

September 2015

A Note From Our Executive Director, Patti Harris



Good Morning SCWN Ladies!

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Dr. Miller blessed us in a powerful way at our luncheon last week as he spoke about Being Faithful in the Marketplace! Each month at our luncheons we are asking those who want to participate to sign up as a mentor or as a mentee. We ask that you give only one hour to meet with the person to get to know them better. We had more mentors than mentees sign up and wanted to see if you would like to participate?

Be Transformed In Your Life

God has good, pleasing, and perfect plans for each one of us. He wants us to be transformed (changed from the inside out) people with renewed minds, living to honor and obey him.

Christians are called to "not conform any longer to the pattern of this world," with its behavior and background that are usually selfish and often humiliating. Many Christians wisely decide that such worldly behavior is off limits for them. Our refusal to conform to this world's values, however, must go even deeper than the level of behavior and background. It must be firmly planted in our minds — "be transformed by the renewing of our mind." However, it is possible to avoid most worldly customs and still be proud, selfish, stubborn, and arrogant. Only when the Holy Spirit renews, reeducates, and redirects our minds are we truly transformed.

The best way to guard our mind is to read our Bible daily. God's word causes us to think godly thoughts. It can and will change us and cause us to grow spiritually. God's Word causes us to view life and our roles and personal situations through the eyes of His truth. When we read the Bible, we tune into God's mind and receive His teaching on every subject.

So let's all take time out of our busy day and read God's precious Word, the Bible. Reading the Bible transforms and renews our minds (Romans 12:2). The Bible is a compass, a blueprint, and a map by which we are to live our life. Therefore reading or not reading God's Word significantly affects our day and our life.

Ask yourself— is your focus for the day being set by exposure to the world through television, by the newspaper, by talk-show hosts, or by the empty chatter of workmates? Our way of thinking is transformed when we renew our mind each day by reading our Bible. The simple act of reading God's Word changes our thinking, our perspective, our choices, our behavior, and the way we live our life! Nothing else in the world can renew our minds like the Bible. In Elizabeth George's book, "Life Management for Busy Women," she refers to the Bible as

a light to guide us,
a rod to correct us,
a staff to lead us,
a mirror to reveal us,
a banquet table to feed us, and
a rudder to steer us.

MARKETPLACE BIBLE STUDIES beginning SOON

Tuesday's 12-1

Rita Waller--James
Beginning-Sept. 8
Panera/Hixson

Rosalyn Hickman
Beginning Sept. 15
Titus 2
Hixson/N. Shore

Donna Walker
TBD
BCBST

Patti Harris
Beginning-Sept. 16
Fearless
SunTrust Downtown

Kathryn Geddie
Beginning-Sept. 1
Colossians/TVA

Flo Samuels-
Beginning-Oct.
Lee Hwy/Hickory Valley
Retirement Center

Janice Meissner
Eastgate Area
TBD
The 7 Experiment Staging
Your Own Mutiny Against
Excess

Wednesdays 12-1

Beginning Sept. 4
Cara Hicks--Women in the
Word
SunTrust Downtown

Marcia Phillips
Lies Women Believe &
The Truth that Sets Them
Free
(willing to come to your
place of employment)

Pauline Field--7 am
Calvary Chapel Cafe
Hebrews/St. Elmo

Only a mind that is completely immersed in the Word of God can be truly renewed!

We are starting some Marketplace Bible studies and would love to have you join us. See the listing and let us know which one fits your needs!

Let me hear from you today at Patti@scwn.org on how SCWN has touched your life!

Have a wonderful and blessed week!

Patti Harris

SCWN Executive Director

SCWN Member Spotlight



Name: Edna Morgan

Occupation: Retired educator (36 years)

Family: I am a widow and I have 1 son (Christopher)

Years involved with SCWN?: 15 years

Most memorable experience with SCWN? It's difficult to pinpoint my most memorable experience with SCWN, because so many of them have been very special. My SCWN sessions are a time of worship, and I leave the meetings feeling uplifted, inspired, and blessed. I feel fortunate to be able to share the meeting time with women who are excited to praise and uplift our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy mentoring, ministering to people in need, singing, and speaking. I am a people-oriented person and truly enjoy getting to know others.

Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why? Kay Arthur, Co-Founder of Precept Ministries. Kay is authentic, down-to-earth, and motivating. I have attended several of her conferences and her delivery of the Word of God is powerful. She is devoted to spreading the Gospel within the community and continually inspires all of us to celebrate and share the good news about our Savior, Jesus Christ!



Name: Susan Field

Occupation: I am a Software Developer at the Chattanooga Software Center

Family: My family owns a family business which has given me the unique privilege to live and work with my Dad, Mom, brother and three sisters, every day.

Years involved with SCWN?: I first went to SCWN meetings with my mother in 2007 when I was 13 years old.

Most memorable experience with SCWN? When Mrs. (need name) sang Alabaster Box. It was one of the most beautiful performances I have ever heard.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I love to sew dresses and quilts! I also enjoy gardening, genealogy research, Irish Step Dancing as well as building Hobbit holes and tree houses.

Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why? Marianne Williamson. She wrote a piece which has so much depth and meaning, known as "Our Deepest Fear". <http://pineapplecode.com/odf.htm>



Name: Lee Cureton

Occupation: Chef

Years involved with SCWN?: Joined May 2015

What do you like to do in your spare time? Anything outdoors – especially running and hiking

Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why? On a professional level, Terri Holley, owner of Embellish & Willa. She's an exceptional business woman, mentor & friend. She exudes hard work, integrity & honesty. On a personal level, my Mom. She has been through much adversity and always come out on top because of her

Call 698-6262 or email
Patti@scwn.org to join
a Bible study today!



September Member Birthdays



Rebecca Johnson-6
Patricia Gray-6
Tekelia Kelly-11
Sandra Affare-19
Susan Tant-19
Cindy Walker-20
Kayte Locke-22
Sandi Brock-23
Emily Knoch-27



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Welcome New & Renewing Members!

Teresa Bryant
Susan Hargis
Amanda Jelks
Santee Jenkins
Barbara Murnan
Flo Samuels
Emily Thibodeau
Nita Tin

strength, work ethic & willingness to always do the right thing, no matter what the cost. She believes in us & always pushes us & supports us in being our best.



Name: *Judith (Judy) Ann Mathis*

Occupation: Retired School Teacher, Information Systems, Hamilton County Education, Ooltewah High School (25 years)

Family: Married to George (Mickey) Mathis, 51 years
Son, Michael Mathis (Wife Paige)
Son, Gil Mathis (Wife Jeny)

Four Grandchildren (McCay, Jackson, Davis, Elliott)

Years involved with SCWN?: SCWN Member, 5 years

Most memorable experience with SCWN? I can honestly say that every SCWN function has given me memorable insight, loving fellowship, and spiritual renewal; but the most memorable message was when Patti Harris revealed her experience of being an organ donor to her sibling. Not only was it a courageous act but an act of selfless devotion; it reflected her true love for others just as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ does for us.

What do you like to do in your spare time? Hobbies include traveling, gardening, reading, walking my dog, and family.

Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why? Several women have inspired me in different ways; however, I have no greater inspiration than for my longtime and dear friend, Marie Hall. Throughout our 50+ years of friendship, she continues to make me want to be a better person. She remains positive even in times of struggle, she is loyal and forgiving, and she provides encouragement in times of sorrow. I admire her integrity, her nonjudgmental attitude, and her determination to "make a difference." She keeps a sense of humor even in stressful times, and lives her life according to God's plan. Because of Marie I became a member of SCWN—I am so proud to call her my BFF!



Thursday, September 24 Luncheon Speaker

featuring
Rae Bond



Mountain City Club

729 Chestnut Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402
(free parking)

- 11:30 - Noon Networking
- Noon - 1:00 Lunch

To make reservations:

reservations@scwn.org or 423.698.6262

September Luncheon Sponsor



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Jackie Wolfe
Sally Worland



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- DVD Player

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Barbara loves the warmth of mixed metals, the coolness of polished stone, the sparkle of semi precious stones and the textures of nature's treasures. These elements, combined with the fire from my torch, allow me to hand sculpt my striking and innovative jewelry designs into "Art. You Wear."



Come early and shop a while before the luncheon starts.

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Our vision is to Encourage women with a sense of belonging to God and each other;
Equip women to develop spiritual maturity and to become all they are to be in Christ; and
Energize women to bless others with the love, grace, and truth of Jesus Christ. (drawn from Eph. 4:11-

13)

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