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Newsletter of the Christian Boaters Association

"...and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water." — Genesis 1:2b NASB

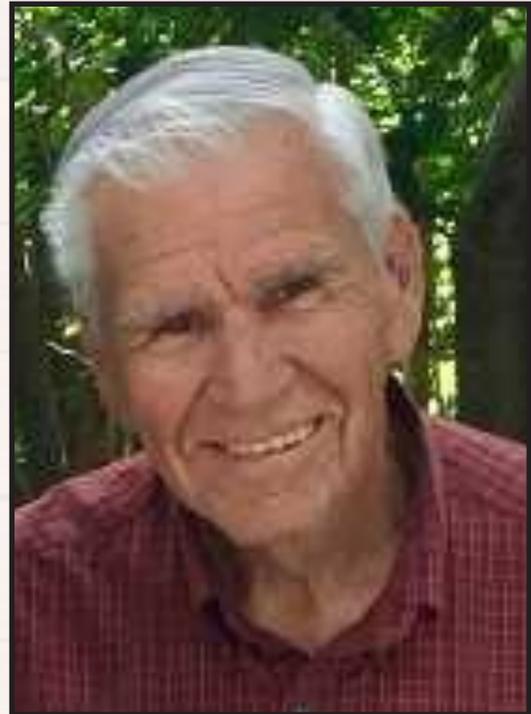
Loss of a Family Member

Neil Nelson went to be with our Lord and Savior on May 2, 2017. Neil was born in Savannah, Ohio. He was a businessman in the Savannah and Ashland, Ohio areas and was best known as being the owner of Nelson's Sanitation business for 35 years.

After retiring in 1995 and moving to Florida, he became very involved in the Christian Boater's Association, Christian Motorcycle Association, and the Gold Wing Club. Neil had a heart for missions and was very involved in many ministries including the B-About Sail Ministry. Neil loved travel and mission trips, including mission work to Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru and others. He enjoyed time spent with friends and family, travel, boating and riding his Harley Gold Wing motorcycle including a bike trip from the Florida Keys to Ohio on his motorcycle.

Neil is survived by his wife, Earlene. He is also survived by his sister, his son, stepsons, daughter-in-laws, nephews, 20 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. Neil was honored in memorial services held in Ashland, Ohio as well as in Tavernier, Florida.

We will all greatly miss our family member, Neil Nelson, but know that he was welcomed into the arms of God.



*"I have fought
the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith."
— 2 Timothy 4:7*

A Word From the President



Greetings Fellow CBA Members,

It is my prayer that you are aware of, and experiencing, the blessings of the Lord, which are made available to us through the finished work of the Cross.

Isaiah 53:4-6 says that Jesus has *“borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”*

Jesus lifted and accepted as His own, our griefs—our weaknesses, sickness, and afflictions. He took every disorder and disease of the body, including those that are chronic and firmly implanted—inherited through the bloodline.

He took upon Himself our burdens—our sorrows—pain, and torment. In times of trouble and weakness, He carries us until we come to the place of emotional healing where we can wholly walk again. He was a *“man of sorrow and acquainted with grief”*. (Is. 53:3b) In Deuteronomy 1:31 Moses reminded the children of Israel that *“in the wilderness you saw how the Lord your God carried you just as a man carries his own, in all the way which you have walked until you came to this place.”*

Jesus was wounded (pierced) made weak and sick and suffered affliction and pain to free us from our sin—our rebellion. Mankind chose desertion from the true and living God. Jesus willingly laid down His life so that we could be reconciled to God. (II Cor. 5:18, 21)

The chastisement for our peace was upon Him so that we could cease from our own labors and enter into His rest. (Heb. 4:10) He left us His peace, not as the world gives peace, but true peace that passes all understanding. (Jn. 14:27; Phil. 4:6 & 7)

Jesus bore stripes on His back to mend, cure, heal, repair, and make us thoroughly,

completely whole—spirit, soul, and body.

God is for us, not against us. (Rom. 8:31) He has given us blessings that overtake us, even in times of adversity.

This has been a difficult year for many of us. We grieve with Earlene Nelson in the loss of our dear brother and fellow CBA member, Neal Nelson. His faithfulness to the Lord and love for the brethren stand out among his many special attributes. He will be greatly missed. We look forward to the day when we will meet with him again in Glory. Earlene, we love you and continue to pray for you and your family.

Our hearts have been deeply saddened over the loss of Marian and Marlin’s daughter and son-in-law. The unexpected, tragic incident of April 24, 2017, seemed more than we could comprehend. Marian, Marlin, our love and prayers continue for you.

Our hope is in the Lord Jesus and the finished work of the Cross. He knows our weaknesses and understands our sorrows. When we don’t understand...we trust Him. He is our Savior, our Healer and Restorer, our Deliverer, our Comfort, and a very present Help in times of trouble. His blessings follow us all the days of our life.

Anchored in him,

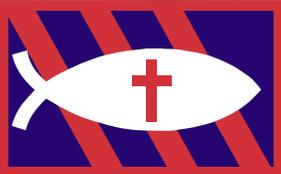
John Sasser, President

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NOMINATIONS 2017

The following Board members term of office will be completed at this year’s conference: John Sasser, Annette Sasser and Deb Gilson. Please send your nominations for a three year term to Deb Gilson, 330-264-7203, or gilsonsd@aol.com.



CHRISTIAN BOATER'S CONFERENCE 2017 "IN THIS DAY AND THIS HOUR"

There is an urgency to make our election and calling sure....In This Day and This Hour. This is the theme for our 2017 CBA Conference. We would love for all of you to be able to attend the conference. Yet we know that everyone will not be able to do so. Please pray, concerning your attending this year's conference.

CBA conferences are times of worship, sharing, and fellowship. We believe that the Lord always gives us a theme that speaks to our hearts in various ways. We usually leave the conference with a special, encouraging message that stays with us through the weeks and months that follow. We hope that you will be able to join us this year. We would truly love to meet new members and also once again be able to gather with members we've known for many years.

Having said that, we want to make sure that you do not come under a "people" yoke, if you cannot attend. We know that if you can come it will be a great blessing for you. But we were reminded last week of how easily we (Christians) do things that put others in bondage because of our insistence. Please pray and seek the Lord concerning this year's conference. Take His yoke upon you and learn of Him.

THINK ON THIS: IN THIS DAY AND THIS HOUR...

WHAT IS HAPPENING? WHAT ISN'T HAPPENING? WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE CONFERENCE. This is especially true for the Board and Advisors. We would like for you to register by August 31th. But we need to know NOW who is planning to attend. Please send us a yes, no, or maybe. Thank you so much.

We love you all,

John & Annette Sasser
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2017 CBA Conference Registration Form

October 12 th - 15th, 2017
Epworth By The Sea
St. Simons Island, Georgia

CONFERENCE FEES:

Couple: \$450.08
Single: \$340.08
Includes all meals (Thursday dinner through
breakfast Sunday)

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

AUGUST 31, 2016

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Drive Fly

I would like to share at the Conference.

Send Registration form and Check (Payable to CBA) to:

John O. Sasser
112 Marshview Rd.
Savannah, GA 31410

For further information call John or Annette Sasser (912-659-1230/912-659-1235).

Everyone is encouraged—especially the board and advisor—to start making plans to attend this yearly event.

Please try to register by August 1, 2017.

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