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President's Note

First, thank you for the privilege of serving you! The entire team and I request your prayers for this year's conference, that most of all we seek God's will in all that we plan.

Thank you so much for the evaluations. You may think this is a waste of time, but I assure you we look at each one and use them all to determine our planning, with God's guidance. From looking at them, it looks like we all had a great time last November.

Our next meeting time will be November 13-15, 2023 at Caraway Conference Center. Our celebration of 40 Years was an exciting time! Renea Henderson was a great Keynote Speaker. Her humor, knowledge of the Bible, and sharing her life with us, made a perfect fit and touched all of us in many ways. We are grateful to her! Our breakout leaders were great as well and the knowledge they shared in all kinds of areas was much needed. Thank you all!

I heard so much laughter as I was around you all, some healing from things in our lives, and lots of fellowship with people who

understand who we are, where we are, and what we are dealing with each day. This is our goal each year, to give you a much needed relaxing, renewing, and reflecting few days, foremost doing as God leads.

As your officers, we are already working on and praying over ideas for this year's conference. As we make decisions, we will share them with you on our website, newsletters, and occasional emails from NCBMA. As always, we will have a few surprises and we hope you will enjoy them.

Thank you everyone for your support, prayers, and love! Register early, at least with a deposit. We want you all there! Please invite other Ministry Assistants that you know to join us!

Looking so forward to seeing you all again in November!

Love and prayers,

Cathy

2022 Conference Recap

Breakout Review

by Rachel Sanders

During our most recent NCBMA conference at Caraway, we had the opportunity to choose from many different breakout sessions, which provided helpful solutions for Spiritual Enrichment, Professional Development, Personal Effectiveness, and a bonus time.

The 2022 Spiritual Enrichment sessions were led by Phyllis Foy, Pastor Mack Jarvis, Dr. Mark E. Smith, Cheryl Markland and Karen Scoggins. The Professional Development sessions this year were led by Lai Salmonson, Davis Blount, Mary Bentley, and Whitney Goulding. Personal Effectiveness session leaders were Lori Jarvis, Kimberly Setzer, Brenda Duke, Phyllis Foy, Julie Dolinger and Teresa Almond, Brenda Boyles, Angela Cockerham & Darlene Lambert.

Opportunities to meet with our State Convention's Compensation & Benefit

Services representative, Davis Blount, were offered during Bonus Time, as well as Let's Go Shopping with Teresa Almond donating a portion of the proceeds toward our mission offering and Brenda Duke met with the winner of our makeover.

Each year, these sessions provide us with tons of information and offer us the opportunity to ask questions of the session leaders, share ideas of what we have experienced and learn what our peers have done in similar situations. I have been coming to our conference for almost 20 years and I can honestly say the Breakout Sessions have helped me tremendously. From the time I was just starting to now, there have always been sessions that I have benefited from. Please pray for your officers as we plan the sessions for our upcoming conference.



Evaluations

By Amy Parce

We have read all your evaluations and really appreciate your feedback and suggestions on how we can improve the conference next year. We want to assure you that we take the evaluations seriously. Our desire is that the annual conference will be a time of refreshment and renewal for you.

Many of you made great suggestions for keynote speakers and breakout leaders. As your officers, we are praying and seeking God's guidance for this year's conference. Please keep us in prayer as we make decisions on speakers and leaders.



THANK YOU!

We want to say "thank you" to all of you who made donations to the NCBMA in 2022!

Because of your generosity, during the conference we collected:

- Betty Walker Fund: \$202.00
- NC Baptist on Mission - Ukraine: \$733.00
- Raffle: \$1,055.00

The Betty Walker Fund

About the Fund...

The Betty Walker Endowment Fund, established in November 1997 by the past presidents of the North Carolina Baptist Secretaries Association, will provide funds for the organization forever. Once the fund reached the goal of \$5,000 the interest is disbursed in two ways: 95% to the NCBSA through the Resource Development and Promotion Team of the Baptist State Convention of NC; and 5% to the Endowment Fund. The officers of the NCBSA direct how the money is used.

Contributions can be made to the fund at any time. Make checks payable to the NC Baptist State Convention and mail to the Resource Development and Promotion Team, Baptist State Convention, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107. Please designate the check "Betty F. Walker Endowment Fund." Automatic bank drafts (as small as \$5.00) can be set up. Contact the Resource Development and Promotion Team for more information.

About Betty...

Betty F. Walker, a former Administrative Assistant at First Baptist Church, Burlington, was the founder and first president of the North Carolina Baptist Secretaries Association. She 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. Betty was a teacher and trainer for Baptist secretaries for many years.

Betty, along with others, dreamed of a professional organization for Baptist secretaries for many years. Following the birth of the state and national organizations, Betty gave much of her life to these organizations.

The North Carolina Baptist Secretaries Association exists because of the dream and vision of Betty Walker. Through this endowment fund, which bears her name, that dream will be realized.

Looking Ahead

2023 Conference

November 13–15

Caraway Conference Center

We are looking forward to reconnecting with everyone at Caraway on November 13–15, 2023, and believe that it will be a time to be renewed, refreshed, and revived as we can gather again with our sisters in Christ for our 41st year!

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. Come to Caraway and enjoy God's beauty! If you have been before you know that the NCBMA Conference is a way to make new friends as well as reconnect with old ones, be encouraged, learn how to better minister to others, and more.

2023 Conference Registration

November 13-15, 2023 | Caraway Conference Center



Cost:

\$265 -Includes NCBMA membership (\$30), conference fee and materials, lodging, and meals

Private Room: \$350. If you do not have a roommate and do not want a private room, we can assign a roommate to you.

Commuter: \$175-Includes NCBMA Membership, conference fee and materials, Monday dinner, Tuesday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Wednesday breakfast.

Register early!

\$50 deposit is due at registration.

Installments are accepted.

Final payment is due by August 31.

Make checks payable to NCBMA and mail to:

Angie Morgan

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1939 Paul Shuping Ave

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Refunds for cancellations

Excluding \$30 membership fee:

Before July 31: 100%

August 1-31: 60%

After August 31: No refund

Registration Form

Name _____ Date _____

Place of employment _____ Position _____ Association _____

Mailing Address (work) _____
Street City Zip

Work Phone _____ Email (Required) _____

Roomate(s) _____ Need Private Room _____

Physical Needs _____

Fod Allergies _____

First time attending conference? _____ Would you serve as a mentor to a first-timer? _____

This is being delivered via email to reduce our budget cost. It is also available on our website at ncbaptistsecretaries.com. If you know anyone else who would like to receive our newsletter, please forward this to them. Also, contact Amy Parce at NCBMA@gmail.com with their name and email to have them added to our list. Thank you!