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## 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! Christy really blessed us with her message on forgiveness. It truly spoke to each of us in many ways! It was great to see so many at the wonderful luncheon last week! We were certainly blessed!

### Sharing the Love of God

1 Corinthians 13:4 ...says "Love is kind" ... What is kindness? It's not a feeling. I say I feel kind all the time, but unless I do something about it, it's worthless. Kindness is an action. It's something you do. Kindness must be shown for what it is. You can say you're kind, but no one will know it's true unless they see it in your life.

1 John 3:18.. "Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions."

Let's all step out from under the roof and into the harvest field that is desperately in need of the love of Jesus Christ.

This will require a new level and new steps of maturity.

Immature Christians are inwardly focused. They're like spiritual toddlers. Everything is me, me, me...mine, mine, mine. Teach me, comfort me, take care of me.

Mature Christians are outwardly focused. They ask, "How can I give? Who can I help? Where can I serve?"

We have to care about others. It is a necessary step to fulfilling the purposes that God has for our lives.

Love must be the motivation behind all our acts of worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and mission. It's our love for God, it's our love for each other, and it's our love for the lost.

Why is it important to reach out to others? Because it's the most Christ-like thing you and I can do. God placed you where you are for a reason. What is that reason? God wants to use you to reach the world for Jesus Christ.

If you want to know God's plan for solving the world's problems, and there are many, just look around. You're it. You are it. You are God's plan. God doesn't have a Plan B. Plan A is his people. He uses people to reach people. He uses people to show his love to people, not just through words, but through action, and through physical, tangible demonstrations of compassion and mercy and care.

So sharing the Good News... it takes more than just words. Saint Francis of Assisi famously said, "Preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words."

Have a blessed week and share the love of Christ in the marketplace this week!

## February Member Birthdays



- Lori Jenkins-2
- Dottie Stewart-6
- Mary Ayers-13
- Deborah Gunn-17
- Jacque Lyons-20
- Teresa Bryant-24
- Phyllis James-24
- Jeannette Fox-25



### THANK-YOU!!

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

- Rosanna Clark
- Gladys Edwards
- Kathryn Geddie
- Kathy Harrell
- Kim Hencke
- Flo Samuels
- Signal Mtn. Presbyterian Church
- Angela Washington

Barbara Woods for donation of TV.

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



Welcome  
New & Renewing



Thank you so much for your support of SCWN!

Serving Christ Together! Praying for you, please pray for me.

Patti Harris  
Executive Director, SCWN  
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## February Marketplace Luncheon

Thursday, February 25, 2016  
11:30 - Noon Networking  
Noon - 1:00 Lunch

featuring

**Ardena Garth Hicks**



**Topic:**

**Comfort Comes from Trusting God In and Through Everything**

Ardena is a native of Chattanooga and graduated from Ooltewah High school as Valedictorian. She received her BS from MTSU, a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Kansas and has a private law practice in Chattanooga. She has served as Assistant District Attorney/Special Prosecutor for Child Abuse Cases, and was first District Public Defender for Hamilton Co. as well as first black female elected to a countywide office.

She is a former board member of SCWN, serves on other boards and has received many awards including the "Women of Distinction". She enjoys serving at her church by teaching children's Bible Study. She is married to William Howard Hicks Jr. and they have two daughters.

**Reservation Deadline:**

TUESDAY, February 23rd at NOON

To make reservations:

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

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)

## SCWN Member Spotlight



**Name: Kathie Kopcsak**

**Occupation:**

**Family:** I am currently engaged to be married in September. I have 2 grown children of my own, Brittany

## Members!

- Mary Ayers
- Elisabeth Field
- Pauline Field
- Sarah Field
- Susan Field
- Dorothea Johnson

### Take note



### A special opportunity for Members!

If you or your business would like to offer a discount for our members to be posted in our Marketplace Meditations and on the website. Please contact [patti@scwn.org](mailto:patti@scwn.org).



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for a Christian woman?

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

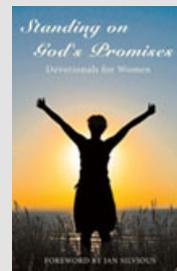
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(28), Michael (23) and soon to be 3 more added: Aaron (28), Addison (28), and Danika (24)

**Years involved with SCWN?:** 1

**Most memorable experience with SCWN?** First - just finding it on-line - I was so excited to find this organization. I have loved every single luncheon that I have been able to attend and always leave inspired, refueled, and better equipped to handle what life may throw my way!

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** I love to read, and I have a passion to learn - either from books, educational shows, experiences, etc.

**Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why?** I have three - my mother - who has without a doubt been the most dedicated loving mother I can imagine; my sister who has raised her own daughter as a single mom and has given to her even when there was nothing left to give, and my daughter who is more mature and grace filled than I probably will ever achieve.



**Name:** Esther Myhan

**Occupation:** Author

**Family:** husband, James and six children

**Years involved with SCWN?:** 10 years or more

**Most memorable experience with SCWN?** Meeting Mrs. Marsha Kling (grew up watching her as a kid)

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** Read

**Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why?** Mya Angelou and why her books and poems helped get me through some difficult days and that is what inspired me to write in hopes that my books will also do that for others what her books did for me.



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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.

### SCWN Ministry Needs

- 2 new Computers
- Boardroom chairs

Contact [patti@scwn.org](mailto:patti@scwn.org) to donate the items above. Thanks so much for your help!



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