

Thanks to our COLA Group!

The COLA group (Committee On Local Arrangements) has been working the last nine months to prepare support services for the Annual Meeting of the BGC. The sessions were held in Fresno at the downtown convention center June 27-30. Workers from area churches staffed the various ministry areas.

Mr. Ed Winchester from Central Community Church in Fresno has led the work group in monthly planning sessions. This group planned ministry and support services for all functions outside the general sessions for delegates and guests. His team has included:

Finance - Pam Martin, Eastside/Clovis

Hospitality - Lori Jackson and Denise Holder
First Baptist/Kingsburg

Local Publicity - Lisa Schumacher, New Covenant/Fresno

Prayer - K.C. Dickey, New Covenant/Fresno

Registration - Laurie Leoni, Central/Fresno

Transportation - Wade Robinson, Eastside/Clovis

Ushering - Bob Trombetta, Northwest/Fresno

Coordinators for Children and Youth:

Early Childhood - Robin Tucker, First Baptist/Dinuba

Children - Mary Van Alsborg, New Covenant/Fresno

Youth - Scott Borman, New Covenant/Fresno



Our thanks go to the team and their volunteer workers who serve(d) to make the Annual Meeting experience a blessing and positive experience. Thanks for serving on behalf of the whole NCBC!

Annual Seed Money Offering

Each year we encourage our churches to participate in the Northern California Baptist Conference's annual Seed Money offering. When you do, you help to start exciting new churches that are effectively reaching the exploding populations of one of the most diverse areas in the world. Churches may want to take a special

Thanksgiving or Christmas offering or send your personal contribution directly to the NCBC office in Tracy. Watch for more information!

Project Dates: September - March

The Lakeside Ethnic Ministry Center in Oakland has been benefiting from a number of sources in recent months. At the first of the year, Darin Peterson came to help oversee the refurbishing of the Center. This upgrade was made possible from the generous action of Lakeside Baptist Church who donated part of a bequest to do special maintenance on the facility. And the LMC benefited from some work groups coming from NCBC churches to do volunteer work during the cleanup/fixup.

**LAKESIDE IS
SPRUCING UP!**

Projects included the complete renovation of the apartment within the church facility, repairs to the roof and other upgrading items. Work continues with a major effort to weather seal and finish the main church building exterior. The project was under the supervision of the NCBC Overseers Board. Our thanks to all who have helped make these significant changes.

LEAD Team Update

NCBC's Area Directors report the following as they work with the LEAD teams throughout our district.

Jim Hanna--The Bay Area / Sacramento LEAD team has been working together to identify both a set of core values and a profile of a new church planter in our area. Once the team has these in place we will begin to search for a potential planter and location. Participants are John Merrit (Crosswinds/Dublin), Larry Adams (Golden Hills/Brentwood), JD Pearring (Discovery/Elk Grove), Traver Dougherty (Peoples Christian/Roseville), Jim Hanna (New Hope/Tracy).

Mitch McMillan--We continue to receive resumes and inquiries from individuals responding to postings we've made at seminaries and other Christian schools in our efforts to identify/recruit new church planters. Our focus is on a 2nd generation Latino church plant in Santa Maria similar to Harvest Bible in Paso Robles. We also have discussed having the planter start as an intern at Harvest to learn from someone who has started this type of work.

Wade Robinson--The Fresno lead team met recently, with seven pastors joining us along with Matt Heinrich, our newest church planter. The team will be focusing on giving Matt a strong start in his new church plant, as well as spending time learning from each other. Pray also about another potential church planter who is showing interest in serving in our area.

Executive Minister, Don Reed, works directly with the Area Directors in coordinating the NCBC church planting movement as God continues to grow it.

New Church Planter in Fresno



Matt and Andrea Heinricy are beginning a new church plant in the Tower district of Fresno. They are already developing their core team as they begin raising support for their new ministry. They will be seeking to advance God's kingdom in probably the most difficult area of Fresno. The Tower District is marked by extreme diversity.

Whether it be ethnically, socially, economically or sexually, the District is second to none in the Fresno area. Matt and Andrea want to help plant a redemptive community of believers who can reach into broken and forgotten lives. Many lives will be changed through their ministry. Let's make sure we are fully behind them!

NextSteps Seminars Coming to NCBC!

Part of the strategic plan of the NCBC is to have a boot camp for new church planters and enrichment seminars for established church pastors.

President Jerry Sheveland, introduced the words *multiplication* and *mobilization* to us shortly after taking office. We are excited to present a seminar that will merge these two together. On August 9-11 at CrossWinds Church in Dublin, the NCBC will be hosting the *FirstSteps* and *NextSteps* seminars. Featured speaker will be Gary Rohrmayer, Director of Church Planting for the Midwest Baptist Conference. Gary is a national and international church planting specialist.

Check your mail for registration information.



Did You Know . . .

. . . that Crosspoint Community Church in Santa Maria has completed two Mobilization Retreats for their church leadership? These are programs designed by BGC President, Dr. Jerry Sheveland, to help revitalize a church's vision and ministry.

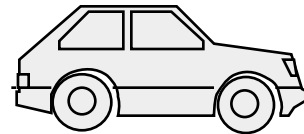
. . . that Pastor Chuck Kidd has resigned as pastor at Valley Bible Church in Visalia? Pray for Chuck and Janet as they wait on God for their next steps.

. . . that 100 senior adults enjoyed a three-day retreat at Mount Hermon Conference Center in May? Rev. Wally Turner, retired pastor and BGC planned giving representative, was the featured speaker developing the topic, "Keeping Your Bearings in a Confused World". Dane and Joan Burg, Lodi First Baptist, presented a wonderful concert of piano and bassoon music.

. . . that there is still opportunity for your church to take advantage of the capital funding campaigns offered by the Baptist General Conference through the program called *XtremeSteps*.

. . . that Pastor Paul Bautts has resigned from Bethel Baptist, Grover Beach? He and Diane and the children will be moving to Calvary Church of Placentia, California, in early July. We praise God for the ministry they have had on the Central Coast for the past 14 years and pray for His blessing in this next step.

Have a car to donate?



Consider giving it to NCBC to help with our church planting efforts. You will be given a tax-deductible receipt for the value of the car. Give our office a call (209.830.6222) to help a church planter through your directed generosity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

18-24 SLAM Youth Leadership Conference, Chicago

August

9-11 NCBC *NextSteps* seminars - Dublin

14 NCBC Hispanic Pastors' Fellowship - Grace/Tracy

September

7-10 Church Planter Assessment Center, Minnesota

9 NCBC Trustee Board meeting - Tracy office

25 NCBC School of Women's Ministries -
Session 2 - Sacramento

October - PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

4-7 Church Planter Assessment Center, Denver

9 Hispanic Pastors' Fellowship - Grace/Tracy

11-14 Pastoral Couples' Retreat - Hume Lake

November

2-5 Church Planter Assessment Center/Washington DC

11-13 Bethel Youth Pastors' Forum - St. Paul campus

December

6-11 Pastors' Christmas Luncheons, places TBA

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NCBC Women's Ministry News

*Is the NCBC
School of
Women's
Ministries for
you?*

May 22 was a red-letter day for many women in Northern California. It was the beginning of the NCBC School of Women's Ministries™. God gave us a wonderful and exciting opening day. It was very exciting to see the CrossWinds worship center full to capacity with eager students at tables ready for serious learning! We anticipate that God will use these women in very special ways as they apply their training to the ministries He has in store for them.

Pamela Heim, founder and dean of the school, noted, "I felt awed by the obvious hunger of leaders to be equipped to better serve God and women. This school has almost three times as many students as our largest schools to date! The NCBC SWM organizing team did a phenomenal job of promoting in the churches and tending to a thousand little details that made the first day's classes a prime learning event. The addition of the Spanish track makes this school a pace-setter for our districts. Foundational, I sensed, was the team's commitment to bathe every aspect in prayer."

The school is a two-year program yielding a Women's Ministries Specialist certificate upon graduation. The school meets three times a year in day-long Saturday sessions with lectures by seminary professors and experts in women's ministry. Homework assignments are completed during the four-month period between classes.

As Pamela mentioned, an addition to the program, initiated here in the NCBC, is a Spanish track. Simultaneous translation (through headsets) of lectures allows our Spanish-speaking students to understand the lectures as they are being presented in the classroom. We praise God for this provision for the 20 Hispanic students present at the opening session. We are praying that others will want to join us in time for the second session in September 25. To get information in Spanish about the school, send your name and address to our Spanish track coordinator, Teresa Flint-Borden, 12152 Gold Bluff Ln., Gold River CA 95670.

Registration for the school now stands at well over 300, but there is still room for you! In order to graduate, a student must attend at least four of the six sessions. The one-time registration fee is \$35, with tuition for the entire school at \$330 (payable in installments). If you are interested in registering, please call Rae at the NCBC office (209.830.6222).

Women's Retreat is closer than you think!

We are really excited about our upcoming annual retreat in Monterey. Of course, it's always fun just to go to the beautiful Monterey peninsula! But then add to that a gathering of hundreds of women from our churches, a great program that includes fun and fellowship and inspiration and relaxation and challenging seminars and ... the list goes on!

Our speaker in January 2005 will be Priscilla Evans Shirer from Dallas, Texas. We are very pleased to be able to present her ministry to our women. For a glimpse take a look at her website (www.priscilla speaks).

Sandy Garman, senior pastor's wife from our church in Paso Robles wrote us saying, "I had the privilege of hearing Priscilla Evans Shirer speak at the National Women in Ministry Conference in Nashville this past May. Her teaching time was one of the highlights of the weekend which included many internationally known speakers. She is a gifted Bible teacher and an inspiring speaker. She speaks with power and authority yet she has a very humble nature. Her desire to see women reach their full potential in the Lord is evident in her teaching. She may make you laugh or make you cry but she will always bring you to the throne in humble submission to God and His Word."

You won't want to miss this exciting weekend. Mark your calendar for January 21-23 and begin saving now! Registration packets will be mailed so that churches will receive them by early August. Watch for information at your church, or contact the NCBC office by phone (209.830.6222) or email (rae@ncbcweb.org). You can also check out our website (www.ncbcweb.org) for information and updates.



Farewell to a Dear Friend!

May 26, 2004, was the day that Betty Mathis entered the presence of her Lord and Savior. She is now enjoying His presence and worshiping at His feet!

Betty was involved in NCBC District Women's Ministries for many years as our Coordinator of Finances, a job she did with great care and accuracy as unto her Lord. She also served the NCBC on the Nominating Committee and the Senior Adult Retreat Committee and was very supportive of our church planting and other ministries. We will miss her cheery smile, twinkle in her eye, and her loving service and support in the NCBC.