



## Winter 2020

## Office Corner

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### Building Access

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

*Just recently at our annual “Volunteer Celebration Luncheon”, we had the honor of hearing Sheriff B.J. Roberts’ (of Hampton City Jail) personal testimony and thoughts on the impact of volunteerism.*

*He very simply yet profoundly told of his own life choices and basically how God had His Hand on him despite the fact that he did “all he could do to go wrong”. Although he came up in challenging conditions and background, he humbly pointed to the goodness of God in his life and the mercy and grace he has been shown. We can all identify with that truth!!!*

*It was so encouraging to hear that as volunteers you are not only spreading the good news to the inmates we serve but also can impact the staff for His Glory. Keep up the good fight and may God Bless you for the wonderful work that you do!*

*In His Service,*

***Gina, Teresa, and Melinda***



## Volunteer News

Please join us in welcoming the newest addition to our staff, **Melinda Geskey**. Melinda has been hired as our “Volunteer Coordinator” and will be working to generate new volunteers as well as maintain and assist our current roster. She will be working closely with the jails, churches, and chaplains to further this great ministry!

We are so sorry to share that **Stanley Clayton**, a longtime volunteer and friend of Southeastern has passed away January 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Stanley was practically a charter member of Southeastern, having served for over 33 years and has been a faithful servant to his Lord. His absence will leave a hole in our ministry and hearts.

Sincere condolences to **Robbie Williams** (Hampton City Jail) on the passing of her father just this past November. Robbie is faithful to minister at the jail and is a blessing to the team.

**Thomas Lipkins** (serves on our Board, is the Chaplain at Virginia Beach Juvenile Detention Center, and also volunteers at Portsmouth City Jail), completed a mission trip to Singapore and Indonesia this winter. Thomas (known as Dr. L.) has a doctorate in Theology and has a heart to share his wisdom and knowledge both here and abroad!

We are thankful for **Roma Hall's** 14 plus years of service at Virginia Beach Juvenile Detention Center. She's been a blessing. Roma is retiring and we wish her well and God's Best!

Congratulations to **Steve Farris** (serves on our Board and at Newport News City Jail as Chaplain)! Steve was the recipient of the “Volunteer of the Year” award at NNCJ this past October and more recently honored at yet another ceremony with a beautiful plaque and “Citizen's Service Medal”. Steve has a background as a parole officer and brings many talents to SCM which he freely shares!

**New Website** – please take time to visit the Southeastern Website. Steve Farris has recently moved it to a new platform and revamped it. Thanks Steve for the updated site and the effort and time to change it! [WWW.SECORRMIN.COM](http://WWW.SECORRMIN.COM)

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## Upcoming Events

***SAVE THE DATE:***

**“Souls for Soles” Walk  
Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Lakeside Pavilion, Sandy  
Nature Bottom Park, Hampton VA**

## Support Opportunities

There are many ways you can support Southeastern Correctional Ministry. **Most importantly please pray** daily for this ministry, that it would be preserved in integrity and doctrine and effective for the Kingdom of God. We have the pure salvation message that changes lives and brings hope! We ask that you also encourage others to pray for us, especially your churches.

Another way you can support us is financially, through personal donations and/or the following methods:

- Come out and **support our fundraising events** and raise money for SCM
- Link your **Kroger card** to Southeastern through their website (through no cost to yourself, we receive a percentage of sales if you designate us as your charity of choice)
- If you contribute to **United Way**, this donation also can be designated 100% to Southeastern through a simple link
- If you make your **Amazon** purchases through “Amazon Smile”, you can designate Southeastern as a charity recipient of a percentage of your purchase. There is NO extra cost to you for merchandise.
- Encourage your **Church** to support us in their local mission giving.

## 2020 Annual Volunteer Celebration Luncheon

Thanks to all who were able to attend the volunteer luncheon on January 18<sup>th</sup> this year. We were honored by your presence. We feel any thanks you receive is not adequate for the service you provide and your faithfulness to God and this ministry. We will endeavor to try and improve with your help, input, and the guidance of God to show you proper gratitude and to be a source of support to you! Thanks to **Joel Emerson** (Middle Peninsula Regional Jail) for sharing his ministry of song in our program. He is willing to minister with music at any facility he can, so keep him in mind! Blessings Joel!

We were grateful to Sheriff B.J. Roberts of Hampton City Jail for agreeing to be our guest speaker. As of January, Sheriff Roberts became the number one tenured Sheriff of Virginia and has been a longtime supporter of SCM. It was apparent that as a Sheriff, he appreciates the service our volunteers provide and the guidance and help you offer to inmates. We were also in awe of the support his staff showed by attending this event. They too helped make it such a special day! We are already looking forward to next year and hope you'll be a part!



Received a note from the Sheriff at Southside Regional Jail – could not attend luncheon but was “thankful for the partnership and dedication to provide learning and counseling to our inmates for the past 25 years”. Nice to know you’re appreciated! Way to go Southside Team!

