

Convention Updates

2013 FREE WILL BAPTIST NATIONAL CONVENTION

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“BADGE” OF HONOR

Saying Goodbye to Dari Goodfellow, Convention Registration Coordinator

For 14 years, **Dari Goodfellow** quietly made a tremendous impact on the national convention. You probably know her best as the smiling face behind the registration desk, the registration coordinator who juggles thousands of pre-registration forms, keeps lines short onsite, and answers hundreds of “where, when, who, and how much” questions from convention registrants.

Dari’s convention responsibilities started long before the 2000 convention in Anaheim, California, when she began her role as registration coordinator. In 1982, she joined the convention staff when she and her husband Sandy recorded the convention services. She went to work for the Executive Office in 1991 and worked in the Exhibit Hall for several years, managing the Executive Office booth and selling subscriptions to *Contact* magazine. “Since the beginning,” Dari says, “I have loved, loved, *loved* seeing and connecting with Free Will Baptist friends. It is always a highlight of my year.”

Dari has not been alone in these convention adventures. Her husband Sandy has worked many years as computer support technician, while friends Mike and Sherry Anderson have long been instrumental in recording, registration, and computer networking. “We are a package deal,” Dari chuckles.

Sadly, their efficient convention “package” will reach its destination this year in Tampa. Dari plans to retire October 31, relinquishing the registration coordinator

position to **Debbie Burden**, who has worked as Executive Office receptionist since 2004 and convention exhibit manager since 2008. Mike, Sherry, and Sandy will join her in “retiring” from the convention staff as well.

As Dari looks back over her tenure as registration coordinator, she points to improvements in the registration process as her greatest accomplishment. “Through the years the registration process has been streamlined considerably and is now almost painless.” She quickly follows that observation, however, with two pieces of advice for future convention-goers: “Always pre-register,” she urges, “and do it online. Then, once you get onsite, remember the most important part of any good registration process...patience!”

As Dari takes her final bow, she shares some words of gratitude. “I want to thank Melvin Worthington, former executive secretary, who hired me and gave me the opportunity to serve; thanks to Jack Williams, *Contact* magazine editor, mentor, and friend; the wonderful group of registration volunteers who made my job easy each year; and, the best for last, the Executive Office staff—you are an awesome group to work with!”

Same to you, Dari! You will be missed.

About the Writer: Eric K. Thomsen is convention press officer and editor of ONE Magazine.

NYC Transitions

By Stephen Nelson,
NYC Staff Writer

The word *transition* is a nice way to say “change.” And the Tampa convention holds many changes. One transition in particular has been in the works for several months. **Brandon Roysden** began a new role as events director for Randall House in January. His role includes responsibilities as NYC director, overseeing convention planning for the annual National Youth Conference (NYC), D6 Conference, and other Vertical Three events.

Before accepting the position, Roysden served as assistant principal/dean of students at Pleasant View Christian School in Pleasant View, Tennessee. He played an instrumental role in guiding the school through accreditation requirements, expanding online capabilities, and updating its public image. Roysden’s experiences in administration make him an ideal fit for this position.

Since 2006, Randall House Editorial Director **Danny Conn** has overseen planning and preparation for NYC. He will now shift his focus to product development and his growing role as editorial director.

Under his leadership, NYC grew numerically, added new events, returned the Youth Evangelistic Team (YET) to its original evangelistic purpose, and more. He also established YET as worship leaders for NYC.

He redefined the competition program as a ministry development program to prepare young people for service

in the local church. He was actively involved in preparations for NYC in Tampa during this transition and plans to remain involved in NYC competition in the future.

A Minute With Mike

Mike Anderson has been in charge of convention recordings since 2000, but Tampa will be his last convention in this capacity, and his recording and publishing duties will fall to the FWB Media Commission.

As he contemplates his years in the recording room, Mike smiles. “It’s work! Nothing short of work! We help unload the truck, set up registration, design a roadmap for recording all services and sessions, find all of the speakers...and hope everything in the program is correct.”

Mike is quick to say the future is bright. “Old school technology is going away. CDs are going the way of VHS and cassettes. Today, we need Web downloads, and the Media Commission will provide that, starting next year.”

As far as his convention experience goes, Mike has no regrets. “It’s been fun. I have great memories and close friends...the benefits far outweighed the fast pace and blistered feet!”

E-TEAMWORK 20 Years of Student Missions

Eight students. \$2,400. 1992. Brazil. One veteran missionary couple. Three weeks of short nights and long days. All add up to the first TEAM—Teens Equipped and Active in Missions.

Ken Eagleton’s visionary plan to engage high school students in cross-cultural missions during summer break is still going strong. In fact, his influence was so powerful that after his death, an “E” was added to the name to honor his vision. This year, 81 students engaged in service, worship, and relationships in Cuba, Panama, Brazil, Uruguay, Chicago, Japan, Kazakhstan, and France.

Much has changed through the years—faces, cost, locations, but the mission remains the same: engage teens in cross-cultural ministry and allow them to investigate God’s call to missions. When they reach their destination, excited teams engage a new culture through literature distribution, mime, music, conversational Eng-

lish, VBS ministries, carnivals, teaching, preaching, and physical labor. Homestays with local hosts (who sometimes do not speak English) allow students to immerse themselves in the culture, eating, living and sharing life with the people they visit.

E-TEAM really does make a difference. People, especially youth, are encouraged by their ministry. Salvation decisions are made...some immediately, and others because people begin attending church as a result of what they see in E-TEAM. Participants are changed, too. Some seek career missionary service while others become pastors and leaders passionate about making Christ known to the nations.

The annual E-TEAM experience culminates each year at the national convention when teams participate in the Wednesday evening missions service, carrying flags in a parade of nations, with hearts forever changed by what they have experienced.

Thanks, Chris! Convention Music Enters a New Era

For 18 years, **Chris Truett** played a key role in leading the convention congregation into powerful and prayerful worship that feels just as intimate as it is corporate. This year, however, he stepped aside, passing his responsibilities to Kevin Justice.

Though music styles have changed drastically during his time in the position, Truett has uniquely influenced our denomination, carefully blending worship styles and musical styles, “leading us on a journey through worship genre changes.”

Chris became convention orchestra director in 1995 and shifted into the roles of convention music coordinator and chairman of the Music Commission in 2004. He led worship for the first time in 1996 in Fort Worth, Texas, and he recalls seeing his mother’s face in the audience as he led “Wonderful Grace of Jesus,” as one of his most memorable convention moments.

While Chris will no longer coordinate convention music, he remains actively involved in the denomination as pastor of Bethel FWB Church in North Carolina. As Chris gracefully exits his role, he leaves us with this piece of advice: “Be open to change, both within the denomination and the convention.”

New music coordinator **Kevin Justice** is associate pastor of worship and Christian education at Unity FWB Church, Greenville, North Carolina, and member

of the Music Commission. He reminds us that while convention business is important, we should also “allow the convention to be about encouragement, revival, and inspiring one another to reach people for Christ in our culture.”

We are confident that Kevin will pick up where Chris left off and continue to lead us in powerful worship, following the crucial formula expressed by Chris Truett: **Passionate Authentic Worship + Passionate Authentic Preaching = Christ Honoring Convention.**

About the Writer: Emily Faison is the 2013 Press Intern.

Meet the Speaker

Larry Clyatt, pastor of Harmony FWB Church in Lake Butler, FL, has been ordained for 44 years. He served as moderator of Tennessee from 1983-1986, moderator of Illinois from 1989-2002, and as board member for Randall House, Illinois Missions Board, and currently serves on Florida’s Missions Board. Clyatt attended York College in York, Nebraska, and graduated from Welch College in 1969. Larry Clyatt says he is “blessed to have eight grandchildren.”

News, Updates & Announcements

Don’t Miss the Skit Guys

The Skit Guys will perform tonight at 9:00 p.m. in TCC Ballroom B/C/D. Purchase tickets at the NYC sales booth. Tickets for the event are \$10.

Take the Convention Home

Stop by the Convention Recordings Counter at Registration to purchase recordings of services and seminars. CDs are \$5 each; DVDs are \$10 each.

Registration

Registration will remain open Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., TCC Lobby, 2nd floor.

Missing Something?

Check Lost and Found at Convention Registration.

Donate Blood

Take the opportunity to participate in the annual Red Cross Blood Drive, held tomorrow, July 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Rooms 18/19, TCC.

The **Convention Orchestra and Praise Team** will meet on the main stage tonight at 8:40 p.m. and Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.