



Spring 2019

Director's Corner

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Fellow Workers in Christ,

I feel blessed to be able to share in the work of this great ministry with you. Our ministry is unusual in that unless you have been connected with it in some way or God has placed a special call on your life, few realize the tremendous need in the facilities that we serve.

Southeastern Correctional
Ministry, Inc.
40 Kings Way
Hampton, VA 23669

As we've said before, we have the privilege to take the Gospel to those who are often forsaken, lonely, and in many cases hopeless. But...we have the Good News! God can save, renew, restore and bring hope to anyone who will accept Him as Lord and Savior.

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Hope is a beautiful thing! It is an expectation of better things to come. If our hope is in God, it places our trust and confidence in Him not this world or ourselves.

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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit?" Romans 15:13 NIV

Building Access

Within Hampton Baptist Church. Main parking and access is at 35 Wine Street – the old back door which is now the front!

Let us shine forth God's love and bring hope to lives as we touch them! As always, to God be the Glory,



Gina Pitrone, Director

Volunteer News

Please join us in welcoming our newest volunteers. As they start their SCM Ministry, pray that God would anoint mightily!

Western Tidewater Regional Jail

- Jerome Childs, Stephen Kennedy and Mark Reon

Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center

- Kristian Berry, Tanya Bunting, Jason Burton, Brian Byrd, Raymond and Swanderlyn Denson, Stephanie Drouin, Linda Gregory, Todd Hirschberg, Harold Millen, Steven Moffitt, Wanda Pearce, and Jacqueline Walton all in the process of partnering with SCM to “go tell” the world!

We are thankful for their willingness to serve!

Condolences go to **Michael Reid** (WTRJ) for the passing of his father, **Gina Pitrone** (WTRJ and Director), **Ray O’Bryant** (HCJ), and **Norm Knight** (HCJ and Annex, GCJ, ICC), for the loss of their mothers. May God comfort and strengthen you all.

Our Director and volunteer, **Gina Pitrone** welcomed yet another granddaughter into the world! Stella Elizabeth was born March 27 and is healthy and happy. Praise God!

Making a Difference



Encouraging News from Newport News Juvenile Detention Center:

Teenagers Create Different Vision for Their Lives

By Shay Ponquinette
SCM Volunteer

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV

The Southeastern Correctional Ministry under the leadership of Chaplain Alfreada Brown gave the juveniles at the Newport News Juvenile Detention Center the opportunity to visualize their future in a more positive light by creating vision boards. At the beginning of the year the teenagers were challenged to not let the past define them through the theme, “New Year, New Me,” 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Teenagers Create Different Vision for Their Lives Continued:

A vision board is a collage of images and words representing a person's wishes or goals intended to serve as inspiration or motivation. Before the teenagers created their vision boards, they went through a series of exercises that addressed the effects of previous negative behavior, exercises about what they could do differently to have a positive outcome, and exercises to define goals for their future. The ministry team collected over 100 magazines, donated poster board, markers, crayons, glue and other miscellaneous supplies for the vision board project.

The teenagers had the opportunity to present their vision boards to members of the ministry team and it touched the hearts of the ministry team to see these young people indeed visualize their future in a positive manner. Some of the goals the vision boards reflected included: completing high school, getting their GEDs, going to college, serving in the military, having a job, working in their own businesses, living in nice homes, having a loving family, and being good fathers and mothers.

The SCM ministry team that serves the juveniles at the Newport News Juvenile Detention Center meet with the juveniles every Sunday teaching biblical principles, salvation through Jesus Christ and how they can change their lives. The theme that is utilized by the SCM detention center ministry team is that God has a plan for their lives, a plan to prosper them and not to harm them. A plan to give them hope and a future based on Jeremiah 29:11.

Events

Upcoming - Mark your calendars and Save the Date:

August 17, 2019 – Southside “Foot Soldiers Walk” at Lake Meade Park in Suffolk, VA

October, 2nd, 2019 – Annual Golf Tournament – new location: **Riverfront Golf Club**, 5200 River Club Drive, Suffolk, VA

WOW!!! Soles for Souls” Walk - April 6th, 2019

This year we were able to raise over \$9,500 dollars at the “Soles for Souls” walk at Sandy Bottom Nature Park in Hampton, VA. A special thanks to **Charlotte Lilley** who has chaired this event for many years and has continued to support the success of the walk! Many volunteers came out to walk, contributed themselves and had their churches support us for a record high!

Church Partners for Walk:

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Bellamy United Methodist
Carrollton Baptist Church
Cornerstone Fellowship Church
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
First Baptist Church of Denbigh
First Baptist Church of Hampton*
Hilton Baptist**
New Covenant Church
St. Mark’s Deliverance Center
Westminster Reformed Presbyterian
Westside Foursquare

Active SCM Jail Volunteers:

Charles Ballard	Thomas Lipkins
Alfreada Brown	Ray O’Bryant
Norman Brumfield	Suzette Phipps
Jeff Carty	Gina Pitrone
Stanley Clayton	Shay Ponquinette
Jay Dobson	Gary Saunders
Steve Farris	Lloyd Smith
Roland Griggs	John Soper
Elaine Hinton	Terri Townsend
Denny Holowell	Jackie Walton
Dwight Jackson	Robbie Williams
Eric Jackson	Dianna Yesensky
Norm Knight	



Miscellaneous: So many that collected and walked to benefit of SCM out of the goodness of their heart. Many thanks!!!

(We apologize if we inadvertently missed anyone!)

*We were so grateful that **First Baptist Church of Hampton** partnered with us yet again through a generous donation and representation by Christ like young people!

A special thanks goes to **Hilton Baptist Church for their faithfulness in helping us as well as supporting us with this walk! We appreciate you all and once again **Carolyn’s Salad** was one of the biggest highlights of the meal!

*****Grady Johnson** was our top fundraiser! He has been faithful to help with this walk and his efforts are greatly appreciated. The cakewalk was spruced up a bit to include a beautiful assortment of plants donated by **Lancaster Farms**, and coordinated by **Julie Farris**. We enjoyed **Elaine Hinton’s** delicious carrot cake and **Robbie William’s** cupcakes for desserts. Thank you ladies for your help and support! A Big Thanks goes to all those who helped set-up, breakdown and cleanup as well as lead the walks. We appreciate how you generously supported the walk with your time and resources!!! We really have an excellent team and it’s a joy to work together!!!