

NCCB 2019 FALL NEWSLETTER

ERLANGER, KENTUCKY

ENOCH WILLIAMS, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

To all my brothers and sisters in Christ: It is my pleasure to report that this year's NCCB Conference in Erlanger Kentucky was a Great success. I want to thank all the first timers who came from various regions of the country. A total of nineteen states were represented and 65 showed up for the week long fellowship. The Hotel staff were very helpful and the restaurant food was excellent. We were able to negotiate the Hotel easily and the free breakfast was appreciated.

Let's thank our outgoing President David Wise for his four years of dedicated service and all of the board members who worked hard to make this event a success. It is with Joy and earnest anticipation that I look forward to the NCCB Conference in Dallas Texas in 2020. We have elected a New President Karen Gearrard and Colleen Kitagawa and Albert Brunke and Nigel Ricards as representatives. Welcome aboard and may God bless your decision to run for office, so that you can give yourself to the ministry our Lord and savior has called us to be His ambassadors to the physically blind and Spiritually lost hearts of those who we meet on the journey we share in serving Jesus Christ.

If you had the opportunity to share in the choir music and the talent time, it was a delightfully uplifting experience for all in attendance. The Bible teacher Pastor Wes Sebree offered an interesting approach to Bible study and outlined the method in a simple and direct way, encouraging us. to form small weekly Bible studies. If you're not in an ongoing Bible study at your local church, you can pray and ask god to direct you in starting one this year. There is no more rewarding endeavor than sharing the progressive revelation of Jesus Christ with those who are hungry for the truth and the grace that sets us free from every oppression of the enemy of our soul. Thanks to all who preached on the message theme "Why the Kingdom is the Only Way." And the two seminars held on Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Remember to keep Pastor Dave Andrus and family in prayer as he was unable to stay for the entire conference due to family illness. Thanks to Duncan Holmes for blessing us with the musical talent God has given him and the humble realization of God's loving hand guiding him through the rough days He is now facing as his wife struggles with the cancer in her

body. If you haven't attended a NCCB conference, come visit with us in 2020 in Dallas Texas at the MCM Elegante' Hotel located at 2330 Northwest Highway and give the members of the body of Christ the opportunity to share what God is doing in your life but, if you haven't met Jesus Christ, let me introduce Him as the second member of the trinity. He is God's Son and answer for man's sin, sent by the Father to offer a perfect sacrifice for man's rebellion and shame. Jesus has opened the path of forgiveness, reconciliation, regeneration, renewal sanctification and ultimate Glorification with our Heavenly Father. Have a blessed day in the Lord.

Pastor Enoch Williams Jr.

END, ENOCH WILLIAMS

DAVID WISE, COVINA, CALIFORNIA

Hello NCCB family, it was a great conference in Erlanger, Kentucky. I found the hotel extremely nice, I loved the decor, there was a giant water fountain in the lobby which I found relaxing. The staff was extremely helpful at all times. Our morning bible teacher Pastor Sebree did something uniquely different, we split up into groups and interacted with one another asking specific questions and answering them. It gave us a chance to get to know one another in an intimate way. I would like to see more interaction of that sort during the afternoon seminars in the future. A few of us who did not go to the Creation Museum went to the Clover nook Printing House in Cincinnati, Ohio. Not only do they print all sorts of braille publications, but they also support programs for vision impaired children helping with eye exam, glasses and in some cases adaptive equipment. After four years as president, I passed the baton of the presidency to the very capable hands of Karen Gearreald. I pray you all will work with her as you did with me to make the conferences enriching as well as enjoyable. We had an event free trip home just as we did to conference and I trust everyone else did. During the year please everyone, keep prayers up for the NCCB as well as for the leadership, for cohesiveness and unity as described in the first few verses of chapter 4 of the book of Ephesians. Take care you all, your always in my prayers, and may the Lord Jesus Christ bless you, and keep you in his loving care.

Yours in Christ,

David Wise

Stormrider

END, DAVID WISE

BRENDA KELLEY, ASHLAND, MASSACHUSETTES

Brenda's comments on the conference:

"I enjoyed everything, especially Noah's Ark and the Creation museum. I liked meeting new people. I enjoyed it. I plan to come back again and again.

Thank you, Brenda Kelley

END, BRENDA KELLEY

PAULINE OHADI, EDMOND, OKLAHOMA

NCCB Family: I personally enjoyed every moment of the conference this year and I pray that you will attend next year's conference in Dallas, Texas.

I especially was excited to fellowship with all of you; a reunion with old friends and new beginnings with new friends. There is a lot of work involved in holding a successful conference so join with me in giving a sincere thank you to the eleven-member Board of Directors who are involved serving on nine different committees. My prayer today is: Father, I praise You and I love you for Your Grace and unlimited Love shown to Your people, for the many blessings you give us daily, and for creating each person unique. We each will walk the path You guide us on and it's different for each person. Thank You God for coming down from Glory in the form of a baby, and for sending Your Holy Spirit to guide me onto the path that You have planned for my life. Lord, help me let go of my own path, and I'll follow You on the perfect path. *Thank You Father for every day of my life within the love of Christ. After I met my SS friend, Irene Selvidge, I stepped out of my own comfort zone, to obey Your call to begin my volunteer activities and from that step of obedience, my life changed forever. I have experienced great joy and fulfillment in my life as I feel assurance that Lord God, that You are smiling down on me and I hear You with Your words: "Well done, good and faithful servant." All these are the work of the one and only same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines."*

[1 Corinthians 12:11](#) NIV I pray this in the Precious Name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, AMEN!

END, PAULINE OHADI

DUNCAN HOLMES, FREDERICKSBURG, TX

Karen Gearreald has invited me to come to Dallas next summer and help with accompanying the hymns we do. I'm praying about that, as I'd be coming as a potential member and paying my way.

Now for my comments. Overall, it was good. Yes, there were some snags as there are when any mass group of blind people get together. But I did enjoy the week, particularly the tours themselves. Dave Andrus was a wonderful roommate for the two nights he was there, but in all honesty, I must say I loved having the room to myself for the balance of the week. If I do come to Dallas next summer, that would probably change.

I think that perhaps the most precious times I enjoyed was the camaraderie I had with other conferees. Some of us were able to laugh and just carry on like kids again, without being immature.

I like the Bible study method Pastor Sebree showed us, except that I don't like canned phrases. The questions were worded just so. And as for accountability, it takes me a while to build up enough trust in others that I'd be vulnerable enough to share in that way. I'm glad, though, for the small groups I found myself in during the week, particularly on the last day of the study.

Karen's a wonderful musician, and it was a joy to work with her. She'd like me to come again next summer and help out with accompanying the hymns. Having lived in the Dallas area, I still have connections with friends who've remained there, and I hope to get a paying venue or two at which to play during conference, if I do come. I would also be glad to help out where I can, if I do come.

Well, I've belabored this long enough. Thanks for reading this epistle. And God bless you this day!

In His Joy,

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END, DUNCAN HOLMES

KAREN ARNOLD, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Hi, this is Karen Arnold, and I would like to make some comments.

In our bible study this year, we learned how to study scripture by the discovery bible method. It was such a good thing to study the bible in our quiet time with the Lord. We all said what we were grateful for the last week? What was your most challenging in the last week? How did you handle it?

Now we get to the next section. Read, read re-tell and observe...read the scripture that you will study and then read again to see some characteristics of God in the passage that you are studying. Then you re-tell the story of the passage in your own words in no more that 60 seconds. Observe about the humanity of the people in the scripture.

I did really enjoy the tours this year. The creation museum was from the beginning of creation which we got to see a movie about the first 6 days of creation. It was, also, about Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and Noah and the ark.

The Ark Encounter was great. They showed us the feeding barrels and how they caught the remnants of bathroom duties. The guide took us in a room so we could touch different tactile and then we could touch 2 live lizards. We had lunch at a buffet luncheon which was great.

END, KAREN ARNOLD

BRUCE CUTLER, NEWARK, NEW YORK

Yes Folks, in spite of losing my suit case it was a good conference as the teachings were great from Pastor Wesley Sebree and the fellowship was also great. I am thankful that I can be a part of the family as in the real, I have only Connie's sister and my church family.

Be Blessed;

Bruce Cutler

END, BRUCE CUTLER

CONNIE GRACE, LANSING, MICHIGAN

We had another good Conference for the most part this year. Plus. The people at the Creation and Ark Encounter Museums were very good, in guiding us and letting us feel things, especially at the Ark.

At our Family Christmas Party last year. I chose to take my turn, so, I could give out small gifts from my two-week trip to Israel. Mostly magnets, plus, stuffed camels to the little children. I am a great aunt twice, for five little ones. Two are less than a year old, and the

oldest one is four. I had a catering company cater the dinner to my sister's house. They have a nice big room in the lower level of their house.

END, CONNIE GRACE

BETH MOLINE, ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

Hi NCCB: I didn't know if this would be a good entry for the fall newsletter, but I wanted to let you know I went to the Minnesota Christian Fellowship of the Blind retreat last weekend, and Saturday afternoon we had our usual prayer and testimony time. I share the devotion I gave at NCCB and everyone was so happy, first of all when they heard I went to NCCB, then they were happy when they heard I gave that devotion. I felt so good that day and I figured I'd like to let you know about that.

END, BETH MOLINE

REV. GEORGE GRAY, CLEVELAND, TEXAS

Bette & I enjoyed the fellowship at the 2019 NCCB conference in Kentucky. We had a great flight, wonderful accommodations at the Holiday Inn, great food and interesting experiences through the week. The Creation Museum as well as the tour of Noah's Ark was, as the teen agers say, 'Awesome!'

We really enjoyed the Thursday night banquet with Duncan Holmes. The meal was outstanding and Duncan's mix of classical music, comedy, modern music and a clear presentation of the Gospel was extremely good!! It was great re-establishing friendships with Christians I have known for years.

Listening for that Shout! George

END, REV. GEORGE GRAY

BETH HOLLIDAY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

I am so thankful I could attend the NCCB conference again this year and just like the 3 previous ones, it was wonderful. It was great to be re-united with NCCB family and meet newcomers.

We were blessed by a wonderful hotel and fantastic staff who went above and beyond to make us feel welcome and was more than glad to help when we needed assistance around the hotel.

There was such beautiful fellowship, Bible teaching, hymn singing, prayers for one another, a beautiful choir, and so much more. Our attending pastors were awesome and Pastor, Sebree, our guest Bible teacher, for three mornings, presented a very interesting interactive Bible study program with accessible materials.

Thank you so much to everyone that made the conference the success it was. Most of all thank the Lord for His wonderful goodness.

Beth Holliday

END, BETH HOLLIDAY