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– the old back door which
is now the front of HBC!

Thoughts to Ponder,

It's really puzzling to try and understand how Jesus' followers (those who had seen or possibly even benefitted from his healings and miracles of deliverance), could within the space of a week turn from an exultant, worshipping crowd to a crowd who would condone and perhaps even participate in the mocking and crucifixion of our Lord.

This speaks to us as a warning. It is so easy to jump on mob mentality. It's so easy to "go with the crowd". Often times our thoughts can be changed by an eloquent orator or even by someone we admire that debates well and that's perfectly fine and good if what they are debating is based on the Word! The Word of God is our ultimate authority! It should define our thoughts, actions and daily walk.

We owe Jesus our unwavering faith and our voice to exalt Him in this world that is plagued by sin and discord. In other words, "Lord, help us not to be swayed. Help us to be bold to stand up for you as you stood up with unbearable shame and disgrace for us at the cross! Help us to live in this world as your faithful followers, willing to bear the reproach that you bore. Your Holy Name be Blessed!!!"



Volunteer News

We extend our sincere condolences to **Holland and Claire Branton** (Holland is a longtime faithful volunteer at WTRJ) on the passing of his mother, Margaret Holland Branton on January 1, 2021.

We were so saddened to hear that **Sheriff BJ Roberts** of **Hampton City Jail** passed away December 26, 2020. He was a dear Christian man and a friend to SCM. **Sheriff Karen Bowden** is now the Sheriff of HCJ and we look forward to working with her.

Congratulations to **Norm Knight**. Through completion of requirements, he has been endorsed as a Volunteer Correctional Chaplain through the Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention by the North American Mission Board. Norm also joined the Correctional Ministry and Chaplains Association (CMCA) that provides a wealth of information and training for correctional ministry leaders. He is currently enrolled in the Institute for Prison Ministry's Certificate for Correctional Ministry program that requires 8 different 8-week online courses. He also is always willing to share freely the knowledge he gains from all of his hard work! Thank you Norm!

As of April, a couple of jails (WTRJ and GCJ) have opened up to volunteer services, of course, with safety guidelines in place. HCJ is working on virtual bible studies and ministry and MPRSC is allowing special visits via phone and material drop offs. We are looking forward to the reopening and resuming of ministry very soon. Please continue to pray for the salvation and safety of inmates, the well-being of our volunteers and for the reuniting of these relationships.

Congratulations to **Joel Emmerson** (volunteer at MPRSC) on the publication of his new book. More information to follow under separate cover. What an accomplishment. (All profits from books sales will be spent on books for the incarcerated.) Way to go Joel!

Upcoming Events

Due to the COVID-19 Virus we are unable to hold our annual "Soles for Souls" walk but...with the Lord's help, we have secured Lake Meade Park in Suffolk to hold a combined walk this year....so please mark your calendars:

Saturday, July 31st, 2021 at Lake Meade Park, Suffolk, VA Foot Soldiers Walk

We have also planned to go ahead with our annual golf tournament. The scheduled date is:

Friday, October 1st, 2021 Annual Golf Tournament, Riverfront Golf Course, Suffolk, VA

Please understand that both events are critical to SCM and if you could prayerfully be preparing in advance how you can support these fundraisers. As far as the walk, if you could garner sponsors to donate to this event. It is not necessary that you walk, but it is always a good time of fellowship and strengthening of our ministry. We will follow safety guidelines to insure protection for all that participate.

The golf tournament offers several levels of sponsorship. Think outside of the box. Do you know any **golfers (\$90 per person or \$360 per team)** at your church or in your personal sphere of friends that could rally a team? It offers them an opportunity to enjoy their sport while supporting a great cause! Individuals or small business can donate **\$100 for a hospitality sponsorship** that supports the logistics of the event and helps provide the food and drinks necessary. There is also a **hole sponsorship at \$300** that gives businesses you support or relate to, good advertisement and opportunity to support the greater good of the community. The highest level of sponsorship is an **event sponsor (\$2500)**. Event sponsors receive great recognition for backing our wonderful ministry and are recognized in all sponsorship's levels.

As you know, SCM is dedicated to a wonderful and worthy cause and it's not hard to offer others the opportunity to sow into this ministry. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated! Please be in prayer for the success of these endeavors!

Meet Our Board

As you know, SCM is operated by a selected board through the direction of either a Director or Senior Chaplain. This volunteer group meets regularly to help determine the direction and needs of this ministry. We are so thankful to have men and women that are willing to sacrifice their time for the betterment of SCM. They each bring unique qualities and abilities to the ministry and are a well-rounded group of people who love God and desire to serve Him:

Steve Farris, President

Gary Saunders, Vice President

Hersey Quinn, Treasurer

Ray O'Bryant, Secretary

Alfreda Brown (Chaplain of Newport News Juvenile Detention Center)

Thomas Lipkins (Chaplain of Virginia Beach Juvenile Detention Center)

Gina Pitrone (Director and Volunteer at Western Tidewater Regional Center)

Terri Townsend (Chaplain of Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center)

Many thanks to **John Wills** who has served on our board for years. His dedication, wonderful spirit, and his tireless work have been such an asset to SCM. He will be moving to Florida to spend quality time with his family that lives there. John has worked to continue the golf tournament that his father, the late Jack Wills, instituted some 29 years ago! This golf tournament has been a crucial fundraiser for SCM and John has been a big part of that. Although we'll miss him, we wish him the best in this move and will continue to seek his counsel. Blessings John!

Special Prayer/Praise

Recently we received a "prayer/praise report" from an inmate at Western Tidewater Regional Jail. It was so encouraging to know that the seeds that have been planted before COVID, were enough to carry this team of believers through the isolation of the past year as they have grown in grace. Here is his request – to God Be the Glory:

"Prayer Needed: Praise for your support on the outside. We have had a regular Bible Study on Sunday and Wednesday evenings in this pod. One man was saved a week ago. We have averaged around 7-10 people. We have gone through all of John and are halfway through Acts. It is humbling to be blessed with "problems" many churches wish they had: not enough seating, and a variety of spiritual maturity levels (some new Christians, some old etc.). Pray for guidance in future Bible study topics, living by grace and wisdom (2 Peter 3:18), and discerned (2 Corinthians 2:11). Thank you."

