

Helpful Hints



Keyboard Cracks

Why not use office supplies to clean your keyboard? First, turn over your keyboard and tap out any crumbs. Then, run the sticky side of on a Post-It Note between the keys to nab debris.



Window Tracks

Sometimes the hard plastic material on your vacuum's crevice tool doesn't allow for much flexibility. But if you put a toilet paper tube over the end, you can squish it until it fits any cranny you need to clean — including the area around your window.



Car Vents

Nothing makes a long drive feel longer than dust blowing into your face. To keep air fresh, use a sponge paintbrush from your craft supplies drawer to dust vents.



Air Vents

Nothing cuts through dust quite like a dull butter knife. First, vacuum loose dust off of vents. Then wrap your utensil in a microfiber cloth, which will grab and hold onto dust.



Car Details

Sadly, some of the indented crevices in your car require more care than just running a rag over them. For those, use Q-Tips to rub off debris until no more gunk is visible.



Narrow Blinds

If you don't want to get your hands dusty, there's a kitchen utensil you can use instead: tongs! All you have to do is secure a microfiber cloth using rubber bands, then close the tool on a strand and pull it across.



Dishwasher Filter and Screen

Don't toss that used toothbrush into the garbage — it's actually one the best cleaning tools for your dishwasher. Use soap, water and the bristly end of your brush to scrub off build-up on removable filters and screens.



Shower Tracks

Who likes scrubbing the shower on their hands and knees? No one, that's who. To make this task less tedious, let a paper towel soaked in vinegar sit on the track for 30 minutes before scrubbing the grime away with a small brush.

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CBCSA

PURPOSE

- To identify and properly relate the various roles of the BCS on the church staff
- To provide an opportunity of fellowship for those with similar interests and to stimulate an interchange of ideas.
- To develop a better understanding of the work to the church secretary.
 - improve performance
 - increase personal effectiveness
 - become acquainted with the latest tools
 - encourage the interests of others in the vocation of the church secretary.



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♥ The Heart of Our President ♥

Sharing the Light John 12:46

Greetings to you my Sisters-in-Christ! It is my hope that this letter finds each of you with great cheer in your hearts and the love of Christ glowing all around you.

The 2016 North Carolina Baptist Secretaries' Conference has come and gone. Each year I leave with a renewed spirit and encouraged to continue on my journey with the Lord. God had given our speaker, Beth Greer, a lot to share with us those three days but one day in particular stuck with me, it was the day she spoke to us about three kind of hearts.

♥ The first heart was a hard heart. She shared this was not the heart of the unsaved but a heart of a Christian that is full of unbelief, unbelief of God, the very one who split the Red Sea. That unbelief is from Satan. There are many examples in the Bible but Beth shared one from Exodus 32, when God was hovering over the mountain and the people had taken their eyes off of the Lord and turned them to man. Satan tries to make us believe that we can be out of the presence of the Lord, but that is a lie. Don't let your spiritual eyes be blinded. In Hebrews 3:7 says, "Today if you hear

His voice do not harden your heart." Do you know how to hear His voice? Through prayer and a constant desire to be in His word, only then can we hear Him.

♥ The second heart was a selfish or prideful heart. You know as well as I do that there is a constant battle between our flesh and our spirit. The example Beth gave us was 1 Samuel 10, where the people cried out for a king, so God gave them a king. But the king didn't do what they wanted, so they cried out for the Lord to get rid of the king and God became their king again. Sometimes we become so prideful that we want things to go our way.

♥ The third heart was the obedient heart. In Genesis 6, God told Noah to build a boat because it was going to rain from the sky and big flood was going come. Well you know how that story turned out, everyone thought Noah was plum crazy, first of all they had never heard of rain much less a flood. But dear ole Noah remained faithful to God and continued to build the ark and when the time came the animals came to the boat two by two. Now you know and I know the animals didn't just know to do that it was God who brought them. Just like in Noah's time, God may be changing the way things have "always" been done, but He calls us to be

obedient even when we don't understand.

I think if we are all honest with ourselves we will admit that we've all experienced each of those hearts. But in order for our lights to shine we must strive to be the obedient heart. Through the love of His word and our daily conversations with God our lights will shine so bright that others will be drawn to Him. Just like on a summer night, when your porch light is on and it draws every bug in the neighborhood to it! Remember even if our circumstances are not good, God's purpose always is

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NCBSA CONFERENCE
November 13-15
Ridgecrest

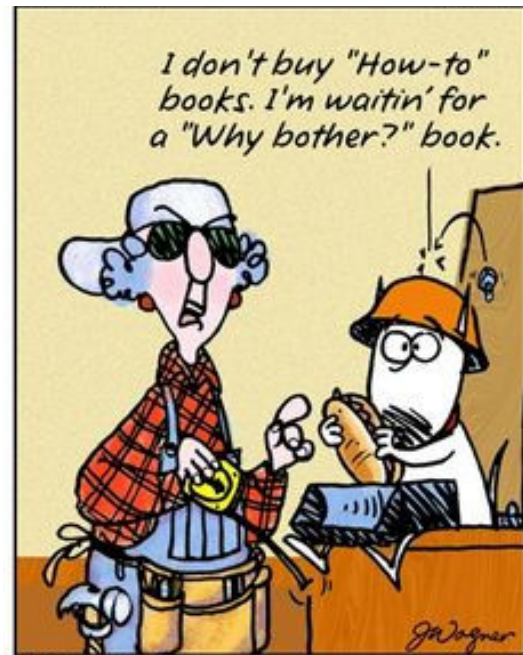
Have you received your newsletter from NCBSA? As always your registration form is located on the back. Be sure you fill it out and submit it to Gail Thompson along with your payment. A \$50.00 deposit will hold your room and the balance will be due in September.

You need to reserve your room as soon as possible. The cost is \$225.00 double occupancy (Private room is additional \$85.) (includes membership, conference fee, room at Ridgecrest, and meals).



Jesus is my Valentine;
 I talk to Him each day.
 He never, never leaves me;
 and always listens when I pray.
 Yes He is my Valentine;
 there is no love like His.
 He is the heart of all that is;
 for Him I breathe and live.
 He's a Valentine that never lies;
 never hurts or breaks.
 He always has forgiven me;
 for all my past mistakes.
 If you only knew my Valentine;
 You would love Him too.
 For His love is always perfect;
 His love is always true.
 So if your heart is longing;
 for a love that never ends.
 for someone that is faithful;
 you know you can depend.
 call upon my Valentine;
 He'll wash away your sin.
 He will be your Valentine;
 and your dearest, dearest friend.

~ Susan Y Nikitenko ~



Service is NOT spelled SERVE-US



MEETING DATES

Our Meetings Schedule

We meet four times a year. The date is always on the second Thursday of the month and at 12 noon usually at the CBA office.

- March 9
- June 8
- September 14
- December 14



We serve a miracle-working God! I believe God is teaching us to not look at people or situations, whether they are positive or negative, but rather to look at and to Him, as He never changes and He is the One we are to depend upon! The devil, demons, people, or circumstances don't have the ability to come between us and God, nor between us and what God wants to do, unless we allow it. Here are 7 areas that God promises to restore.

1. Your Health: in Jeremiah 30:17, the Lord says He will 'restore health to you and heal you of your wounds.' The same Jesus that healed thou-

Let the beauty of JESUS be seen in you today!



What Do You Do When You Don't Know What To do?

In II Chronicles 20 we see the dilemma that King Jehoshaphat faced—insurmountable odds against enemy armies.

There are several "keys" in this set of circumstances that we can use when we are facing such odds in our daily living.

- 1) He mastered his fears by seeking the Lord and asking for help. (vs. 3-4)
- 2) He declared the sovereignty and rule of God over all of the nations. (vs. 6)
- 3) He acknowledged the power and might of God that no one could withstand or match. (vs. 6)
- 4) He reminds God that He was their God and that He was their friend because of being a friend of Abraham. (vs. 7)
- 5) He declares to God that even if disaster comes upon us, we will stand in your presence and declare your name and you will hear

sands in the Bible still has the power to restore your health today.

2. Your Life: Ruth 4:15 tells about the way God provided for Naomi's life to be restored after her husband and sons died: "And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age."
3. Your Joy: David's cry in Psalm 51:12 is that God will restore the joy of His salvation. God is praised in the psalms as the restorer of joy.
4. The Wasted Years: "I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten." (Joel 2:25). God restores the time that we spent living

us and save us (vs. 9)

- 6) "We do not have power against them" "We are greatly outnumbered"; "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

You know the rest of the story! The Heavenly Father is always moved and release to bring supernatural intervention when we turn our eyes to Him. When I was a young child, we sang this chorus: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."

II Corinthians 4:4 states the "god" of this age attempts to "blind" people, lest they see the glory of Christ. Our Heavenly Father, however, loves opening the eyes of His children, so they can see Him in His fullness.

*The angel opened the eyes of a desperate "Hagar" so that she could see the "well of living water"

*Elisha prayed for this servant's eyes to be opened in order for the servant to see that the heavenly host was far greater in number and power than the physical enemies surrounding them.

*"Ananias" touched Saul's eyes and the "scales" fell off and Saul (Paul) could see.

Jesus said that the eyes of God's people are not blind but that we are blessed to see the things of God that even the prophets of old would be jealous to see. (Matthew 13:16-17)

contrary to His truth.

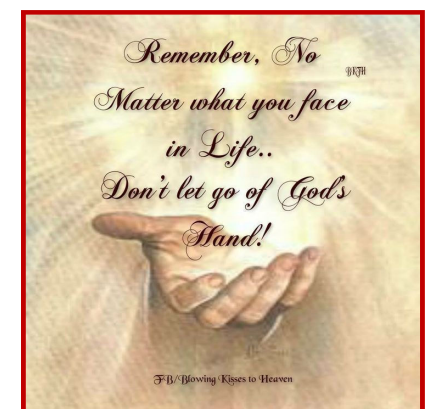
5. Your Spiritual Walk: Galatians 6:1 describes that if someone is caught in sin, the spiritual community is to restore that person in a spirit of gentleness.
6. Your Paths: both you and your spiritual family will rebuild the breach and fill the places that were once used for rubbish (Isaiah 58:12).
7. Your Damaged Soul: The Shepherd's psalm elegantly declares that God "restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness." (Psalm 23:3) Japanese translation of Psalm 22:3 "When God's people praise Him, He brings a big chair and sits there."

Jesus touched the blind man two times in order to assure his seeing clearly. (Mark 8:24)

What do you do, when you don't know what to do? Get your eyes on the Lord; get your eyes completely on Him in 2017!

Why???? I John 3:2 says, "When He is revealed, we shall see Him as He is, and we shall be like Him."

Open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus!



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16