

Once a year we gather from all over the United States and the world to explore and celebrate the Word through biblical storytelling!

what is the gathering?

The Festival Gathering is four days of engaging, thought-provoking keynote programs, storytelling workshops for all levels of experience (from beginners to master storytellers), renewing conversation with others who share a passion for the Word, lively discussions and the spontaneous joy that just seems to naturally happen when storytellers get together!

The Network of Biblical Storytellers, Int'l. is an ecumenical community that is accepting, joyful, and committed to the Bible and its stories.

Explore the Bible as story
Develop your storytelling gifts
Worship and enjoy amazing workshops
Experience great fellowship
Engage in interfaith dialogue
Tell biblical stories!
Immerse Yourself in Story!

schedule and lodging

The 2012 Festival Gathering will be held August 8 - August 11, 2012 at the Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, N.C. in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The conference begins with registration from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8 and ends after lunch on Saturday, Aug. 11. Schedule your flight after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday so you won't miss closing worship! Ridgecrest is a 30-minute drive from the Asheville Airport and is conveniently located right off of I-40, just east of Asheville at Exit 66.

Registration is an easy 2-step process. Your program registration is made with the Network of Biblical Storytellers online, by phone, or with the form on this brochure. Make your lodging and meal reservations with Ridgecrest at the number below.

"After the Gathering, I want to use my storytelling to help kids who are facing something bigger than themselves."

"I've learned how to creatively tell biblical stories in ways that will inspire, challenge and deeply touch those around me."

"I have learned how to help my congregation see that they are storytellers who must tell the most important story of all!"

who should attend?

If you are a storyteller, Christian educator, pastor or campus minister, student, professor, chaplain or Sunday school teacher, you will find revitalizing strength from this conference. Our workshops are designed to help you become a better storyteller, whether you are a novice or a master storyteller.

We are truly an interfaith community of both clergy and laity. We are United Methodists, Anglicans, Baptists, Presbyterians, Disciples, UCC, Mennonites, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Jews and many others.

We come together for inspiration and renewal. Our keynote speakers are challenging and inspiring. We are dedicated to providing a supportive environment at the Gathering. We want you to relax and enjoy the mountain air, improve your storytelling skills, listen to and tell biblical stories and experience wonderful worship. We hope to see you at the Festival Gathering! Please call 800-355-6627 if you have any questions!



**Step 1: Festival Gathering Information and Registration: nbs@nbsint.org or 1-800-355-6627 . Online Registration www.nbsint.org
Step 2: Room & Board - Ridgecrest Conference Center 1-800-588-7222**