months. Therefore, our mission emphasis for the November conference will be with that in mind. We have been in touch with NC Baptist Men and also local associations to find what EXACT needs there might be and where our help would be most appreciated. We are waiting a little closer to make a definite decision, but if there happens to be a specific need close by to Fort Caswell, we will focus our efforts there. We might possibly have a collection of items that you could easily bring to the conference, but we do know that our offering will be given to NC Baptist Men to assist with their work in the coastal areas of NC. As we get closer to the conference, we will be providing more detailed information about needs and what we might request that you bring for our collection. We do hope you will be in prayer for these areas that have already been affected and let God direct what you can give financially to support our Mission Emphasis collection for **NC Baptist Men** at the conference.



A little change-up in our Monday night Fellowship time this year.....Get ready for.....

“COASTAL CRAFTING”



Hello Ladies! It's so exciting when Spring finally arrives and flowers and trees are blooming and birds start singing. I, for one, am so happy to see it...Spring is a wonderful reminder of NEW LIFE! Your officers have been working hard to plan a conference to remember this year at Caswell! We've asked you to speak and we listened. During our fellowship/fun time on Monday night, we will be having a few hands-on crafts projects related to our theme that you can participate in. Don't think you're crafty? Don't stress; we promise, none of these will be too difficult for anyone; just quick, fun and hopefully relaxing! Each of the four rotations will provide you with a little take-away reminder of our time together; a keychain, ornament, bracelet or something of the sort. All of your supplies will be provided so just come ready to have fun! You may just discover a Hidden talent!

Myra

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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 \$85): _____

Physical Needs: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Is this your first time attending a NCBSA Conference? _____

Would you serve as a mentor to a First Timer? _____

TOTAL COST: \$225.00 (includes membership and conference fee, room at conference center, and meals).

PRIVATE ROOM - additional \$85 (If you do not have a roommate in mind and do not want a private room, a roommate can be assigned to you.)

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!

A \$50.00 deposit, along with the completed registration form, reserves your spot.

Amount enclosed: _____

Installments are acceptable.

Final payment due September 30.

Make checks payable to NCBSA.

Mail to:

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100 Half Moon Church Rd.
Jacksonville, NC 28546**

Refunds for Cancellations
(excludes \$30 membership fee)

Before July 31: 100% refund
August 1–September 30: 60% refund
After September 30: No refunds



TALENT SHOW RETURNS!!

This year at Caswell, we are excited to host a talent show following our banquet on Tuesday night, with our secretaries displaying their talent through music and song, comedy, dance, skits, etc.

Anyone can participate, but please let us know before you come to the conference so we'll know how to plan the line-up!

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