

August 2015

A Note From Our Executive Director, Patti Harris



God Is Faithful

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

What's the big deal about prayer? We know we should all do it more often, take it more seriously and give it more time—but most of the time we don't! Does this mean prayer is optional? How does it fit into the non-essentials of the Christian walk?

Prayer isn't some kind of requirement for believers. It is a *great privilege!* Prayer is our path to the adventure of building a WONDERFUL relationship with our Savior.

God knows everything that is going on in our lives. He is aware of every thought, every choice, every move we make—but He is waiting for us to turn to Him and tell Him about it! God listens to our prayers. He will answer us.

Psalm 66:16-20 says: *"Come and listen, all who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me. For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke. If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, my Lord would not have listened. But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer. Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer and did not withdraw his unfailing love from me."*

What's the purpose of prayer? Why is it so important in our lives? Why do we do it? Prayer reacquaints us with our Savior and solidifies our relationship with Him. Prayer reaffirms his Lordship in our lives, familiarizes us with His voice, calms our frazzled emotions, and lifts our eyes beyond our daily struggles. Prayer highlights His care, acknowledges God's wisdom, recognizes His sovereignty, appeals to His mercy and magnifies His name. Why do you pray?

God's ears are always tuned to our hearts. He is faithful to hear and answer our prayers. Years ago, I was scared to death to pray out loud in front of a group. I thought I had to have an eloquent prayer. I later realized that what was most important was that the prayers that I lifted up to the Father were from my heart. Your prayers don't have to be full of big words—Lift up your prayers as if you were talking to your best friend. After all, Jesus is our best friend if only we will let Him.

Thelma Wells offers us these questions:

- Have you ever attempted to get in touch with God and found yourself doubting His ability to help you?
- Do you find yourself worrying about things you should tell God about instead?
- Do you feel ashamed to talk to God?
- Do you find yourself seeking other people's opinions rather than relying on God's guidance?
- Do you think you have to use a certain posture or language to get God's attention?
- Do you think you have done something so awful you can't tell

August Member Birthdays



Barbara Woods--1
 Joyce Blevins--1
 Linda Williams--4
 Jennifer Newton--7
 Haley Lee--9
 Marcia Kling-16
 Cheryl Clark-21
 Marcia Phillips-22
 Kim Hencke-28
 Marie Hall-31
 Darlene Smith-31



THANK-YOU!!

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

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 Kim Hencke
 Jacque Lyons
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 Eleonore Williams

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



Welcome New Members!

Chele Bible

- God?
- If your answer is "yes" to any of these questions, you're creating unnecessary interference between you and God. Nothing can keep you from being directly connected to God if you want to be.

When we fail to pray, we aren't cheating God; we're cheating ourselves! In your hectic day and busy lives, make sure to make time for God in a quiet time **each** and **every day!** He always makes time for us!

Have a wonderful and blessed week!

Serving Christ Together!

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Scenic City Women's Network Prayer Walk/Vigil
for
our fallen service men and for our city



Come join us in a prayer service/vigil for the shooting victims and their families and for our city

Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 pm

at either of these locations:

GraceWorks Church,

6445 Lee Hwy (turn in by the old McKay's and go up hill. Look for the big white cross)

MSgt Burhans from Hixson will lead his JROTC color guard at the Lee Hwy location.

River Park

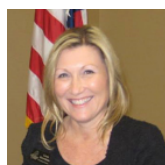
Concession Area of the just past the playground
SGM Franklin from Red Bank will lead his HS AJROTC color guard at the Amnicola location.

Everyone is invited to attend. Bring your families and friends.

For more information contact:
Scenic City Women's Network
423.698.6262 or www.scwn.org



SCWN Member Spotlight



Sherry Harris
Kayte Locke



**Welcome
Renewing
Members!**

Sharon Braden
Cara Hicks
Phyllis James
Vel Keplinger



**Want to be a Mentor
or Mentee?** We are
recruiting for the fall! If
you are interested, please
contact: Patti@scwn.org.



**Interested in joining a
Marketplace Bible
Study?**

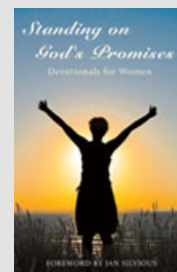
We are in the process of
starting 10 new classes
this fall just for YOU!



SCWN Ministry Needs

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

Contact patti@scwn.org
to donate the items above.
Thanks so much for your
help!



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Devotional books

\$10

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encouragement!
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Linda E. Shriver-Buckner

Name: Linda Elizabeth Shriver-Buckner
Occupation: Director of Sales, Hickory Valley Senior Living Community
Family: My love and joy filled husband of 18 years passed away ten years ago. I am blessed with two sons, 19 year old Trevor and 24 year old Chase.
Years involved with SCWN?: I am a recent member; however, I attended my third prayer breakfast this year.
Most memorable experience with SCWN? It is difficult to choose one stand-out experience as each one has been a blessing. I come away from each encounter touched and encouraged.
What do you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy the outdoors and try to get to Montana several times each year. Locally, I enjoy canoe camping and the many hiking opportunities the area affords.
Who is a woman that inspires you most? Both of my grandmothers and namesakes Linda Engelskirch Shriver Stamm (98) and Mary Elizabeth Scichetano Shaffer (passed away last year at 97) Why? Both of my grandmothers had difficult lives; however, I never heard a negative word out of either of them and was deeply loved unconditionally. They both were the epitome of goodness and grace...strong ladies of faith who radiated the love of Christ. My Grandmother Linda has entire chapters in Psalms memorized which I believe has contributed to her sound mind at her current age of 98.



Dr. Sharon Cannon

Name: Dr. Sharon Cannon
Occupation: Director of Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at the Partnership for Families Children and adults for 10 years
Family: I have 2 children and 7 grandchildren I am fondly called "GG"
Years involved with SCWN?:I have been involved with SCWN for over 15 years in various roles off and on.
Most memorable experience with SCWN?. When we started issuing the Personal Prayer Journal it taught me to pray, study and journal
What do you like to do in your spare time? I love to support , strategize and be productive with planning and organizing as well as reading, writing and promoting my book
Who is a woman that inspires you most? Leigh Anne Tuohy " The Blind Side" ; Because she is Christian woman who is not ashamed of her faith and she believes in giving back.



Thursday, August 27
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:

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SCWN is a nonprofit ministry designed to meet the needs of today's Christian working woman.

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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