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A newsletter for church and associational secretaries and ministry assistants



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SLICE

SECRETARIES LIVING IN CHRIST'S EXAMPLE

Your Last Issue of Slice

How many times do you get a magazine with these words on the front copy: "Your last issue..." But then you still get the magazine and especially catalogues!

Well, that is not the case here. Because of budget cuts, this WILL be the last issue of "Slice." Everything is going electronic and will be only sent via e-mail. So what does that mean to you? You MUST sign up to receive Slice by email or you won't know what's happening in Tennessee for ministry assistants. You can sign up at www.tnsecretaries.com.

As I looked through all the old copies of Slice I worked up this brief history. It brought back fond memories of times we had together. I hope it does the same for you.

September, 1998

No Name Newsletter sent. Size of the newsletter was 7 1/2 X 10 3/4. Color was teal and black on gray paper. Contest to name the newsletter was launched.

First annual luncheon for Ministry Assistants at the Tennessee Baptist Convention annual meeting was announced.

Promoted the 1999 National Conference for Ministry Assistants at Glorieta with opportunity to ride in the TBC van.

A new product from LifeWay was announced—Ministry Office Quick-Source.

January, 1999

Patsy Morales, ministry assistant at FBC, Kingsport, won the naming contest and Slice was launched with new colors--lemon yellow and green on gray paper.

That issue included reviews from two new events in 1998-Associational Secretaries Celebration and the Secretaries Luncheon at the State Convention Annual Meeting

May, 1999

Frances Hill, ministry assistant at Parkview BC, Lewisburg, was featured for 48 years of service.

Highlights from TBCSA, 1999 was featured.

National Conference was also featured. Approximately 60 traveled to Glorieta for the event, 16 rode the "Lana Rose Express."

A new ministry opportunity was launched—volunteering to work registration at the Tennessee Baptist annual meeting.

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Joyful Journeys with Lana

The last issue of Slice...what fond memories I experienced as I looked through the issues and remembered all the things we have done since that first issue in 1998. They truly have been "joyful journeys." I have enjoyed coming into your church and associational offices through this newsletter as I shared with you not only growth opportunities for you but personal tidbits of my life. You were there with me through the death of my brother, my sister-in-law and my father. You were there with me when I had both of my knees replaced. You were also there with me when we took mission trips to Canada, Iowa, and Montana. We have traveled together to national conferences from Glorieta, New Mexico all the way to Ridgecrest, North Carolina. God has given you some great girlfriends because of your traveling together to conferences in "The Lana Rose Express." We have shared the frustrations, disappointments, prayer requests, and victories together through "Slice." Many of you have been around a long time and celebrated many anniversaries and we have all shared in them.

But it doesn't have to end here, but you do have to sign-up to receive the email version of Slice.

You must go to www.tnsecretaries.org and subscribe. We need to have your email address before we can send you Slice electronically. We have over 2,000 secretaries in our state but only have around 900 email addresses. So don't be left out—sign up now.

TBCSA – All the information is included in this issue for the 2009 state secretaries conference. We have moved the conference to FBC, Sevierville, March 30-April 1. Yes, it is a long way from west Tennessee but use this opportunity to visit the beautiful Smoky Mountains that some of you have never seen. Tony Rankin and Don Pierson will be leading our large sessions plus some break-outs. Our theme is "Treasures in Jars of Clay." Come join us in east Tennessee for three great days of worship, conferences, afternoon tea, and yes, of course, shopping. You can register online at www.tnsecretaries.org or use the form in this issue.

National Conference for Ministry Assistants – I know some of you will have to choose between the state and national conference. We understand that completely. If you are interested in Nationals, the dates are April 22-25 at Ridgecrest. You can

find information about this conference at www.nasbs.net. I will be teaching Professional Course for Certification there (Joy is also leading conferences!!). As plans are made for our state booth and other Tennessee activities at Nationals we'll keep you posted.

Professional Course for Certification – July 15-17. If you have not been certified as a Professional Ministry Assistant or have not completed all six modules, we will be offering this again this year in July here in Brentwood. Watch our website for registration details and online registration.

It is with great sadness that I sign off for the last time with this issue of Slice...please sign up for the email version...let's keep in touch.

See you around Tennessee,

Lana





Slice has gone electronic—
go to www.tnsecretaries.com to sign-up for the electronic issue.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION SECRETARIES CONFERENCE
March 30- April 1, 2009 • FBC, Sevierville

MONDAY

11:00-1:00	Registration
1:00	Treasures in Music..... Two or More WelcomeLana Rose, Secretaries Ministries, TBC Introduction of our State Treasures.... TBCSA Officers
1:40	Treasures in Worship Two or More Treasures in Jars of Clay Randy Davis, Pastor, FBC, Sevierville
2:00	Break
2:15 3:30	Breakout #1
3:45-5:00	Breakout #2

TUESDAY

8:30	Treasure in Worship Scott Andrews, Min. of Music, FBC, Sevierville My Jar of Clay – Testimony Patsy Morales, Kingsport
9:00	Special Music Spending Treasured Time with Tony Tony Rankin, TBC
9:45	Break
10:00-11:15	Breakout #3
11:30	Lunch- Fellowship Hall, FBC, Sevierville
12:15	Business Session
12:45	Breakout #4
2:15-3:00	Tea TimeDana James, Greenwood, IN
3:15	Breakout #5
4:30	Looking for Treasures in Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg

WEDNESDAY

9:00	Closing comments.....Lana Rose, Pam Hazlegrove Treasures in Worship Scott Andrews Special Music Spending Treasured Time with Don Don Pierson, TBC
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*Treasures
in Jars of
Clay*

Now we have
this treasure in clay
jars, so that this extraordinary
power may be from God and not
from us. 1 - 2 Corinthians 4:7 (HCSB)



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BREAK-OUT TREASURES

1. Passing On the Treasure of Prayer to the Next Generation—Don & Trish Pierson – offered twice
2. The Treasure of Encouragement to the Minister—Dana James – offered twice
3. Is your Jar empty?—Brenda Harris – offered twice
4. How full is Your Jar? Giving and Receiving Grace—Tony Rankin—offered once
5. I'm All Cracked Up—What Do You Do When You Feel Like Choking Him—Tony Rankin –offered twice
6. Treasures in Microsoft Word —Dana James—offered once
7. Treasures in Microsoft Excel—Dana James – offered twice
8. The Treasure of Integrity--Legal issues—William Maxwell—offered three times
9. How to Put Treasure in Your Jar (Retirement)—Susan May—offered twice
10. How to Manage your Treasures--Financial issues—Deborah Taylor—offered three times
11. A Treasured Quiet Time—Don & Trish Pierson—offered twice
12. Decorating Tip for you and your home—Jeanne Davis—offered twice
13. How to Plan an Event--Brenda Harris—offered twice

CONFERENCE TITLE	MONDAY 2:15-3:30	MONDAY 3:45-5:00	TUESDAY 10:00-11:15	TUESDAY 12:45-2:00	TUESDAY 3:15-4:30
<i>Passing On the Treasure of Prayer—Don/Trish Pierson</i>	X			X	
<i>Treasure of Encouragement to the Minister – Dana James</i>	X	X			
<i>Is Your Jar Empty? – Brenda Harris</i>		X	X		
<i>How Full is Your Jar? – Tony Rankin</i>			X		
<i>I'm All Cracked Up – Tony Rankin</i>				X	X
<i>Treasures in Microsoft Word – Dana James</i>			X		
<i>Treasures in Microsoft Excel – Dana James</i>				X	X
<i>The Treasure of Integrity – William Maxwell</i>			X	X	X
<i>How to Put Treasure in Your Jar – Susan May</i>	X	<i>Personal Appointments</i>	X	<i>Personal Appointments</i>	
<i>How to Manage Your Treasures – Deborah Taylor</i>	X		X	X	
<i>A Treasured Quiet Time – Don/Trish Pierson</i>		X	X		
<i>Decorating Tips for You and Your Home – Jeanne Davis</i>	X	X			
<i>How to Plan an Event – Brenda Harris</i>				X	X

Registration Form

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION SECRETARIES CONFERENCE

March 30-April, 2009 • First Baptist Church • Sevierville, Tennessee • Theme: Treasures in Jars of Clay

Please register one person per form.

Name _____ Church: _____

Church Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Church Phone Number: () _____ Email: _____

I plan to participate in the following (check items and record amount for item in "My Payment" column): Required fees are marked. Meals are optional.

Reservations will not be confirmed until money is received by Tennessee Baptist Convention. To pay by credit card go to: www.tnsecretaries.org

		My Payment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration Fee	\$35.00	\$ 35.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association Dues	\$15.00	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday meals (includes Tea)	\$20.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Optional Spouse Registration	\$15.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Lunch	\$10.00	_____

Registration deadline: March 20, 2009
Refund deadline: March 20, 2009

Please indicate which conferences you will be attending:

TOTAL = Payment Enclosed \$ _____

- #1 _____
- #2 _____
- #3 _____
- #4 _____
- #5 _____

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LODGING

Headquarter Hotel:
Contracted Rate: Mention
Tennessee Baptist Convention
Secretaries Association
Fairfield Inn & Suites
at Five Oaks
1650 Parkway, Sevierville
865-429-8300

Other hotels in the area:
(no contracted rate)

Oak Tree Lodge
1620 Parkway, Sevierville
865-428-7500

Comfort Inn
1850 Parkway, Sevierville
865-428-1069

Hampton Inn
2492 Parkway, Sevierville
865-428-5500

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- 2000 Welcomed new ministry assistant, Heather Whitt.
Slice takes on new larger size
- 2001 Welcomed new ministry assistant, Jo Ann Houge
Appreciation Day in the Association event was launched
- 2002 First mission trip for Ministry Assistants—Alberta Canada
E-newsletter launched
20th Anniversary of TBCSA
- 2003 Mission trip to Iowa
First Tennessee Baptist Secretary elected a National officer, Sharon Ramsey, Clingan Ridge BC, Cleveland
- 2004 Tony Rankin's first article in Slice
Regional Computer Training conducted
Last Secretaries Luncheon at state convention
- 2005 Regional Computer Training offered
Two day format for TBCSA was introduced
- 2006 Mission Trip to Montana
- 2007 25th Anniversary of TBCSA
Slice started electronically
Record number from Tennessee at Nationals
Second Tennessee Baptist Secretary elected as a national officer, Sarah Farmer, Southwestern BC, Johnson City
- 2008 TBCSA held in a church for the first time
- 2009 Last copy of Slice mailed. Slice goes completely electronic.

Opportunities for Tennessee Baptist Secretaries 2009

- March 30-April 1 State Secretaries Conference, FBC, Sevierville
www.tnsecretaries.org
- April 22-25 National Conference for Ministry Assistants, Ridgecrest
www.nasbs.net
- July 15-17 Professional Course for Certification, Baptist Center, Brentwood
www.tnsecretaries.org
- November 9-11 TBC Annual Meeting, West Jackson

These events are provided in part by Cooperative Program monies given by Tennessee Baptist churches.
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A few words from Tony

Last night I was speaking for a ministers and deacons conference in Troy, Tennessee. It's "just outside of Union City." I heard that from all four persons that I asked for directions. Because of the impending ice storm I decided not to go on my usual path through Clarksville and Kentucky. I drove I-40 west and finally got off the Parkers Crossing exit on Hwy 22. Everybody I asked said "It's just outside Union City." Four different people gave me four different sets of directions. I drove and drove and drove and finally stopped and asked a local for some "real" directions. He smirked and said "keep on going until you get to the McDonalds and you can't miss it!" The funny thing is that all four persons that tried to help me said "Go until you see a McDonalds."

Finally I called Herman, a good friend who lives in Union City, and he said, "You'll have to turn onto Reel Foot Avenue as you get to Union City and go until you... (You guessed it!) see the McDonalds."

I finally get there at 5:29 pm for the 5:30 pm meal and conference. But, do you know how many McDonalds I saw from the interstate? More than one in the last 85 miles of driving! The event was a wonderful one sponsored by the Beulah Baptist Association but I think I learned more than anybody.

Just because we know exactly where something is does not mean that makes sense to anybody else. Just because we know exactly how to do something does not mean that it will be easy for somebody else to figure out by our directions. Just because the "McDonalds" and simple things in our minds are good markers to use to understand something does not mean the other person sees things exactly like we do. Think about how you try to help others understand how to get to the right place, understand a task or skill, or understand how to help you accomplish a task with you. You may be more familiar than they are and you may need to try to see things from their point of view. Nobody thinks just like you do. And the next time you see a McDonalds ask yourself, "Am I there yet?" Be busy serving with and for others until you get There.



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