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## Dalton / Chattanooga – February 2017

### Joy In Our Town

- ❖ WELF's *Joy In Our Town* this month featured host Ciby Thomas talking with Ellen Heavilon from The Hart Gallery. Ellen talks about the origin of the ministry, which is a Christian social agency disguised as an art gallery. Here homeless and disabled populations can come and create while being surrounded by the love of God. Their work is sold and they receive a portion of the proceeds. This is a safe place to explore, create and heal the spirit while the gallery proceeds to equip these folks with what they need to come out of homelessness.



*Pictured above: Hart Gallery Director Ellen Heavilon with Host Ciby Thomas*

- ❖ Host Ciby Thomas talks with Jens Christensen with the Chattanooga Community Kitchen. Jens discusses the history and struggles of the origins of the ministry and brings us up to date on what they are doing to assist the homeless population in Chattanooga.



*Right: Community Kitchen building*

## Community Involvement

- ❖ TBN Manager Jan Myers attended The Dade County Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon guest Georgia State School Superintendent Richard Woods. Mr. Richard Woods, elected in 2014 to serve in this key leadership position, will share the current status of our state school system at the luncheon. He will include Georgia SAT and ACT scores (higher than the national average), graduation rates (increased for the fifth straight year), and STEM certification. Additionally, Superintendent Woods will talk about the new Career Pipeline initiative being developed to show businesses what pathways students are enrolled in, and give students information about pathways where jobs can be found.



- ❖ TBN partnered with the “Want to Foundation” again this month by providing mentoring services to one of Hamilton County’s public charter schools. This month’s meeting was all about encouraging the students’ to write down their goals. We also did a survey on what each student’s interest is so we can begin working on finding them internships this summer.



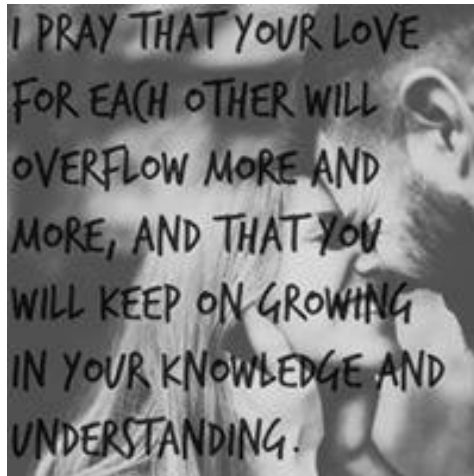
- ❖ TBN attended Scenic City Women’s Network’s monthly luncheon to hear Ashley Baldwin from Choices Christian Pregnancy Resource Center. Ashley spoke on the choices that women have in the workplace to share Christ.



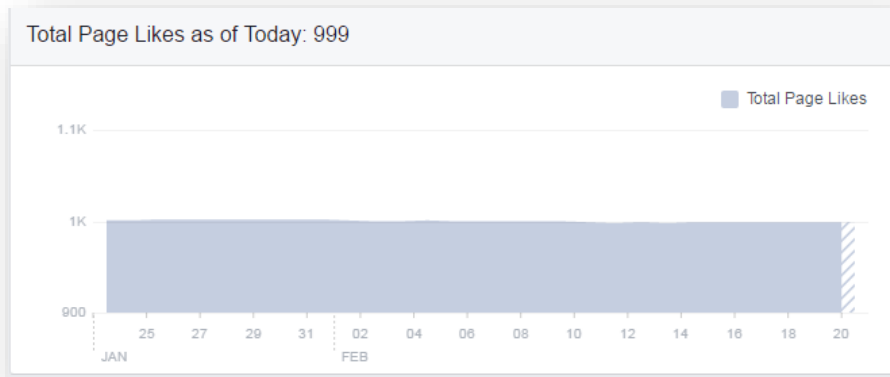
*Right: SCWN February Speaker Ashley Baldwin*

## Social Media Statistics

Thought for the month:



Likes:



Top Post this month:



## Viewer Correspondence

### **A local Christian Ministry writes in after airing on Joy In Our Town:**

*Ellen Heavilon of the H\*Art Gallery (local Christian Nonprofit helping homeless) writes after her interview segment aired on Joy In Our Town:*

*...I actually got a phone call from a viewer who saw the show! She wants to volunteer. She just moved here from the Chicago area and is very happy to have found a "Jesus" Station to watch!*

*Thanks again for the opportunity to share information about what we do with your viewing audience.*

*Ellen Heavilon.*