

# March 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! Ardena really blessed us with her message on trusting God on everything! It was great to see so many of you at the wonderful luncheon last week! We were certainly blessed by your presence!

### Is Your Life Hollow or Is It Full?

It's Easter morning; the molded bunny is sitting in the beautifully adorned basket of cellophane grass. Her eye wide with anticipation, the little child lifts her chocolate bunny out of the basket and takes a big bite out of its ear. The sweet taste fades away quickly, and the child looks again at the bunny in her hand. She replied, "It's hollow!"

Empty, useless, hollow, nothing. . . the words ring of frustration and disappointment. Yet this is the life-experience of many people today. Grasping the sweet things of life – possessions, experience, power, and pleasure – they find nothing inside. Life is empty, meaningless. . . and they lose hope.

People today are still searching. Yet the more they try to get, the more they realize how little they really have. Life without God is a long and fruitless search for enjoyment, meaning and fulfillment. True happiness is not in our power to accumulate or attain things because we always want more than we can have. God is the only one who can give us wisdom, knowledge, and joy!

The search for pleasure, wealth, and success is ultimately disappointing. Most of the time the search is in all the wrong places. The cure for emptiness is to center on God. Nothing in this world can fill our emptiness and satisfy our hearts but the love of God! We need to fill our lives in serving God and others rather than with our own selfish pleasures.

Doing our work with the wrong attitude will leave us empty. But work accepted as an assignment from God can be seen as a gift. Examine what you expect from your efforts. God gives you abilities and opportunities so that you can use them well.

Because life is short, we need wisdom that is greater than this world can offer. We need the words of God. If we listen to him, his wisdom spares us the bitterness of useless human experiences and gives us a hope.

Human wisdom doesn't contain all the answers. Knowledge and education have their limits as well. To understand life, we need the wisdom that can be found only in God's word to us –the Bible. When we realize that God will evaluate all that we do, we should learn to live wisely. We must remember that He is present each day, and learn to obey his guidelines for living. But in order to have God's wisdom, we must first get to know, honor and have a personal relationship with Him.

Is your life hollow, empty or is it full of the joy of the Lord?

## March Member Birthdays



- Bevelle Puffer-3
- Tina Adams-7
- Kerry Smith-8
- Teresa Clegg-16
- Kimberly George-16
- Cary Griffin-17
- Tricia Seeman-17
- Felicia Payne-19
- Helen Hixon-20
- Jeannie Harrison-25
- Patti Harris-27
- Nita Tin-29
- Abby Edens-30



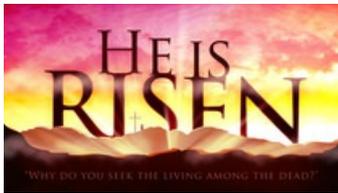
## THANK-YOU!!

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

- Gladys Edwards
- Kathryn Geddie
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- Katye Jones
- Jacque Lyons
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Anonymous donor for board table and chairs.

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

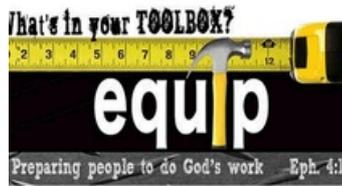


Have a blessed week and share the love of Christ in the marketplace this week!

Thank you so much for your support of SCWN!

Serving Christ Together!

Patti Harris  
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**NEWSFLASH! NEWSFLASH!**

**JOIN SCWN FOR OUR VERY FIRST LIVE WEBINAR**

### Discovering and Operating out of YOUR Passion & Purpose

**Did you know that 70% of American workers are disengaged from their jobs? Why? They are not doing what they LOVE!**

**What keeps people from doing the work they LOVE?**

- Lacking clarity around their passion/purpose
- Being too busy
- Thinking that your passion won't pay the bills
- Not trusting God
- Fear, especially fear of failing if you try something new
- Don't know where to start
- Thinking something in their past disqualifies them

Whether you are still in the process of identifying or seeking to operate out of your passion and purpose at a higher level, I hope you will join us for SCWN's very first live webinar:

Join  
**Marvae Ekanas on**  
**March 8th at 7:00 PM for**  
**Discovering and Operating out of YOUR Passion & Purpose**

**If you are interested in participating, please email**  
**[anita@scwn.org](mailto:anita@scwn.org) or call (423)698-6262.**  
**After we have the RSVP's we will send out the call in**  
**information.**

### March Marketplace Luncheon

**Thursday, March 24th, 2016**  
11:30 - Noon Networking  
Noon - 1:00 Lunch

featuring  
**Sherron Lane**



### Welcome New & Renewing Members!

- Tina Adams
- Joyce Blevins
- Francine Brown
- Teresa Clegg
- Donna Cooper
- Debbie Cordell
- Abby Edens
- Patsy Henry
- La'Nita Jones
- Mimi Nikkel
- Amy Scott
- April Taylor



### 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).

### 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:

[www.scwn.org](http://www.scwn.org): Employment

Listings



**Reservation Deadline:**  
TUESDAY, March 22nd 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

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

## SCWN Member Spotlight



**Name: Dorothea Johnson**



**Occupation:** Aesthetician and Owner of Inner Glow Skin Care Service

**Family:** Walter J. Johnson – Husband and one of the Owners of Aquarium Foods Catering

**Years involved with SCWN?:** about 5 to 7

**Most memorable experience with SCWN?** I simply love all of them, but the prayer breakfast with Babbie Mason was great and the one prior to that.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** Relax, lol! I do love singing and working out as well.

**Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why?**

The woman that inspires me the most is my mother, Maelene Crutcher. She is a strong women and has always taught me to be that way. Even though she has Alzheimer's now, she still encourages me and speaks positive things to me when she can. She has always taught me to depend on God for all my help and strength and that is **all and what** I do daily during this new journey in our lives and for the rest of my life.



**Name: Dr. Sandy McKenzie**

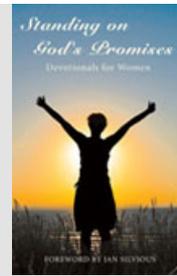


**Occupation:** In Private Practice as a Christian-based Counselor, Corporate Executive Coach & Speaker/Trainer.

**Family:** Husband, Robert Ives (FEMA/Homeland Security, Washington, DC); Daughter, Brooke Hopkins

**Years involved with SCWN?:** Since 1999 or earlier! I still use the Bible given to me by my Bible study group in 2002.

**Most memorable experience with SCWN?** SCWN overall is one of the most valuable experiences of my life! Difficult to pick a 'most' with so MANY years and memorable moments! Probably a most humbling privilege for me was being allowed to lead a marketplace Bible study for 6 years. I was actually praying and asking God to allow me to do so one day. Just as I said, "Amen," the phone rang and someone from SCWN asked me to do so! It was a dream-come-true! Some years later, I had the absolute honor of speaking at a SCWN luncheon. This was



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- 2 new Computers

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a huge step for me to even imagine God using me in either of those capacities. I am so very thankful to the precious women of SCWN and to God for blessing it so.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**Turning a not-so-lovely-looking room into a haven of welcoming comfort and beauty (and with a minimal investment) is pure fun. Enjoy visiting re-sale furniture shops and auctions, too. But I love being with family any time I can go see them. Enjoy further education that adds to my professional skills, endeavors or qualifications - just completed Florida Hospital's Clinical Pastoral Education program (for chaplains).

**Who is a woman that inspires you most? Why?**For decades, a timeless and unwavering favorite for me, has been Dr. Nell Mohney. Her example of ageless energy, youthfulness, style and brilliance have encouraged me immensely. She has been an inspiration with her dedication to excellence in taking God-given talent and gifts and optimizing them as the 'good and faithful servant' in Matthew. She writes and speaks with a quality of inspiration that motivates others to want to reach higher. And she has never stopped being graciously and perfectly sociable, persuasive, charming, classy and lovely. She is definitely a one-of-a-kind role model in every way and I am deeply thankful for her.

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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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