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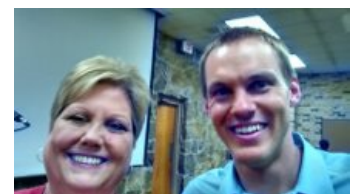
President's Perspective

Can you believe its 2015? I remember when we were all stressing over Y2K and the fear of the unknown. Here we are 15 years later and the world is still spinning. The use of technology now is above and beyond what we ever thought imaginable. We are able to send pictures and communicate with the stroke of a button; have video calls with individuals on the other side of the world; and search, store, and develop information that used to be found in a hanging file folder or the old trusty encyclopedia. We are a world that survives our daily responsibilities by engaging our minds with our cell phones, iPads, iPods, and laptops.

Nursing has had its fair share of changes as well. No longer do nurses stand at the "station" and hold the plastic binders with metal rings filled with tabs and papers to tell us what our patients need and what the doctors want us to do. Physicians' offices now have computers in the exam rooms eliminating the need for paper file folders of records and prescription pads. Where once we saw only grainy ultrasound pictures of babies, we now have 3D and 4D images so detailed that you can see everything short of counting the eyelashes of the expected child.

After my reflection on all of this, I was reminded that even though this world operates on electronics, technology, and instant gratification, our God has not changed. He still communicates with us through prayer and His Word. He will never require a larger hard drive or more gigs to understand Him and His desire for our lives. He doesn't need cyberspace, the World Wide Web, or an iPhone 6 to reach us. Lamentations 3:22-23 says, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; and great is your faithfulness" (ESV). He offers us a fresh, encouraging word daily and abundant mercy that is new each day.

I had the pleasure of representing BNF along with Kristy Carr at January Board Meeting and was blessed to be in the audience when IMB President Dr. David Platt addressed those in attendance. I learned that he has a passion for missions and a love for servants that is immeasurable. He shared that one of the things that drives his passion is the realization of the overwhelming responsibility that God has entrusted us with. We are all part of God's Great Commission. His plan for us is to exalt Christ, awaken the dead in Christ, facilitate the planting of churches, and continue to make Him known until His return.



BNF nurses can help achieve this by praying for each other and our missionary nurses. We have the technology to share our prayer needs and be involved with missions. Ask God to guide you to fulfill that which He has entrusted you to do.

Serving the Savior,
Regina Mobbs, RN



ALL FOR YOU
WMU MISSIONS CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 14–15, 2015
First Baptist Church of Grove City
3301 Orders Road
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Save the date for an amazing celebration of what God is doing around the world through missions! Come early to the 5BC annual meeting in Columbus . . . First Baptist Church of Grove City is just a 10- to 15-minute drive from the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Visit wmu.com/columbus for more information.

 **WMU**
missions for life

WMU Annual Meeting June 14–15, 2015

BNF will have a presence at this year's WMU Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. We are proud to be offering Continuing Education Units for healthcare professionals. Chaplain Michael Coleman will lead the CEU on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and national BNF President-Elect Marilyn Graves will lead "End of Life Issues." You can find more information about attending the [WMU Annual Meeting here](#).

Save the Date

BNF Annual Meeting
September 18–20, 2015

This year brings some exciting changes to our BNF Annual Meeting. We're looking forward to meeting at both a different time of year and at a different venue. Join us this fall at [Shocco Springs](#), a nonprofit, Christian conference center in Talladega, Alabama. Our survey results showed that you desired a time of the year that does not conflict with state WMU and BNF meetings and that members wanted an affordable location with an inviting atmosphere. To meet those needs, your national BNF executive committee has worked diligently to provide the best dates, location, and affordability for this year's meeting.

The meeting cost this year is just \$250.00 (double occupancy) or \$290.00 (single occupancy) which includes the registration fee, two nights lodging, and five meals. This is a significant savings over last year's fee of \$200, which did not include lodging or meals.

Also, participants can look forward to a silent auction with proceeds going toward the Student Nurse Endowment Fund. Participants are encouraged to bring item(s) to donate to the auction. Donations can range from any item in good repair that one may have around the house to something homemade, sewn, knitted, etc. Cash will also be needed to purchase tickets to make bids. This is great fun and one of the annual activities utilized to raise funds for scholarships and endowments.

This year's theme is "From Ashes to Beauty" based on Isaiah 61:3:

*"To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified"* (NKJV).

Our continuing education units will focus on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Four CEUs will be presented during the meeting:

P = From Pain to Power

T = From Troubled to Triumph

S = From Sorrow to Strength

D = From Despair to Delivered

Arrival/Registration: 4:00–5:00pm | Friday, September 18

To register, please call 1-800-280-1105 or by [clicking here](#).

Getting to Know You

The National BNF® office conducted an informal interview with Marilyn Graves, President-Elect of BNF, so that you, our membership, can get to know her better. Enjoy learning more about Marilyn!

Question 1: What, besides the Bible, is your favorite book?

Answer: I LOVE books, so this is a hard one! Two books that have really challenged me recently are *When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert and *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* by Ruby Payne. I am trying to learn more about how to minister to the poor who are all around us.

Question 2: What always makes you laugh?

Answer: I laugh at myself a lot; I'm a funny person. After 39 years of marriage, my husband can still make me laugh about as quickly as anyone. Hearing a baby laugh is 100% effective as well (especially if I happen to be related to the baby).

Question 3: If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?

Answer: I would choose to spend it at a beach house somewhere with all of my family that could possibly gather at the same time—loving on family and enjoying God's beautiful world is a little piece of heaven!

Question 4: What's your favorite place you ever lived?

Answer: Yikes! I will answer this as I would if you asked me my favorite age. It is where I am right now. I love North Carolina; this is our first time to live here. God has blessed us with living in many wonderful places with great people and experiences.

Question 5: When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Answer: I can only remember wanting to be a nurse. My grandmother used to tell me that when I was 4 years old, she knew I wanted to be a nurse.

Question 6: How long have you been involved with BNF?

Answer: We were on our way to the missions field in Chile in 1983 when BNF was organized. On our first furlough in 1987, I was invited to attend the BNF annual meeting in Memphis, TN. On every furlough afterwards, I was able to attend the annual meetings and was sponsored by BNF to attend the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1995.

Question 7: What drew you to BNF?

Answer: As a missionary nurse, I was drawn to BNF by the support given to missionary nurses. It was such a blessing to have the spiritual and professional support that BNF offers.

Question 8: What are the greatest challenges/rewards to being a Christian healthcare professional?

Answer: One of the greatest rewards is having the opportunity to work in an area of service to others that God has called you to do. One of the greatest challenges is to not let your light be overshadowed by worldly demands.

Question 9: How can our membership be praying for you?

Answer: Please pray that when I assume the role of president of national BNF that I would be found faithful in all things and that God will be glorified through Baptist Nursing Fellowship.





Familyfest: July 18–22, 2015



FamilyfestSM is a ministry driven, pre-packaged missions trip and is recommended for anyone first grade and older . . . perfect for families, adult teams, and student teams!



Join us in Indianapolis, where as volunteers, you will assist churches and ministries in partnership with the state WMU[®] and local Baptist association in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of those in their communities.



Ministry opportunities may include, and are not limited to:

- Light construction/repairs
- Servant ministries
- Block Parties
- Prayerwalking
- Backyard Bible Clubs/VBS



So save the date, and we'll look forward to seeing you there!

Visit wmu.com/trips for more details as they are made available.



Welcome, New Members!

Please join us in welcoming the latest BNF members to our group. If you'd like to welcome our new members personally, you can find their contact information in the Member Directory on our [Member's Page](#).

(You will need your password to access the directory.)

Alaska

Prentiss Burke

Georgia

Dallas Garrison
Heidi Lain

North Carolina

Amy Norris

Texas

Kathryn Tucker

Global Happenings: Pray for Missionary Nurses



Jan Collins, Spain
Whitni Corsaut, Oklahoma
Heather Edmonds, Ohio
Dallas Garrison, Georgia
Heidi Haun, Virginia
Judy Jones, Texas
Sheri Norris, South Carolina
Jessica Painter, Tennessee
Tammy Stocks, Bucharest
Beth Weaver, Pennsylvania
Melva Whitlock, Oklahoma

This is the most comprehensive list the National BNF office has of missionaries who are currently serving and where they are based. If you have more updated information or notice that a name is missing, please contact [Ryann Mitchell](#) to let us know. Thank you!



- The myMISSION trip registration for New York City is now closed. Please begin praying for the young ladies who plan to spend their Memorial Day weekend serving in NYC. They will arrive on Friday, May 22 and leave Monday, May 25.
- Don't forget to register for the [Indianapolis Familyfest in July!](#)

We want to hear from you! Please let us know what is going on in your state BNF. We would love to feature it in an upcoming Lamplighter and/or on the BNF website. Send your story to bnf@wmu.org.



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