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## SCENIC CITY WOMEN'S NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM RENEE NAIL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE JOY OF THE AGES

#### Hum along with me..."Christmas time is here...Happiness and cheer." Lyric by: Lee Mendelson

My family watches a *Charlie Brown Christmas* every year. As the story goes, Charlie Brown is depressed over the commercialism of Christmas and searches for a deeper meaning. At the advice of his friend Lucy, he directs the Christmas pageant. As he goes in search of the perfect Christmas tree, he looks for the simple, the uncommercial - a tree that denotes significance. He finds the only live tree on the lot and brings it back to school. Laughed at and ridiculed by his friends over the little tree, a dejected Charlie Brown loudly asks if anyone knows what Christmas is all about. In quiet simplicity with the lights low, Linus quotes Luke 2:8-14. Starting in verse 11..."For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

That really is what Christmas is all about! The Light (of the world) awakens Charlie Brown's heart and he finds hope, only to lose it when he places an ornament on the tree and the bough falls over in the snow. But all is not lost, his friends show up, straightens and decorates the tree. When Charlie Brown sees the transformation, his friends shout "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown!" They all begin singing *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* and Charlie Brown finds the True Joy of the season.

It's amazing that the humble story of Jesus quiets our hearts and brings Joy! The world over celebrates this simple Truth with joyous celebrations. All because this Baby, born to make us new...This Baby Who is the great **I AM** has come!

As this most wonderful time of the year arrives, let us all remember the **JOY** of the ages - our **Savior** has come!

To God be the glory, ~Renee



#### MARKETPLACE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

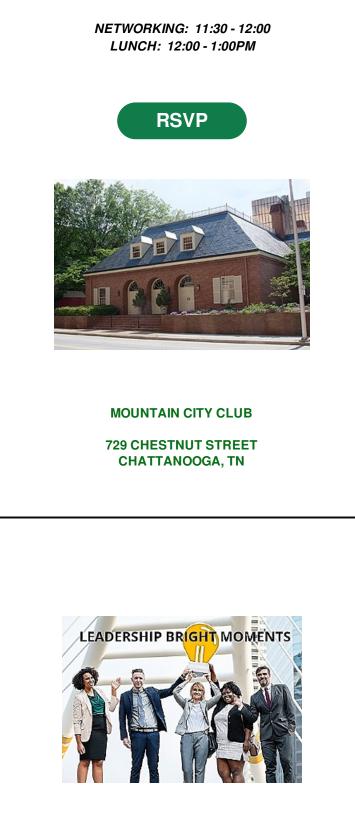
Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with music, delicious food and enjoy the festive ambiance of the beautifully decorated Mountain City Club. Have your picture made in front of the fireplace with your SCWN friends! Invite a guest!

#### COST: \$20

Please Note:

We are giving back this year to Shepherd's Arms Rescue Mission. Bring a gift of caring this season.

Items needed: Children's throw blankets, teddy bears, and/or books. Place items under the tree at the MCC.



And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17

#### **KINDNESS MATTERS**

Embrace a Kindness-based approach to serving others this week: Your coworkers, family, and the person at the check-out counter.

- Simple human dignity
- Humility...never thinking you know it all and always hungry to learn.
- Generosity and compassion to everyone in need no matter how tough things may be in your own life.
- Kindness to those who treat you unfairly
- Give a smile and irrepressible sense of humor even in the face of the cruelest blows one can receive.
- Purpose centered not self-centered
- Character rather than reputation
- Putting others before yourself
- We-go Not ego
- Collaborative greatness



## **CONNECT2**



### "Connect2-Sister-2-Sister"

Need a prayer partner? Need other Christian friends to network with? Need an encourager? Then this is the program for you! Look for future announcements.





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MARKETPLACE BIBLE STUDY



"Uninvited - Living Loved When You Feel Less Thank, Left Out, and Lonely"

oy: Lysa Terkeurst

3rd Tuesday 4-5 p.m. - Flo Samuels, Leader Lee Hwy/Hickory Valley Retirement Center 3-4 pm 4th Wednesday: Flo Samuels, Leader East Ridge Residence Center

Tuesday 10:30 am - Noon - Pam Morris, Leader

Location: Hixson First Baptist Church

"Reading God's Story"

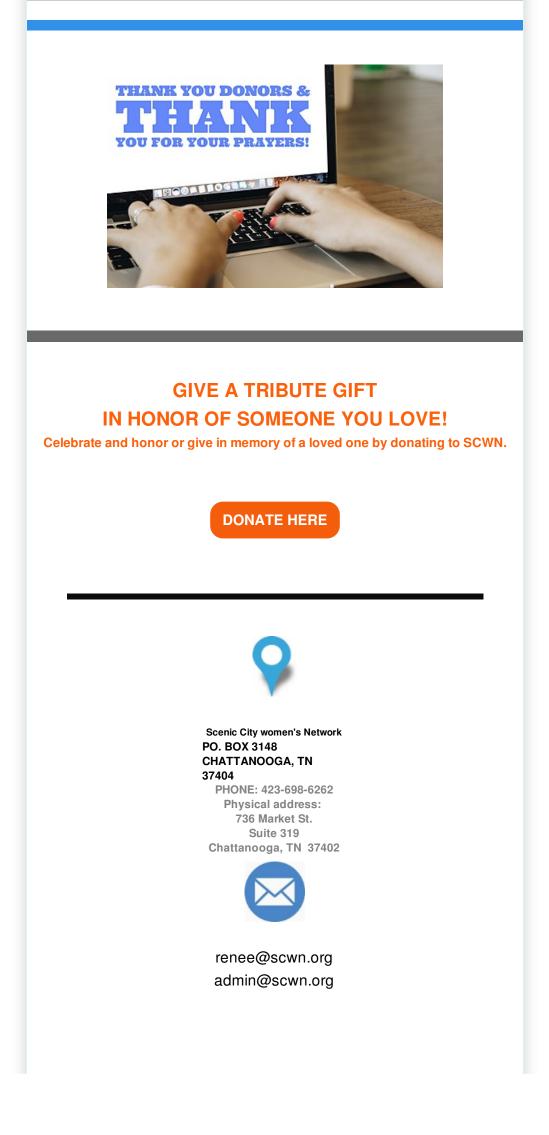
by George Guthrie

Morning Pointe of Chattanooga

Daily Devotion with staff, Emily Thibodeau, Leader

Friday - Noon - Jeannie Harrison Discerning The Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer 12:15 - 1:00PM REGISTER TODAY admin@scwn.org ZOOM IN IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND

If you are interested in joining these studies, email Yvonne@scwn.org If interested in leading a Bible Study or a daily devotion or Bible reading and prayer in your workplace, email renee@scwn.org





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