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## President's Note

In Philippians 4:4, Paul's instructions are to "rejoice in the Lord always," in every circumstance, no matter what. It's easy to find joy when things are going well, but often so difficult when we are in dark and difficult times. So how do we do that? How do we rejoice always? I think the key phrase in that verse is "in the Lord." Our joy doesn't come from the world around us, from relationships with other people, or from earthly success. These things may bring us happiness, but not true joy. Joy comes from the Lord. Even when our circumstances change, He never does.

When we are sick and hurting, He is Jehovah-Rapha (The Lord Who Heals). When we are lost and don't know where to turn, He is Jehovah-Rohi (The Lord our Shepherd). When we are mired in sin and darkness, He is Jehovah-Tsidkenu (The Lord our Righteousness). He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things, the Alpha and Omega. And He loves and cares for each one of us. He sent His Son to die to save us. He walks with us through

this life and is waiting for us in eternity. He is the one true constant that we all can rely on. What a reason to rejoice!

Your Executive Committee continues to work to plan our conference in November. We appreciate all the prayers you have prayed for us and ask you to continue to remember us in your prayers. Please know that we are always here for you; if you have a prayer request, or work question, or just need someone to listen, don't hesitate to reach out. We love each and every one of you!

Alicia Ashley,  
NCBMA President



# Keynote Speaker

by Fran Clayton

Friends, I am so excited to introduce you to our Keynote Speaker for the 2026 conference. I have known Tim for several years as a pastor, a friend, and a boss (interim pastor at my church). They don't come more honest, truthful, and open than Tim Bowes. You may not recognize the name or face (yet), but I can promise you won't forget him once you have met and heard him.



Tim Bowes is the Executive Director of My Life Matters (our 2026 Mission Emphasis), and Pastor of East Rock Community Church. He's a local boy, hailing from the Virginia / North Carolina line, a US Army vet, a fan of the people of God, and a fanatic for Jesus. He was called out of the construction world and into the vocational ministries of pastor and local missionary. He has served as a pastor for 26 years, and for 19 years at his current church. He has served My Life Matters in Person County as Executive Director for 21 years. His studies include multiple colleges and seminaries, including Judson College and SEBTS. More than all these things, he counts himself as the blessed husband of Care Burton Bowes and thankful father of Katie and Rachel Bowes. Tim's pursuit of sin in his flesh made him a drunk, a drug addict, a brawler, and an angry, proud, and lonely man...Jesus made him a disciple. He makes Romans 12:1-2 his life focus and raising up disciples of Jesus his life goal. All that's really worth knowing about Tim is that Jesus touched him and made him a new man.

## Worship Leaders

by Fran Clayton

I also have the honor of introducing you to our worship leaders for 2026, Andrew and Katherine Liggitt.

Andrew and Katherine have been leading music together since they were camp counselors, 20 years ago. Andrew serves as a Pastor of Worship and Family Discipleship at Bahama (that's Ba-hay-ma) Baptist Church in Bahama, NC. His wife, Katherine homeschools the children and cultivates a flower farm. Together, the Liggitts shepherd their 6 children in Timberlake, NC. The Liggitts are looking forward to leading us in some spirit-filled praise and worship at Caraway!



## Conference Theme

by Angela Cockerham

In every season of ministry—whether marked by celebration or challenge—we are called to anchor our joy in the unchanging presence of the Lord. As ministry assistants, we often serve behind the scenes, faithfully supporting the work of the church in ways that may go unseen by others, but never unnoticed by God. This theme, Rejoice in the Lord, reminds us that our joy is not dependent on circumstances, workloads, or recognition, but on our relationship with Christ, who strengthens and sustains us daily. No matter what we face, we can choose to rejoice—because the Lord is near, His promises are true, and His joy is our strength.



## Conference Registration

We're excited to return to the Asheboro area this year as we gather November 2–4 at Caraway Conference Center. Thank you to those who have already submitted registration forms and payments—we look forward to a wonderful time together!

Early registration is strongly encouraged, especially for those requesting a private room, as space is limited and rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If you're not able to pay the full amount right away, a \$50 deposit will reserve your spot. The remaining balance may be paid at your convenience, as long as it is received in full by August 31.

Conference T-shirts will once again be available for purchase. To ensure your shirt is ready for you at the conference, please include your size, sleeve preference (short or long), and payment when submitting your registration.

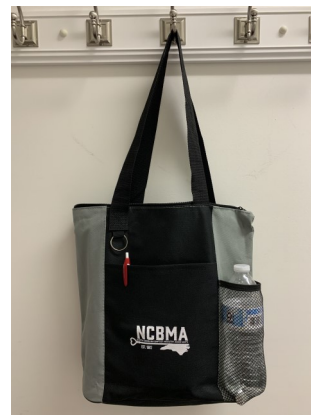
If you are unable to attend this year's conference, you can still support the NCBMA by submitting an annual membership fee of \$30. Your membership helps cover administrative costs and keeps you connected. Please note that only active members are eligible to serve as future officers.

We look forward to gathering together for a meaningful and encouraging time!

## Conference Bags

Again this year, NCBMA canvas logo bags will be provided to first-time attendees and those who have not previously received one. If you attended the 2023, 2024 or 2025 conference and received a bag, we kindly ask that you bring it with you to use again this year.

This helps us be good stewards of our resources while continuing to welcome new attendees in a special way.



## NCBMA Historian

The Executive Board is looking for someone to serve as the Historian for NCBMA. This person would be responsible for keeping the photo albums and historical documents, setting up the history table at conferences, and compiling new photos and documents as needed. If you are interested in filling this position, please reach out to a member of the Executive Committee.

## First Time Attendees & Mentors

Welcome, first-time attendees—we're so glad you're joining us! To help you feel right at home, we'll kick things off with a special orientation just for you and your mentor at the beginning of the conference. This time is designed to introduce you to all the wonderful aspects of the conference and set you up for a meaningful and enjoyable experience.

Throughout the event, you'll have the opportunity to choose breakout sessions in areas such as Spiritual Enrichment, Professional Development, and Personal Effectiveness. There will also be a bonus time featuring one-on-one consultations for additional help with retirement investments.

Your mentor will be there every step of the way—helping you find your room, showing you around, and guiding you through the schedule so you can feel confident and relaxed as you settle in at Caraway.

Current members, we invite you to prayerfully consider saying “yes” to serving as a mentor. It's a wonderful way to connect with someone new, offer encouragement before the conference begins, and help them feel welcomed and prepared. Thank you to those who have already stepped into this role—we truly appreciate your willingness to serve!

We can't wait to see new friendships form and a great time shared together at Caraway!

## Mission Emphasis

Our mission emphasis for this year's conference is an organization near and dear to the heart of Tim Bowes. It is "My Life Matters", an organization based in Roxboro, NC, and supported largely by donations from the community.

"My Life Matters" is a declaration. Everyone's value comes from their Creator, so we share the story of Jesus, who gave His life to adopt lost children into God's family. My Life Matters (MLM) seeks to build relationships with 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students where we lovingly, boldly teach the Scriptures, building up disciples and sharing gospel truth with the lost. MLM has 24 ministry sites, reaching over 1,000 children and young people each week. In a dynamic partnership with local schools – even public schools – we have a faithful gospel presence in every school in Person County.



**Vision:** *The vision of My Life Matters is, as a part of the body of Christ, to work faithfully in communities that we might see every young person in every people group in every community have the opportunity to make an informed decision to be a follower of Jesus Christ and to become a part of the local church.*

**Mission:** *My Life Matters meets young people right where they are, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.*

## NCBMA Variety Show

For our Tuesday night entertainment this year, we will be hosting our first ever NCBMA Variety Show. Please note, this is not a "talent show." You don't need to be *talented*, just *entertaining*. We would welcome poetry readings, skits, comedy routines, songs...whatever you want to share! If you would like to participate, please email one of your officers to sign up.



## Pictorial Directory

*Remember Church Directories will be on-site to take photos for our 2026 NCBMA Directory. More info to come!*

# 2026 Conference Registration

November 2 - 4, 2026 Caraway Conference Center



## Cost:

### Double Occupancy: \$325

Includes NCBMA membership (\$30), conference fee and materials, lodging and meals at the conference

### Private Room: Additional \$95

If you don't have a roommate and do not want a private room, we will assign a roommate to you.

### Commuter: \$175

Includes NCBMA membership (\$30), conference fee and materials, and meals at the conference

### Membership Only: \$30

If you are unable to attend this year's conference, we encourage you to send in your membership dues. This will retain your active membership status and help with administrative costs.

## Register Early!

\$50 deposit is due at registration.

Installments are accepted.

Final payment is due by August 31.

## Refunds for cancellations

Excluding \$30 membership fee:

Before July 31: 100%

August 1 - 31: 60%

No refund after August 31.

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Association \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ Private Room? \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Needs \_\_\_\_\_ Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Conference t-shirt (optional):

Short Sleeve S - XXXL: \$20 Size \_\_\_\_\_ Long Sleeve S - XXXL: \$25 Size \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to NCBMA and mail to:

ATTN: Nicole Mosley

1175 Wyke Rd.

Shelby, NC 28150

Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_