

# N C F W B NEWS

***August-September 2008***



## ***From Billy's Desk***

What a joy it was to see so many of our North Carolina people at the National Association. We were well represented both by pastors, laymen, and youth. I have not heard how all our youth did, but I know we had 75 entries in the NYC competitions. One of our churches really did well. The Sherwood Forest group were awarded Youth Group of the Year and their youth Pastor, Jason Janus, was named Youth Worker of the Year. We congratulate them for these honors.

Several of our music ministers and church choir members participated in the special music during both the services and seminars. Brother Chris Truett, from Bethel Church in Kinston, led the orchestra each evening. I always look forward to the music at the National Association. Those who plan the music each year try to offer a variety of music

to reflect the variety of "tastes" among us. I commend them for their efforts.

Three of our pastors were elected to serve on one of our national boards. Bro. Jeff Manning, pastor of Unity Church in Greenville, will serve another term on the International Missions Board. Bro. Danny Dwyer, pastor of Cramerton Church in Cramerton, will serve another term on the Randall House Board. Bro. Rusty Russell, pastor of Peace Church in Wilson, will serve his first term on the Bible College Board. We are proud of these men and we should pray for them as they serve.

## **TEACHER TRAINING**

When given the opportunity to serve as your Associational Minister, the Executive Board asked me what some of my goals were for our churches in North Carolina. One of those was to offer training for our teachers and church workers. Putting this into practice has not been easy. However, I am ready to announce the first session to be held at Calvary FWB Church, Swannanoa on Saturday, November 22. Dr. Robert Piccirilli will speak to the ministers concerning our duties as "Teacher, Leader, Shepherd." Bro. Keith Kenemer, "Mr. Sunday School", will speak to our teachers and church leaders. Lunch will be provided by the host church. The session will run from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. registration forms will be mailed out in a few weeks.

A motion was made and passed at our State Association Meeting to ask the Executive Board to consider forming a Board of Christian Education for our state. The Executive Board will meet on September 29 where this discussion will begin. The medical field requires their members to constantly up-date their education. Most businesses have in house training or send their employees to training on a regular basis. Yet we as a church put volunteers in our class rooms with little or no training at all. There is some work being done in North Carolina in this area, but we need more. This first event will target the Blue Ridge, Foothills, Piedmont, and Western Piedmont Associations. However, I have a motel near by that has given me some good rates for those who want to come from one of our other associations. My plans are to do something like this in the East around the end of January. The speakers may not be the same, but we will get men and women who have a heart for Christian Education. The cost will be kept as low as possible.

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## MINISTER'S WANTED

Our annual minister's retreat is scheduled for September 15-17 at Camp Joshua in Albemarle. While we do not have many registered yet, I feel this is a good time for ministers to get together for fellowship, encouragement, and rest. It is not too late for you to register. The form can be printed from our web-site [www.ncfwb.org](http://www.ncfwb.org).

### Below is the schedule of events:

Monday September 15 –

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm registration

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm evening meal

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm service -Rev. Van Mitchell

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm service -Rev. Jimmy Mercer

Tuesday September 16 –

8:00 am – 9:00 am breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am service – Rev. David Robinson

10:00 am – 12:00 pm service – Rev. Eddie Moody

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm lunch

### Afternoon is free time

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm evening meal

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm service – Rev. Jimmy Mercer

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm service – Rev. David Robinson

Wednesday September 17 –

8:00 am – 9:00 am breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am service Rev. Van Mitchell

### Pack up and return home

The cost is \$60.00. Remember to bring your own sheets, towels, etc. We sleep on bunk beds in a dorm setting so ear plugs may also be needed. See you at the retreat.