

Inside Out

From Spiritual Formation to
Missional Engagement

CBFNC General Assembly

March 16 - 17, 2007

First Baptist Church, Hickory



A full congregation worshipped together during the Friday night traditional service which included Communion and music from the Catawba Valley Combined Choir.



About 40 NC young leaders gathered late Friday night for fellowship and a discussion of future networking opportunities.

The **2007 General Assembly at First Baptist Church, Hickory**, was a huge success, even with the driving rain and confusing Hickory streets. Again, many thanks to **First Baptist Church Hickory and Viewmont Baptist Church**

for hosting us and providing all the volunteers. You did an outstanding job!

In addition to the events mentioned in the captions, we also provided a **Friday night fellowship dinner** with 500 attendees, held a **fellowship** after the worship service Friday night, and conducted a **business session** to approve our new council members and the 2007-2008 budget, to discuss the new strategic plan for CBFNC, to publicize the New Day Tour, and to recognize and



Participants talked with Bo Prosser, our Friday night worship service speaker.



Mina Podgaisky and her daughter, along with her husband, Gennady and their two sons, were some of the many CBF Field Personnel present and also were among the 60-plus Ministry Workshop Leaders.

honor our out-going council members, including Moderator Don Horton, for a job well done.

Our theme **“Inside Out: From Spiritual Formation to Missional Engagement”** was reinforced by our guest

speakers, Bo Prosser, CBF Coordinator for Congregational Life, and Rob Nash, CBF Global Missions Coordinator. Bo encouraged us to allow our spiritual formation to come from the inside out using 2 Timothy 1:5-7. He also talked about how sometimes from the inside out, we are nurtured spiritually by friends “from the outside in.” “Thanks be to God for the saints who continue to nurture us when our light is barely hanging on... You are [a] light of the world, CBF North Carolina, and *with love*



The Saturday morning “ancient-future” contemporary worship service included an Ensemble from Viewmont and FBC.

and with power and with a sound mind, let your light so shine.” Rob challenged us to The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) turned inside out. Instead of focusing on the action part of the Great Commission, we need to be listening and focusing on the

importance of relationships in evangelism. “The Gospel [we shared] took root in their midsts...and the students became the teachers and *the teachers now must learn to be the students* and in the process the Great Commission turns inside out....The time has come for those who have been listening, to speak, and perhaps more importantly, for those who have been speaking, to listen.”

Visit our website www.cbfnc.org to fill out an evaluation form, order CDs of the sermons, download some of the ministry workshop session materials, and see more



CBFNC scholars and GA participants enjoyed our Exhibit area and Living Water Cafe.

pictures. We hope you were encouraged by this gathering of our fellowship and make plans to attend April 11-12, 2008, in Raleigh!



The Fellowship Hall was filled with over 45 exhibitors.

Many thanks to Jerry Jarrell for his photos.