



Summer 2020

Office Corner

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Building Access

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

Thoughts to ponder,

In the book of Matthew, Jesus was asked (albeit the Pharisees and Sadducees had been trying to trip Him up through cunningness) which is the greatest commandment in the law?

“Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40

As always, our redeemer answered with truth and with grace. For every problem and situation can also be hung on these two commandments. Ah, we fall so short of God’s Glory! If we could only get these two right, many of our issues would be eliminated!

*If there were ever a time that the “church needs to be the church”, it is today! Often the church expects the world to “act” like the church but that cannot be. We are the ones called to step up and show love, understanding, and kindness one to another. Let LOVE be our banner and our witness and may **God Be Glorified** through it all!*

Volunteer News

To our faithful volunteers, we take this “downtime” to thank you for all that you do for the inmates you serve. You may never see the results of your work until you reach heaven, but your willingness to serve with your talents and with your time is making a difference. SCM is blessed that you have answered the call to minister to those who so badly need someone to care! God Bless You for what you do and if you feel there is anything we can help you with, please let us know. We’re here to serve you as you serve others!

We extend sincere condolences to **Todd Hirschberg** (MPRSC) and family on the loss of their son, Eli. May God help and comfort you through this time.

We are still in the midst of moving the Southeastern offices around the corner within Hampton Baptist Church to where we have stored additional boxes of books in the past. These are the “old” Hampton Baptist offices before their recent addition. Hampton Baptist has done a beautiful job in preparing these spaces and as always have been so gracious to our Ministry!

This spring, **Norm Knight** and **Pierce Smith** both rotated off of the Board of SCM. Their service on the board has been immeasurable in value and greatly appreciated! We are thankful for their dedication to SCM and are glad they are continuing to serve as faithful volunteers!

Upcoming Events

All 2020 Events have been cancelled!

Through much deliberation and thought, SCM has decided to cancel our walks and the golf tournament for 2020! We just felt it in the best public interest for our sponsors and for our volunteers! We will initiate fundraising in a “non-public/contactless” way. We are saddened by this as it’s always such a special time together but look forward to 2021 and “safer times”!

Encouraging Words

NEVER DOUBT THAT YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

A Prayer Request from a WTRJ Inmate: “That the Lord will continue to use me for His purpose and to encourage other inmates and point them to Jesus Christ. That I will have a servant’s heart and an understanding and loving attitude. Pray that I won’t be bitter about my exaggerated charges and 20 plus years in federal prison I am facing for drugs, but to look beyond myself and see the ministry God has for me to encourage others in their walk with Christ. Prison is now my mission field. I am a very passive quiet person so I need boldness and encouragement from the Lord and I pray that He gives me the words to speak light into these dark prisons.”

A note from a thankful inmate: “I just wanted to write and say thank you for sending (Volunteer), to WTRJ to read some bible verses to us. This was a huge blessing to me. I have been in jail since March 10th and found Jesus here... I have so much stress from losing my career to concerns of my family not having food to eat but thankfully, I now have Jesus. Your volunteer felt like a gift from God in this time of need. He is so full of the Holy Spirit that it overflows onto us here. It was so nice hearing him read from the bible and talk about simple everyday things in his life like his cucumbers growing in his garden. Thank you and thanks to God for sending him our way. God Bless!”

From Teresa (Office): God recently used one of you mightily to speak peace into my life regarding my brother who is battling terminal cancer. To God be the Glory and thank you for “walking and talking” this lovely walk of faith!!!

We are constantly hearing about the encouragement that your visits, prayers and ministry brings to those incarcerated. It really is priceless. As you see above, great is the need for us to bring the Gospel and also to lift in prayer those that are saved. Many incarcerated are filled with shame and need the redemption that only Christ can provide. I recently explained to someone that has had a very rough past and is heavy with regrets, that we all live with regrets and shame but that is why JESUS had to die. Although we live with the consequences of our actions, Jesus gladly bears our shame and replaces it with peace and abiding joy. In Him alone is the ability to make us new!

Special Thanks!

We give special thanks to our church partners who have been so faithful to sow into our ministry. We appreciate their support both monetarily and in prayers!

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