

## December 2015

### *A Note From Our Executive Director, Patti Harris*



Good Morning Beautiful SCWN Ladies!

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! I hope you had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving with your friends and family!

### **God Is Our Power Source**

Remove the head coach, and the team flounders; run out of gas, and the car won't run; unplugged, the hair dryer has no power; without the head, the body dies. Whether for leadership, power, or life, connections are vital!

God has entrusted the valuable message of salvation in Jesus Christ to weak and imperfect human beings like each of us. Though we are weak, God uses us to spread his Good News, and he gives us power to do his work. Knowing that the power is His, not ours, should keep us from pride and motivate us to keep daily contact with God who is our power source. Our responsibility is to let people see Christ through us in our actions!

Paul faced many sufferings, trials and distress as he preached the Good News. But he knew that they would one day be over, and he would obtain God's rest and rewards. As we face great troubles, it's easy to focus on the pain rather than on our ultimate goal. Just as athletes concentrate on the finish line and ignore their discomfort, we too must focus on the reward for our faith and the joy that last forever. All our risks, humiliations, and trials are opportunities for Christ to demonstrate his power and presence in and through us. No matter what happens to us in this life, if we know Christ as our personal Savior, we have the assurance of eternal life.

It is easy to lose heart and quit. We all have faced problems in our relationships or in our work that have caused us to want to think about throwing up our hands and walking away. I know I have felt this way many times! Rather than giving up when persecution wore him down, Paul concentrated on experiencing the inner strength from the Holy Spirit. Don't let fatigue, pain or criticism force you off the job. Renew your commitment to serving Christ. Don't abandon your eternal reward because of the intensity of today's pain. Your very weakness allows the resurrection power of Christ to strengthen you moment by moment.

Our troubles should not weaken our faith or dishearten us. We should realize that there is a purpose in our suffering. Problems and human limitations have several benefits:

- they remind us of Christ's suffering for us;
- they keep us from pride;
- they cause us to look beyond this brief life;
- they prove our faith to others;
- they give God the opportunity to demonstrate his power.

**Let's look at our troubles as opportunities. May the Holy Spirit fill you with His power. Know that He is our leader, head, and power source, and remember, we have no connection without Him!**

Praying for you, please keep praying for me,

### **December Member Birthdays**



Kathie Kopcsak-5  
Barby Gifford-9  
Cheryl Patrick-12  
Rosiland Glass-14  
Sharon Braden-14  
Kayte Jones-19  
Rosanna Clark-20  
Judy Mathis-30



### **THANK-YOU!!**

Our SCWN board and staff would like to thank the following partners in ministry for their financial donation within the last month.

Kathryn Geddie  
Jacque Lyons  
Lookout Mtn.  
Presbyterian Church  
April Taylor

Your donations help support the ministry of SCWN and are so appreciated.



### **Welcome New & Renewing Members!**

Judy Hacker  
Marva Lee  
Diana McElveen  
Janice Meissner  
Darlene Horne  
Tricia Seeman

Patti Harris  
Executive Director, SCWN  
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## December Marketplace Luncheon

Thursday, December 10, 2015  
11:30 - Noon Networking  
Noon - 1:00 Lunch

featuring



**Nell Mohney**  
Author and Speaker

Nell will be speaking on "My Special Christmas" from Luke 2.  
A Christmas experience in which I understood fully God's great gift of love through Jesus Christ.

Nell is a writer, lecturer, motivational speaker and Sunday School teacher. Her column appeared weekly in the Chattanooga Times Free Press. She is the author of 13 books.

She speaks throughout the state and nation and leads seminars for business, professional and church organizations. Twice she has spoken at the International Women's Conference at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. Nell feels her most important roles, however, are as mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

### Reservation Deadline:

TUESDAY, December 8th at NOON

To make reservations:

[reservations@scwn.org](mailto:reservations@scwn.org) or 423.698.6262

Menu: Caesar Salad, Beef Tips Burgundy, Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Rolls, Pecan Pie or Hummingbird Cake, Iced Tea and Coffee

Mountain City Club  
729 Chestnut Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402  
(free parking)

\$20.00 Luncheon cost  
\$15.00 (Non-profit rate--for paid employee of a 501c3 organization)

## "An Evening With Jan Silvius " in pictures!

We had a wonderful time together! Thank you for blessing us, Jan with your encouraging words! Thanks to each of you who came and to all those who donated auction items and doorprizes.

The evening was a huge success in every way!



## Got a job opening

for a  
Christian woman?

Submit your job openings

to [patti@scwn.org](mailto:patti@scwn.org)

## Need a Job?

Check out postings on our

website at:

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## Devotional books

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**Get your copy today!**  
**They make great gifts of encouragement!**  
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## SCWN Ministry Needs

- 2 new Computers
- Boardroom table & chairs
- 42 in. TV
- DVD Player

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to donate the items above.  
Thanks so much for your help!



## SCWN Board of Directors

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## SCWN Member Spotlight



**Name:** Debbie Hannah

**Occupation:** Human Resources Recruitment & Systems Administrator at Chattem; 30 years of service



**Family:** Tim (spouse), Meredith (daughter-25); oldest of 4 children; two girls and two boys (grew up in Louisville, KY); family all reside in KY; married 30 years in Sept. 1985 and moved to Chattanooga

**Years involved with SCWN?** I should know the answer to this, but I am guessing somewhere around 10-15 years  
**Most memorable experience with SCWN?** Meeting all of the wonderful ladies who become like sisters and long-time friends to you

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** Shop (love bargains!), bake, travel to different cities, attend sporting events with husband Tim.

**Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why?** My mother Dee. She is my rock and my angel...a true Christian woman! She has been a member of Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for 25+ years. Mom has always been very dedicated to her children and their needs. She is also always giving back to her family and others whom she just meets. If there is a need, she wants to always be right in the middle helping others!!

## December Luncheon Sponsor



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Send you information and tax-deductible donation to:  
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**SCWN's Mission**

SCWN is a ministry designed for today's Christian working woman. Our Vision is to fulfill Christ's mission by *encouraging* women with a sense of belonging to God and each other; *equipping* women to develop spiritual maturity and to become all they are to be in Christ; and *energizing* women to bless others with the love, grace, and truth of Jesus Christ.  
(drawn from Eph. 4:11-13)

SCWN began in 1994 as a non-profit organization, and is *financially supported by the faithful giving of those who are committed to this ministry*. SCWN offers monthly luncheons, newsletters, prayer ministry, and Market Place Bible Studies.

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