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## President's Note

**A**s I begin writing today, I am sitting next to a window, looking out at a beautiful blue sky, listening to birds sing. Just as I was writing this a blue bird landed on a tree near me. God is so good in so many ways. It seems sometimes we see Him in the big things and ignore the little things or take them for granted. I am trying to learn to be thankful for what I do have and know He is in control of all things!

God has really been good to us. We have begun planning for our upcoming conference and our theme and scripture have been selected. You will learn more about that in an article in this newsletter. Other things are being decided upon as God leads us. Be sure to read all the articles to learn what we think will be an exciting and meaningful conference.

### 2023 Keynote Speaker

I am pleased to announce our keynote speaker will be Lori Jarvis. We read all your evaluations and her name kept showing up. You may remember Lori from last year as one of our breakout leaders. After contacting her and giving her time to pray and seek God's will, she has delightfully accepted with humbleness and is looking forward to being with us.

Lori and her husband Mack have been serving together in ministry for over 30 years. They are now serving at Hudson First Baptist Church. Pastor Mack is the Senior Pastor and Lori teaches a Women's Bible Study and has done this for several years. She has also taught Sunday school classes and small groups at Hudson First. Lori has taught both in public schools and Christian Schools and was also an administrator for many years before coming to Hudson First. Some of her other previous experiences include leading Bibles Study groups for the

Yadkin Baptist Association; leading retreats for women, pastor's wives, and deacon's wives and many other things to support her husband, Pastor Mack, and serve God. Lori loves people and captures your attention in a special way. Being an avid student of God's Word, she shares His love and teachings with her own love and knowledge always giving Him the glory!

I have known Lori personally for close to 20 years and I know you are going to learn to love her and enjoy her leadership. She and Pastor Mack have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. She spends much of her time investing in their lives.

### 2023 Worship Leader

Ashley Rouselle has agreed to lead our music for our Worship. She was with us last year as a member and our Worship Leader. She has lead worship for over 15 years and is currently at Hudson First Baptist. She, her husband and 4 year old son live in Lenoir. Ashley is very talented and serves God faithfully with her music abilities.

I am grateful to these ladies for agreeing to be with us again, but most of all for their faith and dedication of sharing Jesus and following God's will in all that they do.

I'm also grateful for Rachel Sanders, Angie Morgan and Amy Parce, your Executive team. They are working hard alongside me to seek God's will in planning this year's conference. I ask each of you to continue to pray for us as we are seeking God's will. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. November 13-15, 2023 at Caraway Conference Center. Register early with the registration form in this newsletter or contact any of us for help. We will be having more information in future newsletters and on our new website.

# 2023 Conference Theme

by Amy Parce



At our Executive Committee meeting in March, we discussed possible conference themes. We had a few ideas, but none of them seemed right. As we were reading through the evaluations, we noticed three words consistently appearing: relax, refresh, and renew. One of us suggested Relax, Refresh, & Renew for the theme and it clicked. Our theme verse is Romans 12:2, which says “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (ESV)

We are working hard at planning a great conference experience for you. Some of the breakout leaders from last year will be returning and some will be new. We are working on a few surprises to go along with the spa theme. We look forward to seeing you in November and helping you to relax, refresh, and renew.

## Missions Offering

This year for our Mission Emphasis, our offerings will go to Samaritan's Purse, designating the monies to Operation Christmas Child. We are working out the details with them now and will have more information later. This ministry is very worthy and just recently celebrated their 2 millionth Shoebox!

This means 2 million children have received shoeboxes with gifts for Christmas! Additionally, they have also introduced to Jesus maybe for the first time!

Pray about the amount God wants you to give!



Photo courtesy of Samaritan's Purse

## Introducing the 2023 Nominating Committee

Many thanks to Alicia Ashley, Wendy Oliver, Yvonne Reid, and Deborah Richardson for graciously agreeing to serve on our 2023 Nominating Committee. Please join us as we prayerfully consider who will serve as our next First Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and on the Advisory Committee.

## 2023 Breakout Leaders:

To date, we have confirmed the following breakout leaders:

Karen Scoggins: Relax, Refresh, and Renew

Susan Marshall: Marriage

Davis Blount: Topic TBA

Whitney Goulding: Topic TBA

Brenda Boyles and Teresa Almond: Girl Talk

Renae Henderson: Topic TBA

For more information on our breakout leaders and classes, visit [NCBaptistSecretaries.com](http://NCBaptistSecretaries.com)

# 2023 Conference Registration & First Timers

by Angie Morgan

Hello Springtime! It is so refreshing to see God's beauty come to life again in His creation. Speaking of God's beauty, please plan to join us at Caraway Conference Center November 13-15. You will see another part of His handiwork. We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to those who have already sent in your registrations and deposits. Early registration is encouraged, and a \$50 deposit holds your spot. You can pay periodically on your balance but remember final payment is due by AUGUST 31. If you are unable to attend this year's conference, you can still be a member of NCBMA. Just remember to send in your annual membership dues of only \$30. This helps with the administrative costs of the NCBMA. As a reminder, only active members qualify to serve as future officers.

Whether you are an administrative assistant, ministry assistant, office manager, secretary, treasurer, or volunteer this is a great time to be a part of the NCBMA. If you have been to the conference before you know that it 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, and be on hand to answer any questions she may have. We want to make each First Timer feel special and welcome, so we need several current members to prayerfully consider saying "yes" to being a mentor!

Your officers have been working diligently and are super excited about this year's conference! 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!



## 2023 RAFFLE

This year, we will be offering a week at the beach, a handcrafted piece of pottery by Matthew Kelly, a hand-pieced quilt by Mary Bentley, and a spa gift basket.

Drawing will be held on Tuesday Night during the banquet. Must be present to win. Last year we raised \$1055. 100% raised goes to help the NCBMA with ministry and conference expenses.



# 2023 Conference Registration

November 13-15, 2023 | Caraway Conference Center



## Cost:

### Double Occupancy: \$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.

### Refunds for cancellations

Excluding \$30 membership fee:

Before July 31: 100%

August 1-31: 60%

After August 31: No refund

## 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

C/O Grace Baptist Church

1939 Paul Shuping Ave

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

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

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