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2016

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 Christmas with your friends and family! Looking forward to what God has in store for us in 2016!

SCWN Ministry Update: 2015—A Year of Growth and Change!

As I reflect on the 2015 ministry year of Scenic City Women's Network, my heart is warmed by the many blessings that God has provided in this precious ministry this past year. I want to say thank-you to Sally Worland, our interim director for all the hard work and dedication she poured into SCWN for 15 months. Great job Sally!

Many exciting things are going on with SCWN. The Lord is definitely at work in the marketplace of Chattanooga! Prayer has been an essential ingredient for everything that has gone on this year! It is so exciting to see God's hand at work and prayers answered during this season of growth and change!

The "heart" of SCWN is to...

Encourage: Create an environment of fellowship where communication, affirmation and caring are promoted.

Equip: Provide resources, prayer, training and an atmosphere in which relationships may develop and grow in order to produce changed lives.

Energize: Create an atmosphere where motivation, inspiration and active participation are instilled in Christian women so that they make a difference for Christ.

If I could summarize the areas I see Him actively working in the Chattanooga Marketplace, it would have to be **Spiritual Growth and Christian Connecting**. The Lord is stirring the hearts of women to have a deeper relationship with Him and a hunger for His word. There is also a deep need for Christian women to connect with other Christian women for *encouragement and accountability*. This was evident at our "Members Only" event in October and at our luncheons. It is amazing how God connects women to one another that have never met before.

January Member Birthdays



- Judy Hacker-2
- Yvonne Harvey-6
- Pat Harrington-11
- Rae Bond-27
- Brenda Fleischmann-28



THANK-YOU!!

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

- Romaine Ballew
- Rae Bond
- Trenace Buchanan
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- Barbara Woods

Your donations help

Many new friendships have blossomed throughout this past year. Many lives are being changed through the ministry of SCWN!

SCWN is accomplishing its **E3 (Encourage, Equip and Energize)** mission through the following:

Spiritual Growth

- * More than 50 women have actively participated and grown deeper in their faith through our weekly Marketplace Bible Studies.
- * More than 300 prayer requests have been interceded by our 30+ Prayer Team.
- * More than 950 women are **Encouraged, Equipped and Energized** through our weekly Electronic Marketplace Meditations.
- * Several women have accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior at our venues this year! Hallelujah!
- * Mentoring sessions throughout the year have accomplished one-on-one discipleship.
- * Over 80 participated in our Prayer Walk/Vigil in August to honor our fallen servicemen. It was a true blessing to honor these men who have served so selflessly and so bravely. We will continue to pray for their families!

Christian Connecting

- * Over 550 women have been **Encouraged, Equipped and Energized** at our monthly Luncheons through our speakers, networking and prayer time.
- * Our 12th annual Praise Breakfast took place on June 25 featuring renowned speaker and singer Babbie Mason. Babbie's testimony drew an attendance of more than 350. We honored Dr. Nell Mohney as our Lydia Award recipient for her faithfulness, commitment to God and her role in the church and the community.
- * 120 women were energized and encouraged by our Silent Auction and "Evening with Jan Silvius" with Jan's great message in November.
- * We have a 74% increase in membership over last year.
- * Women have found employment through SCWN's job listings.

Yes, the Lord is at work in Chattanooga and SCWN invites each of you to become actively involved in this important ministry in 2016! Over 4,000 women have been Encouraged, Equipped and Energized through some aspect of SCWN last year! As a result, countless lives, families and workplaces have been transformed! Let's give all the praise and glory to God for His faithfulness!

As we move into 2016, the Board and I are seeking His divine wisdom. Please pray on our behalf to continually remain focused on Him and where He is leading and guiding us in the Chattanooga Marketplace. Your prayers, encouragement, active participation, gifts and membership are vital to this precious ministry!

In each endeavor that we have taken on for 2015, we have been abundantly blessed by the results and lives have been impacted for Christ. As we approach 2016, our goal will be to follow God's leading and seek out His will for serving the working women in our community.

With a part-time staff of two, it takes literally thousands of volunteer hours to run this ministry. It would not exist without women who are willing to serve the working women of Chattanooga!

Thank you so much for your support of SCWN!

Serving Christ Together!

Patti Harris
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January Marketplace Luncheon

Thursday, January 28, 2016
11:30 - Noon Networking
Noon - 1:00 Lunch

featuring

Christy Bonner

support the ministry of SCWN and are so appreciated.

Donations made after December 22nd will be noted in the February Newsletter due to holiday vacations.



Welcome New & Renewing Members!

Romaine Ballew
Michelle Barrett
Beki Campbell
Jada Daves
Candace Esparza
Darlene Horne
Marva Lee
Liz Moore
Sabrena Turner-Smedley



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.



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for a
Christian woman?

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Listings



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Devotional books



Topic: Receiving God's Grace & Forgiveness and Extending it to Others and Ourselves

Christy Bonner and her husband, Andrew, live in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Christy has been in a ministry context since she graduated from college in 2000. She has worked as a Chaplain with Hospice of Chattanooga for almost 9 years. Other pastoral positions she has had include serving as a hospital resident chaplain, a minister in England, and as a youth minister.

Christy is an ordained minister and a board certified Chaplain. Christy received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Religion from Emory and Henry College, a Master of Divinity from Emory University, and a Doctor of Ministry with a concentration in pastoral care and counseling from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Reservation Deadline:

TUESDAY, January 26th at NOON

To make reservations:

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: Barbara Woods

Occupation: Retired, Bellsouth-31 years and doing full-time ministry



Family: Husband Eddie Joe Woods, Sr, son Eddie Jr., and Daughter Carla

Years involved with SCWN?: 18 years

Most memorable experience with SCWN? Speakers and the message of Hope, Love and Encouragement that we hear each month.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I like to travel, read, listen to music that inspires me and help ministries

Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why? I lost my mom when I was 26. Kelly Chapman, Hattie Riley and Dorothy Freeman are some women that came along side me during this difficult time as a mother and Titus woman to me. I have had a lot of other women who have inspired me through different seasons of my life. There are way too many to list.



Name: Sylvia Joyce (Coop) Colvin

Occupation: Volunteer with Bridge of Hope, Chattanooga Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC). Retired from TVA after 32 years of work. Began in 1969.



Family: Husband, Bobby Colvin, and two adult children--Rob in New York City and Becca Johnston (married to David Johnston) and their three children in Birmingham

Years involved with SCWN?: I have been involved with SCWN since the 'brown bag' luncheons at the Bessie Smith Hall and every venue since then. I came with Kathryn Geddie the first time. Ask her how long.

Most memorable experience with SCWN? I believe that would be the luncheon at the former Clarion hotel when Elizabeth Elliott spoke. My daughter Becca came with me to

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

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enjoy it.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I love to meet new people and find ways I can be of assistance to them in small and large ways. Sometimes, though, I just enjoy having fun with friends and family. I also love the out of doors and reading.

Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why? Two women have inspired me greatly. One is my mother who was a single mom since my dad died only five months after I was born. She was a high school teacher who worked hard but kept us safe, kept us in church and cared for us while holding high expectations for her two daughters. The other woman was my husband's aunt Janie Colvin who was a godly woman who shared her unconditional love with all of her nieces and nephews while making us each feel special. She inspired me spiritually, socially, and through ministry. She bought for me my first magazine of daily inspirations.

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We appreciate Kathryn's dedication to serving as our Tuesday lunchtime Bible study leader for all these years. Her devotion to Christ and His Word is unparalleled and our spiritual growth is evidence!



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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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