

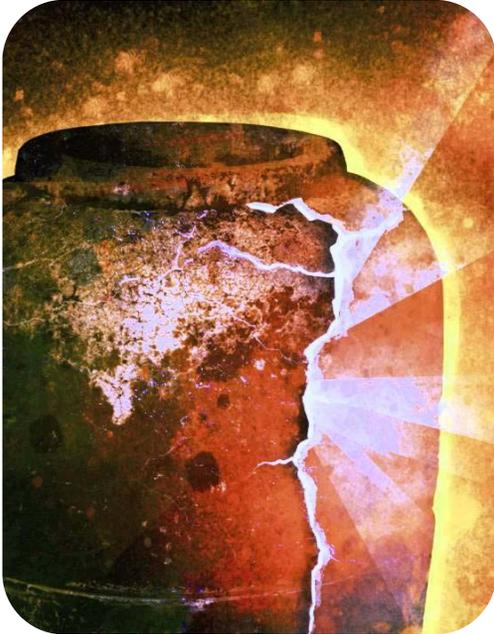


# Carolina Connection

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*But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*

*2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (NIV)*

I am always so amazed when I see God at work and how He brings things together for His glory. I don't know why it should come as a surprise, because if we will only "be still" and "wait patiently on the Lord" we can always see God at work all around us. Well, He has certainly been at work lately as we have been making plans for the upcoming fall conference.

First, He gave us the scripture and theme for this conference. We just knew without a doubt that this was the message that God wanted us to share with you all this year. Second, as we began seeking a speaker and worship leader, it was as if God led us right to Dawn Smith Jordan. As we read her testimony, we could see how this particular scripture had certainly been a testimony of His work in her life and how she never allowed her circumstances to determine her life's journey of faith.

Dawn has been obedient to God's call on her life since she was in high school. And even though Dawn's younger sister, Shari, was kidnapped and murdered, her faith and hope in Jesus Christ remained strong. She has allowed Him to let His all-surpassing power and light shine and radiate through her. From the first time you see her sweet smile or hear her beautiful voice, you know, without a doubt, that God is using her life, her music and ministry to make a real difference in the lives of others for His kingdom purposes. She states that "as long as He chooses to use her, then she's available." Her heart's desire comes from Hebrews 12:28-29— "Therefore, since we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

In 1986, Dawn was crowned Miss South Carolina and went on to become 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up to Miss America. These events have given Dawn the opportunity to share her faith in Christ with thousands of people throughout the United States and Canada. She has been featured on the Billy Graham Crusades, the 700 Club, in Reader's Digest, on the Discovery Channel, on InTouch with Dr. Charles Stanley, and many other broadcasts. She has been published in Lifeway's Journey Magazine (January and February 2014) and has written the book, "Grace So Amazing," the true story of the tragic kidnapping and murder of her younger sister. Dawn's life verse is Proverbs 3:5-6— "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

It is our prayer that you will be able to join us November 12-14 as we come together as sisters in Christ and discover how we can become more like Christ as we learn from the message that Dawn will bring to us in song and the spoken Word.

Your officers continue to pray for each of you. If there is ever anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Love & Prayers,

*Teresa*



The Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries (FJPM) provides education and chaplaincy services for men and women incarcerated in the Forsyth County Law Enforcement Detention Center (800 jail inmates) and the Forsyth Correctional Center (245 prison inmates). Monthly, the organization serves over 1,400 inmates and staff at these facilities.

FJPM was the first jail and prison ministry in North Carolina to be community funded. It has served as a model for other prison ministries throughout the state. Since 1978, the organization has developed programs that empower offenders to redirect their lives so that they may return to our community as responsible, productive citizens. The ministry's objectives are accomplished through these core services:

- Worship Services and Bible Studies: led by volunteers and chaplains
- Religious Referral Services: non-Christian inmates are connected to their respective spiritual guides
- Counseling: spiritual, personal growth, crisis intervention, grief and marriage counseling
- Substance Abuse Programs: AA, NA, and Celebrate Recovery support groups for inmates and outside volunteers
- Adult Basic Education: literacy tutoring and GED preparation
- Re-entry Supper: assist inmates with jobs and resources for return to our community
- Family Builder Programs: inmate parenting classes and family projects

Why is Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries a valuable organization for Forsyth County? It saves the community money! It cost Forsyth County taxpayers over \$26,000 a year to house one inmate in the jail. Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries is making a difference by reducing the number of inmates returning to prison, moving inmates from a liability to an asset in the community as taxpaying citizens, and creating a safer community.

Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries does not receive any financial support from county, state, or federal governments. It is supported by churches, individuals, businesses, and private grants. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord would have you give to this year's mission emphasis.

*Karoline*



### **One-on-One Time with Davis Blount**

Davis Blount, our Guidestone State Representative (BSCNC), will be available for one-on-one consultations during Tuesday afternoon free time (2:00-4:00 pm). This time is being made available for Davis to answer questions regarding **individual** finances, retirement, and/or insurance so that breakout sessions can focus more on the needs of the church and/or pastors and staff. These sessions will be 20 minutes each and appointments will be made on a first come, first served basis. Sign up now to reserve your spot by emailing Rachel at [rachel.sanders@bbcjaxnc.com](mailto:rachel.sanders@bbcjaxnc.com).



Everyone so enjoyed our fellowship hour last year that we've decided to repeat it this year. On Monday night, we will have a wonderful time of games and fellowship. We encourage everyone to attend and use this time to renew old friendships and develop some new ones. The format will be very similar to last year, with everyone dividing into groups and rotating through the game sessions. We will have a different set of games for everyone to participate in. We look forward to a great time!



A special hello to all of our First Timers!

We are so glad you will be joining us at Caraway this year and can't wait to see how the Lord is going to work in and through each of your lives. We all remember how excited and nervous we



were when we were First Timers. To help channel that excitement and calm those nerves, you will be assigned a mentor who will help you get acquainted with the facility and be on hand to answer any questions you may have. There will be a brief orientation class for all First Timers on Monday afternoon at 2:00 pm. This class will give you a great overview of what to expect throughout the conference. We can't wait to see you there!



Thank you to everyone who has already registered for the conference! We look forward to seeing you in November. If you have not yet registered, there is still time. A \$50 deposit will hold your spot with final payment due by September 30. If you are unable to attend this year, please remember to still send in your annual membership dues of \$30. This helps cover administrative costs of the NCBSA.

WOMEN  
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We need several current members to prayerfully consider saying "yes" to being a mentor.

#### Mentor Guidelines

- \* Call your first timer before the conference for encouragement
- \* Exchange cell phone numbers as well as email addresses.
- \* Let your mentee know the officers will give her a map and other important information at check-in.
- \* Plan and invite her to meet you at the First Timer's class before it starts to get acquainted
- \* Answer any questions she may have before, during, and after the conference. If you don't know the answer, find out and get back to her
- \* During the conference, be sure to check in with her to make sure all is well
- \* Introduce her to others

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

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle The Sessions You Plan To Attend - (One per time slot)

Mail copy with registration form to Rachel Sanders, 100 Half Moon Church Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28546

Or send electronically to [rachel.sanders@bbcjaxnc.com](mailto:rachel.sanders@bbcjaxnc.com)

\*\*\* First Timer Orientation: Monday at 2:00 pm\*\*\*

Breakout 1 Monday 4:30 – 5:20 pm	Breakout 2 Monday 6:45 – 7:35 pm	Breakout 3 Tuesday 10:00 – 10:50 am	Breakout 4 Tuesday 11:00 – 11:50 am	Breakout 5 Tuesday 1:00 – 1:50 pm
<b>Spiritual Enrichment</b>				
<i>Anxious for Nothing</i> Patsy Mills	<i>Anxious for Nothing</i> Patsy Mills	<i>The Fiery Furnace of Faith</i> Rodney Stillwell	<i>The Fiery Furnace of Faith</i> Rodney Stillwell	<i>Clay Jars in a Stainless Steel World</i> Joel Stephens
<i>Where Does Your Power Source Come From?</i> Karen Scoggins	<i>Where Does Your Power Source Come From?</i> Karen Scoggins	<i>Focus on the Treasure, Not the Clay</i> Karen Scoggins	<i>Focus on the Treasure, Not the Clay</i> Karen Scoggins	<i>How to Help Those in a Dark Place</i> Karen Scoggins
<b>Professional Development</b>				
<i>QuickBooks for Non-Profits</i> Marlene Houk	<i>Accounting Process for QuickBooks</i> Marlene Houk	<i>Intermediate Publisher</i> Kay Tatum	<i>Advanced Publisher</i> Kay Tatum	<i>Intermediate Excel</i> Kat Tatum
<i>Ministerial Taxes and Compensation</i> Davis Blount	<i>Church Contributions &amp; Designated Gifts</i> Davis Blount	<i>Financial Audit Ready</i> Davis Blount	<i>Church Finance Q &amp; A</i> Davis Blount	<i>Retirement Q &amp; A</i> Davis Blount
<i>A Ministry with Drive, Desire, and Delight (For Assoc. Assts.)</i> Nancy Evans	<i>Ministry Assistants Forum</i> Angela Cockerham	<i>What Your Pastor Wishes You Knew</i> Joel Stephens	<i>What Your Pastor Wishes You Knew</i> Joel Stephens	<i>Shame vs. Humility</i> Jeanette Weyandt
<b>Personal Effectiveness</b>				
<i>Office Ergonomics</i> Dr. Brad Bushong	<i>Office Ergonomics</i> Dr. Brad Bushong	<i>Graphics Design Principles for Websites &amp; Bulletins</i> Lai Salmonson	<i>What Are You Grieving?</i> Jeanette Weyandt	<i>Personal Safety &amp; Self-Defense</i> Surry County Officer Gerald Daniels
		<i>Getting the Most Out of Google Chrome</i> Russell Schwab	<i>Nutrition to Thrive! Not Just Survive</i> Tonya Cone	<i>Take a Stand Against Cancer</i> Tonya Cone
<b>Bonus Time – Tuesday – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b>				
	2:15 pm - Yoga Relief from Desk & Computer Work Karoline Overby	Lifeway Christian Store	<i>Guidestone One-on-One Consult</i> Davis Blount (by appointment only)	

# Preview of Breakout Sessions

After reviewing the following listings, indicate the sessions you want to attend by completing the Breakout Schedule found on page 4 and mail it to Rachel Sanders or email her at [rachel.sanders@bbcjaxnc.com](mailto:rachel.sanders@bbcjaxnc.com).

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### **Rodney Stillwell, Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry**

#### *“The Fiery Furnace of Faith”*

Throughout the Bible, the image of fire is a sign of the presence of God—the bush burns before Moses, a furnace engulfs three Hebrew men, and at Pentecost, the believers spoke with tongues of fire. It seems that we often have to go through the fire to reach Jesus. Like the clay, we always greet fire with fear—and rightly so. But if we skip the firing, we can't become vessels that serve. It may be the fire of destruction but, as our pain yields to His promise, it becomes the fire of transformation.

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### **Joel Stephens, BSCNC, First Vice President**

#### *Clay Jars in a Stainless Steel World*

“Compressed, but not crushed.” How does that work? It doesn't, apart from supernatural strength. Your personal time with the Lord is the most essential part of your day. It's the only way to withstand the pressure without being crushed. Come learn a method to enhance your personal time with God by praying through the Scripture.

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### **Karen Scoggins, Speaker & Pastor's Wife, First Baptist Church of Hendersonville**

#### *Where Does Your Power Source Come From?*

We have three options on how we can live our lives. Come discover what they are, and how you can live victoriously.

#### *Focus on the Treasure, Not the Clay*

Are you dissatisfied by what you have or don't have, what you look like, or what season you are in? Come join us as we discover how to focus on the treasure within us.

#### *How to Help Those in a Dark Place*

We live in a hurting world. Come study a biblical example that teaches us how to help others in their dark hour.

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### **Patsy Mills, Retired, Rehoboth Baptist Church**

#### *Anxious for Nothing*

“Can you imagine a life when you are anxious for nothing? God can. And with His help you can experience it.” This quote is the last paragraph in Max Lucado's new book *Anxious for Nothing*. Along with Max's book and verses found in the scripture passage Philippians 4:4-1, we will find that anxiety comes with life but it doesn't have to dominate our life. In these sessions we will see

how God can help us overcome our fears and experience His peace.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **Marlene Houk**

#### *QuickBooks for Non-Profits*

QuickBooks (by Intuit) is one of the top national software programs for small business. Churches and associations fit well into this category, and QuickBooks can fulfill the requirements that you need for financial statements and decision-making. This class will cover a few of the specific needs of churches and associations and the methods that QuickBooks uses. We will briefly cover Restricted Funds, Classes vs. Sub-accounts or Methods for entering segments of income (churches, fundraisers, love offerings, etc.), Tips & Hints and answering your questions.

#### *Accounting Process for QuickBooks*

Are you confused by the bank's debits and credits on your personal accounts and how you use debits and credits in your financial entries at church? Do you just want to know the “big picture” of accounting and how you can accurately and with confidence record the many different types of transactions, knowing what is going on “behind the scenes?” Does it frustrate you when you need to correct a mistake but don't know if you're right?

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### **Kay Tatum, Performance Dimensions, Inc.**

#### *Intermediate Publisher*

#### *Advanced Publisher*

#### *Intermediate Excel*

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### **Davis Blount (BSCNC, Guidestone Financial Resource Senior Consultant)**

#### *Ministerial Taxes and Compensation*

#### *Church Contributions and Designated Gifts*

#### *Financial Audit Ready*

#### *Church Finance Q & A*

#### *Retirement Q & A*

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**Nancy Evans, Administrative Assistant, Sandy Creek Baptist Association**

*A Ministry with Drive ... Desire ... Delight  
For Associational Secretaries*

What is your drive, or what is your purpose behind what makes you stay the course? What do you desire in your ministry, or what are you passionate about? What gives your heart delight, or do you get pleasure in the ministry you have in your association office? If not, what can you do to change that?

The associational office ministers to churches, staff, and individuals from different areas of ministry. You will have opportunity to ask questions and look at ways to tackle difficult tasks, including the yearly Annuals/Minute Books, how to get your churches to send in their church profiles, how to get a secretary group started, etc. Bring a copy of your annual or minutes book with you to the conference. Do you have wisdom that will help other association ministry assistants? Come join our forum as we share ideas.

We are not perfect, we all make mistakes. Our Jars of Clay have cracks. What we leak out of those cracks should be our love and ministry to others. To God be the Glory. Let your light shine for Him. Email me at [sandycreekassn@windstream.net](mailto:sandycreekassn@windstream.net) with your questions or topic of interest so I can pray and seek out wisdom to answer them in a Godly manner.

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**Angela Cockerham, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church**

*Ministry Assistant Forum*

During this session, we will have an opportunity to discuss our challenges and successes as Ministry Assistants. God places others in our lives so that we can learn and grow through the lessons they teach us. New Ministry Assistants, come and soak up the wisdom of those who have been where you are. Experienced Ministry Assistants, come and share your struggles and triumphs.

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**Joel Stephens, BSCNC, First Vice President**

*What Your Pastor Wishes You Knew*

Ever wish you knew what he was thinking? This breakout session can't give you exactly that, but perhaps it can help with a shared perspective. Understanding where he's coming from can really help. Come join an honest conversation with a pastor who gets it. And let's share some perspective together.

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**Jeanette Weyandt, Licensed Professional Counselor, MAEd, NNC, LPC**

**Private Practice, Wings of Change of Forsyth**

*Shame vs. Humility*

Is there a connection between experiencing shame and having the character trait of humility? Does shame come as a result of our

sin? Not always! We will explore some of the causes of shame and how to deal with it in our lives, particularly in the area of our relationships. You will learn to identify a pattern in the ways you cope with the pain of shame and other negative feelings. Then we will look at a way to replace the pain cycle with healthy coping strategies of peace which lead to a place of humility.

**PERSONAL EFFECTIVENESS**

**Dr. Brad Bushong, Elkin Family Chiropractic**

*Office Ergonomics*

In this class, we will go over what it means to have an ergonomic office and why this is important. Sitting at a desk all day can be detrimental to spinal health, and poor spinal health can lead to other adverse health issues. Come and learn how to work in the best way for your spine. We will also go over some basic stretches and exercises to relieve tension and muscle stress.

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**Lai Salmonson, BSCNC, Webmaster & IT Services**

*Graphics Design Principles for Websites and Bulletins*

You will learn the six principles of graphic design that will help you make professional website graphics, bulletins, and flyers. You will get real examples using Pixlr.com and Canva.com.

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**Russell Schwab, BSCNC, Information Technology and Service Systems Administrator**

*How to Get the Most Out of Google Chrome*

Google Chrome has become the most used browser and app suite available to business. So how can you leverage those features in your workplace? I will show you how to share documents and folders, and how to collaborate with others in a shared document using Google G Suite Apps.

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**Jeanette Weyandt, Licensed Professional Counselor, MAEd, NNC, LPC**

**Private Practice, Wings of Change of Forsyth**

*What Are You Grieving?*

Grief comes in many sizes and many situations that we may not actually recognize as grief. It is suffering the loss of someone or something that we hold dear and that helps form our identity. When we lost that person, relationship, or thing, one of the struggles we face is to decide who we will be without that which was lost. In this presentation we will look at some of the difficulties in the work of grieving. Grief is one of the most severe challenges of a believer's faith, yet rich in opportunities to learn more about ourselves and God.

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**Tonya Cone, BS, NTP**

*Nutrition to Thrive, Not Just Survive!*

Do you ever wish you had more energy for the people and activities that are important to you? Attend the “Nutrition to Thrive, Not Just Survive!” class to learn how to use real food for sustained energy, as well as how to effectively deal with nutrient depletors such as excess sugar and stress, for a more vibrant you!

*Take a Stand Against Cancer!*

Would you like to take the offensive position against cancer? Attend the “Take a Stand Against Cancer!” class to better understand what cancer is, how and why it develops, and simple, proactive steps to listen to, and work with your body in order to take a stand for yourself and those you love.



**Gerald Daniels, Surry County Police Officer**

*Personal Safety and Self Defense*

Security is an ever-increasing challenge within our church offices.

This breakout session will address these specific issues:

- Site survey: how to make yourself aware of your church/office needs to improve safety
- Safety Zones: knowing where and how to access a secure location inside the church/office
- Secure Surroundings: organizing your office and furniture to maximize your safe zone
- Shelter for One: how to know that you can defend yourself and create distance
- Secluded Spot: to know where to go in case of a situation

***Nominating Committee***

Your Nominating Committee has been hard at work to have in place the officers for next year. Please pray for this committee—Barbara Conger, Janette Harris, and Loretta Warren—and for those whom God has called to serve next year. Thank you to those who have answered God’s call!

Would you, Associational Administrative Assistants, be willing to contact your church’s secretaries about the NCBSA Conference, and let them know just how important this training and bonding experience is to you? Encourage their pastors to let them be involved in our organization. Send them a copy of this newsletter, encourage them to send their secretary to this training and uplifting time. Also, church secretaries that already enjoy our time together, would you contact other churches in your association and encourage them to become involved?



There are still several of our ladies that we don’t have photos of yet. We want you to be included in our photo directory! If you were pictured last year, we will use the same photo this year, unless you send a different one.

Photos can be sent to [ncbaptistsecretaries@gmail.com](mailto:ncbaptistsecretaries@gmail.com). If you would prefer to mail your photo, you can send it to:

Attn: Alicia Ashley  
593 Pleasant Hill Dr.  
Elkin, NC 28621

## 2018 NCBSA Conference November 12-14 at Caraway

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

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (work): \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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c/o Bethlehem Baptist Church  
100 Half Moon Church Rd.  
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**Refunds for Cancellations  
(excludes \$30 membership fee)**

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



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