

# NURSES NOTES

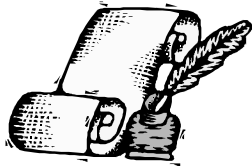
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*“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, . . . to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, . . . All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.”*

*(1 Cor. 2:7-11 NIV).*



FROM THE PRESIDENT  
Pam Parker

This will be my last note to you as your president. It has been an honor and a joy to serve with you these past two years. I look forward to our future under the able and godly leadership of BJ Pettit. I know you will commit with me to daily pray for her and to keep SC BNF strong and growing.

It was my joy to recently attend the national BNF/BMDF meeting in Oklahoma City, OK. The road trip with Pat Haile, Willie Mae Berry and Joye Watson will always remain as one of my life's greatest adventures and time of precious fellowship. We shared stories of service in Ghana, Gaza, Honduras, Tanzania, Colombia and Zimbabwe---no one could top the others' stories as we wondered anew at all God can do! We can also give you a first-hand account of every rest stop in SC, GA, AL, MS, LA, TX and OK...and even some other places to 'pit stop' in between.

We were thrilled to have Laurie Register to join us at the meeting. Thank you, Evelyn Blount, for your support for BNF in allowing Laurie to attend our meeting. I believe SC was the only state to have a state representative present. Thank you for also calling to check on our safe arrival and to wish us well in the meetings. Jane Burrus arrived earlier in the week to attend the

Parish Nurse training. I believe there were 6 nurses in this course which was completed during our meetings. We received a total of 6 CNE hours in Self Care for Nurses, Health Promotion and Wellness and Grief and Loss. These were timely and spiritually a blessing.

Our nurses serving in other lands brought the devotional times each day. Most of them serve in areas where we never see their names in print...but they know we pray for them. Our Joye brought a wonderful message with literally a 5 minute notice after our arrival.

Laurie and I attended a luncheon for the state presidents and representatives where we shared of our ministries, needs and hopes. SC is seen as one of the stronger groups in part because of the strong support from our state WMU. Several states are in the process of re-starting their work. All shared the concern for reaching younger nurses and other health professionals and of reaching out to students.

Our banquet to celebrate our 25th birthday was held at Integris Hospital. The tables were decorated by different states to reflect the state and the local BNF ministries.

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In the evenings we joined the BMDF and we were blessed to hear Steve Saint, son of Nate Saint, share the account of his father murdered as a missionary, the death of his 21 year old daughter and hear his deep heart cry for the millions headed into eternity without knowing the heavenly Father or His Son, Jesus.

Saturday night we attended the BMDF (Baptist Medical Dental Fellowship) banquet at the hotel. Joni Eareckson Tada was the keynote speaker that evening. As always she was an inspiration and challenge as she shared her heart for the 660 million disabled in our world...many who are yet to come to know Jesus as Saviour.

I was elected to the national BNF Executive Committee to serve for the next two years as the Resource Development Chairperson. One of my key areas of responsibility is to help raise funds for BNF. Before this I had already challenged the churches in my association to give at least \$25.00 per WMU group as a memorial/honorary gift to one of the national BNF trust funds during this birthday year. At the meeting I told the other executive members to go home and challenge their churches to honor their nurses this year during Nurses Week with a gift and to use the theme...If You Love Us...Show Us the Money! These funds help us grow by providing educational opportunities for missionaries, help students attend meetings and assist volunteers with expenses for medical mission trips. We do a lot but we can do so much more.

The theme in Oklahoma City was Live the Call: Celebrate the Past, Imprint the Future.

Evelyn Blount, we can celebrate our past because you have faithfully stood for us, behind us and with us as you have led SC WMU. We thank God for you and pray His great blessings on you as you move at the end of this year to another stage of ministry with the Lord.

Imprint the Future...we never know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future. In September I celebrated my 3 year all clear breast cancer check-up but on January 24th my oncologist called me while I was at the Women's' Lifestyle Evangelism Conference in Taylors to tell me that my blood tests that week indicated a return of the cancer. After I took my second breath I was able to say, "Thank you Father that you do not promise us a long life but you do promise us eternal life through Jesus, your Son. We have been down this road together before and we will do it again to your honor and glory."

How we as SC BNF Imprint the Future will be determined by how we allow God, through Jesus, to use us to imprint the impact of Him on our lives to the lives of others we meet...day by day. Yes, the future is bright for SC BNF...I know you and I know of your love for Him...so let the Light of the World continue to shine through you as you serve Him through your life calling as a nurse or other health care professional.

Blessings and joy,  
Pam Parker

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## SC Baptist Disaster Relief Medical Team Needs Help

By BJ Pettit

A 5000 square foot warehouse of donated medical equipment and supplies in Florence, SC needs organizing. The equipment and supplies will be used for disaster medical response, for international missions, and also for medical responses within the US through SCBC disaster relief directed by Cliff Satterwhite.

A non-profit organization, Southeastern Medical International ([www.southeastmed.org](http://www.southeastmed.org)) is willing to provide food and lodging for any volunteers that will meet in Florence to help. A sign up sheet will be available at our annual BNF meeting on March 1, if you would like to go as a team or call Laurie Register at 1-800 723-7242. Other dates are available and you may individually contact Randy Shell of SMI at [southeastmed@bellsouth.net](mailto:southeastmed@bellsouth.net) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer individually.

### Disaster Relief Training

February 29-March 1, 2008	Myrtle Beach Community Church
March 28-29, 2008	North Augusta First
October 9-10, 2008	White Oak Conference Center

Medical classes offered. For information, call (800) 723-7242, ext. 5500 or email [brendalugmayer@scbaptist.org](mailto:brendalugmayer@scbaptist.org)



## Yip-I-A Oklahoma OK - Patricia A. Haile, RN

The day was an exciting one! Three 'sister' BNFers and I were Oklahoma bound in my Honda van. Even in the mid-winter, the sky was bright and beautiful as the sun beamed on us. How thankful we were for this spring-like weather the Lord provided.

We four departed Columbia February 5th for Oklahoma City. Here we attended the annual BMDF conference and the 25th anniversary celebration of Baptist Nursing Fellowship. National BNF was organized in Oklahoma City in 1983.

If you have never attended a National BNF meeting, you have indeed missed a blessing and a 'fun time!' I hope you will begin now to plan to go to next year's annual meeting. This will be held May 7-10, 2009 at the new Sevierville Events Center in Sevierville, TN.

The twenty-one national BNF meetings that I have attended provided the following for me:

1. Spiritual growth through Bible study.
2. Means of gaining knowledge and information regarding medical missions around the world and here in America. I observed this first-hand at "The Shepherd's Center" in Oklahoma City on Saturday afternoon during our free time.
3. The joy and excitement of being reunited with friends and former co-workers.
4. Making new friends who share the same passions and desires I have.



Laurie Register, Joye Watson, Pam Parker, Patricia Haile. Not pictured: Jane Burrus, Willie Mae Berry

I was indeed challenged hearing both career and volunteer doctor and nurses share missions experiences. Their stories of ministering to the sick, the hurting, the less fortunate; and then introducing them to the Great Physician who is the Healer of all ills was indeed a challenge!

Our meeting closed with "A Blessing of the Hands" (or a hand washing service). Each of us were ushered to the front where basins of water were placed and our hands washed by one of our leaders. This was most definitely a time of affirmation of my call to use my hands - my life in service for the Great Physician. God willing, I hope to see you in Sevierville in May, 2009. May God richly bless you and use you in His service.

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### BNF Expands for 2008 - BJ Pettit

In talking and corresponding with many of you over the past year, it has come to our attention that there is an increasing interest in forming local BNF chapters. Many members and prospective members seem to be interested in having something ongoing in their area in addition to the annual state meeting.

We have a few local chapters but feel we could be of better service if each association was represented. This has been a prayer concern among our officers, and we feel that now is the time to put feet to our prayers. Some of our thoughts are to have the BNF members in each SC WMU region to meet quarterly. These meetings would encourage the growth of local chapters, provide an opportunity to share information concerning local and associational mission opportunities, and possibly provide additional contact hour offerings. What are your thoughts?

We need your help to be a better service organization in SC. Pray about your involvement in your area. Pray about your answers to our questions when you are asked to help. Pray about how God can use your medical talents to make a change in someone's life and in His world.

We will begin contacting you soon, but you don't have to wait for us to ask!! We need volunteers from each region to help us get things started. If you would like to start a local chapter or just want more information, please contact BJ Pettit at 864-878-4123 (bjp4123@aol.com) or Nancy Brown at 803-647-7018 (Nancy.brown@palmettohealth.org). We hope to hear from you and will help in any way we can.

#### Regions by Association

**Region 1** - Beaverdam, Broad River, Greenville, Greer, North Greenville, North Spartan, Palmetto, Piedmont, Pickens Twelve-Mile, Saluda, Spartanburg County, Woodruff

**Region 2** - Chester, Columbia Metro, Kershaw, Lexington, Moriah, Union County, York

**Region 3** - Aiken, Barnwell-Bamberg, Edisto, Edgefield, Lakelands, Laurens, Orangeburg-Calhoun, Reedy River, Ridge

**Region 4** - Carolina, Chesterfield, Florence, Marion, Pee Dee, Santee, Southeast, Waccamaw, Welsh Neck, Williamsburg

**Region 5** - Allendale-Hampton, Charleston, Colleton, Savannah River, Screven

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SC Nurse Licensure No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Nurse: \_\_\_ RN \_\_\_ LPN \_\_\_ Student Nurse  
\_\_\_ Missionary Nurse - Place \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Retired Missionary Nurse

Work Place: \_\_\_ Hospital \_\_\_ Office \_\_\_ Community  
\_\_\_ Private \_\_\_ Nursing Home \_\_\_ Education  
\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Status: \_\_\_ Working \_\_\_ Retired

Trained for Disaster Relief? \_\_\_

CPR Instructor? \_\_\_

#### Annual Membership Dues:

SC BNF: \_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Renewal

\_\_\_ Nurse (RN/LPN) \$20.00  
\_\_\_ Student 10.00  
\_\_\_ Missionary Nurse Free  
\_\_\_ Retired Missionary Nurse Free

#### National BNF (optional):

\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Renewal

\_\_\_ Nurse (RN/LPN) \$50.00  
\_\_\_ Student 15.00  
\_\_\_ Missionary Nurse(active/retired) Free  
\_\_\_ Retired Nurse 30.00

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