

# THE PULSE

April 2023 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](mailto: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.

## BNF MEMBERSHIP

To join go to: [baptistnursingfellowship.com](http://baptistnursingfellowship.com)  
By completing your membership you will *automatically* become a member of NCBNF!

You can also visit: [wmu.com/bnf](http://wmu.com/bnf) OR  
[wmunc.org/bnf](http://wmunc.org/bnf)

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BAPTIST NURSING FELLOWSHIP!



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Us!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

During a recent Bible Study, I came across a page suggesting we should examine: what I know, what I believe, and then how do I act on what I know and believe. The nonbelievers in this world are looking at our actions day to day. Are we doing anything that manifests our beliefs? A person can know about God's love. We can know the story of the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The truth is knowing about something and believing in something are not the same. Paul states in Philippians 3:10, "That I may know Him (Christ) and the power of His resurrection." Paul knew about God, but he wanted to Really know and believe When we really and truly know God in His fullness and believe it to the core of our very soul, our actions will spring forth like the woman at the well. She drank from the living water and her life was never the same. That women ran to town excited to bring people to see the man "He told me everything I ever did". John 4: 39

In your day to day activities as a health care provider, are you spreading salt and light to the darkness around you? Do people see you and know of what and in whom you believe? Are you putting action to your beliefs? Allow the Holy Spirit to open your heart to share the love of Christ. People are hurting physically and emotionally but also spiritually. Don't hide your light. If you believe it, encourage others to "taste and see that the Lord is good". Psalm 34:8. Don't give up, as James writes, "Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up" "James 4:10. Fellow BNF friends and colleagues, we are on a journey, so fight the fight, keep the faith, share His love. Spread salt and light and keep yourselves mentally and physically healthy day to day. Read and study and pray till He comes.

Love in Christ,  
*Penny Jones MSN,FNP-C*

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## "NURSING APPRECIATION IN MAY"

Baptist Nursing Fellowship is asking us to get our churches involved in encouraging and showing appreciation to nurses and nursing students in April and May. Many groups across the country are preparing goody bags and survival kits to give to nurses and nursing students. Many include information about BNF and say that BNF members are praying for them. The NC BNF brochure is available at [wmunc.org](http://wmunc.org) in the Baptist Nursing Fellowship section and may be copied and included. Please pray for our nurses and students especially at this time.

BNF would also like to know the names of nursing schools and healthcare centers where we make contact and how many were blessed during this time. Pictures are also appreciated. Please send this information to Claudia Hayes. You may contact Claudia at [claudia4bnf@gmail.com](mailto:claudia4bnf@gmail.com) for more information.



*Appreciate You!*

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## "SUMMARY OF ANNUAL MEETING"

### CAMP CARAWAY, MARCH 10-11, 2023

Friday evening started off with a delicious dinner, afterwards a time of fellowship singing around the campfire. With the theme: BE SALTY, we began the meeting early Saturday morning with retired missionaries sharing how they are continuing to serve in their local communities.

It was exciting to hear from BNF Executive Director, Marilyn Graves via ZOOM. Marilyn shared some of the exciting things that will be happening in BNF this year. We always welcome hearing from the state WMU office. Sara Lampkin led us in the prayer calendar.

Claudia Hayes, BNF Student Encourager, shared with why we should support and encourage student nurses to join BNF. As new nurses they benefit from knowing that there are other nurses out there ready to assist them.

There were two recipients of the Paula Tutherow Nursing Scholarship: Jennifer Cook and Drew Wilson, unfortunately Jennifer could not be present. (see picture)

Jane Bostick was there to tell us about Game Plan for Life as created by Coach and Race Car Team Owner, Joe Gibbs. Each of us received two of his books: Game Plan for Life and Game Plan for Loss. The program is now in the prisons and inmates can attend seminary classes.



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We always enjoy singing, Devin and Drew Wilson did a great job in leading in Praising God through song. When we were in session, Cynthia Furr provided a meaningful and beautiful prayer walk,,I had never knew there were so many scriptures relating to Be Salty and she had the cutest bees all around.(see picture)

Angie Alexander, Forensic Nurse and Hannah Arrowood, from Present Age Ministries enlighten us about all aspects of Human Trafficking. Our mission project was to bring snacks for the Ministry.

After lunch, Cindy Cook facilitated the CE-Addressing Human Trafficking in Health Care Settings.

As always, the Blessing of the Hands is meaningful and humbling. Then there is the necessary business meeting. Penny Jones, NCBNF President, called the meeting to order. Claudia Hayes led in the installation of officers. (see picture) We were challenged to be SALTY when we got home.

Shining, Apt, Loving, Tenacious, and Yearning

