REINTRODUCTION OF THE PULSE

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

WHAT IS THE PULSE?

The PULSE is the newsletter of North Carolina Baptist Nursing Fellowship. If you have news about what you or your fellow Christian nurses are doing we would love to share with all the Christian nurses in North Carolina. Please send your information to Donna Rodgers at drodgers54@gmail.com.

WHAT IS BNF?

Baptist Nursing Fellowship is a professional organization that seeks to minister to nurses and student nurses. BNF also ministers to Missionary Nurses. By being a part of this organization, you will have the opportunity be involved in different mission activities including mission trips, virtual prayer meetings, and special activities.

To join go to: https://www.cfmbinc.org/events
By completing your membership you will *automatically* become a member of NCBNF!

You can also visit: wmu.com/bnf OR wmunc.org/bnf

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Penny Jones MSN,FNP-C

President: I am a RN of 36 years. Of that time, 14 years have been as a family nurse practitioner. I have also been a minister's wife since 1984. I enjoy working with women's ministry and doing outreach activities. I feel blessed to lead this organization. Please pray for NCBNF that it will be to HIS glory. (tkapsbug@northstate.net)

Donna Rodgers RN

President Elect: I am thankful to have been a part of NCBNF since it was formed in 1983. This organization has helped me in many ways in my Christian walk. I also serve as the Health Care Center Director at Camp Mundo Vista. I recently retired after almost 46 years of working in Women's Health, particularly Labor and Delivery and caring for High Risk pregnancy moms. I am now thankful to be able to volunteer at a pregnancy care center doing ultrasounds and letting moms hear their baby's heart beat for the first time. (drodgers54@gmail.com)

Evelyn Frost RN

Secretary/Membership Chairperson: As a missionary nurse in East Africa for many years, I was so blessed by BNF. Many times I received cards and emails letting me know that my BNF sisters/brothers were praying for me. Also I enjoyed attending NCBNF meetings during several of our stateside assignments.
I am glad to be more involved in this organization now that we are retired. (evelyn.frost@gmail.com)

Jill Foster RN

Treasurer: I serve as the newly elected Treasurer of NCBNF. I have been a member of NCBNF for greater than 20 years, having previously served as Program/Professional Growth Chairperson and Treasurer. My husband and I have 2 adult children and 5 grandchildren. We are members of King's Cross Church. (jptfoster51@gmail.com)

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Cindy Cook RN, MSN

Program/Professional Growth Chairperson: With a passion for nurse and patient education, I am honored to serve as the Program/Professional Growth Chairperson. I am an RN working as a clinical nurse in a correctional healthcare setting. I received an MSN with a specialty track as Nurse Educator from Western Carolina University. As I utilize the John Knowles adult learning theory, I strive to provide Christ centered educational opportunities. If you want to contribute ideas or serve on this committee, please email me at cindycook@gmail.com

Esther Bayode RN

Resource Chairperson: I am a Senior Nurse at Mecklenburg County Health Department. I live in Charlotte with my husband and am blessed with 3 children. (bayodetayo@gmail.com)

Barbara Dallas RN

Prayer, Service, Missionary Nurse Chairperson: I have been a member of BNF for several years, this past fall I was honored to be recognized as a Nightingale Nurse. A nightingale nurse is 80 year old or older. As chairperson I would love to hear from you regarding prayer requests and praises. (bdallas2078@centurylink.net)

Cynthia Furr MSN, BSN, RN

Past President: I have been a member of NCBNF since 1991. I have served as Program/Professional Growth Chairperson and now a member of the BNF Education Committee. I am an organist and Parish Nurse at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Before retirement I served as Coordinator/Community Health, CDE with Atrium Health Anson. Other functions included volunteer nurse health advocates, diabetes educator, worked with hospital chaplain program and 3 community centers. Married to Ricky for 50 years with 2 children. Ricky and I remodeled my grandparent's farmhouse and live in rural Stanly County. (rifurr@yahoo.com)

NC BNF ANNUAL MEETING

CAMP MUNDO VISTA | APRIL 9-10, 2021

"RELEASED - SET FREE"

"Released – Set Free! Was the theme for the meeting based on Acts 12:7. God blessed us with a wonderful weekend of fellowship, music, prayer, education, and even hearing John 3:16 in different languages.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

- Friday evening Marcia Vanard, a bereavement Counselor with Hospice, shared with us about "Finding and Giving Hope in the Midst of Darkness." Boy! How appropriate of a topic for coming out of this pandemic!
- "White Angel" was a movie about Florence Nightingale that we watched Friday night.
- Saturday morning we began thinking about "breaking the chains" or things that hinder us from being free. The topics of drug and alcohol abuse, mental illness, depression, and suicide were some of those chains that Sharon Wilcox from Daymark shared.
- Debby Akerman the National BNF President presented the CE program, "Weary, Worn, and Overwhelmed" in talking about chains that need to be broken.

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BUSINESS MEETING

Every Annual Meeting has to have a business meeting and election of officers. Paula Tutherow installed the officers and presented each officer a book "Bible Promises for Women."

Penny Jones has stepped into role as President.

Officers elected were:

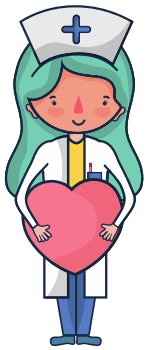
Donna Rodgers as President Elect, Evelyn Frost as Secretary/Membership, and Jill Foster as Treasurer.

Cindy Cook, Barbara Dallas, and Esther Bayode will continue in their current positions.

There was a prayer walk and the meeting ended with the inspirational "Blessing of the Hands."

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Cynthia Furr for serving as the President, Judy Tapp for serving as Secretary/Membership, and Mindy Flow for serving as Treasurer.



BNF MINISTRY TO STUDENT NURSES

SNACKS FOR NURSES

When Charlotte Wyckoff, Mission and Prayer Committee Chairperson of National BNF, encouraged us to send snacks to nursing students during their final exams, the timing was perfect. At our NCBNB meeting April 10, those who came donated sufficient money for two projects including this one.

CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY

I (Claudia Hayes) contacted Campbell University and on April 20 took snacks to the 95 student nurses there.
Students and staff were appreciative.

PRAYER FOCUS

The enclosed card gave contact information for BNF and invited the students to join BNF during the virtual prayer time on May 6.
The prayer focus was on nursing students. There are over 70 nursing schools in North Carolina. Reach out to the nursing students in your area. They need our encouragement and our prayers.

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WE HAVE A JOB FOR YOU!

NCBNF is seeking someone to fill the position of Nominating Chairperson. This Chairperson along with two elected committee members will seek members to fill the officer positions. The Chairperson will also serve on the Executive Committee. If you are interested and want more information please contact Penny Jones (tkapsbug@northstate.net).