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The President's Corner

-Durwin Parks, President

Greetings everyone.

The book of Psalms is a book of prayer and praise, written by men but inspired by God. The psalms are poetry, whether they are prayers or songs. Some psalms give us information into the history of Israel. Some psalms make mention of a person or circumstance. Sometimes a key phrase will begin a psalm, like "Blessed is the man" (1:1), "Give ear to my words, O Lord" (5:1), "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth" (8:1), and "In the Lord I take refuge" (7:1).

Don't forget the main focus of each psalm is God. We have much to learn about Him, that He is to be worshipped and adored, and about how mankind is to respond to Him. Don't forget to look in the Psalms for Jesus, who is God, one with the Fa-

ther and the Spirit. Jesus said in Luke 24:44, "All things which are written about me in the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

The Psalms are for the heart and the soul. When stuff is messed up, when you are stressed, confused, afraid, hurt, or need to talk to the best counselor, turn to the Psalms. Remember Jesus said that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. If you need prayer, contact us at Skilton House Ministries and we will pray for you.

NEW MEMBERS

-Durwin Parks

At the Spring Board Meeting, I had the privilege to welcome two new board members, Pastor Cedrick and Ruthy Blakney. We are praising the Lord for these two family members coming to help us at Skilton House Ministries.

CAMP TIME!

Please pray for many kids from Philadelphia who will attend Christian camp this summer in Lancaster County, PA, for one week. The dates are Monday, July 2 – Friday, July 6. This year, the theme is "Freedom—1." Please consider sponsoring a youth to come and be changed by the power of the cross. The campership cost for each student is \$150.00. Checks may be made payable to "Skilton House Ministries" and mailed to:

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Maybe someone reading this newsletter would like to help. If so, get in touch with Skilton House Ministries.

SKILTON HOUSE MINISTRIES HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

-Rebecca Brown

This spring, we designed and rolled out a new website. The URL has not changed; www.skiltonhouseministries.org will still take you to the correct page. On the website, you can find information about our ministries, as well as current and older newsletters and a devotional blog.

We are also on Facebook! The URL for our page is a little cumbersome, but you can search for Skilton House Ministries

as well (<https://www.facebook.com/Skilton-House-Ministries-2130774133823042/>). If you are on Facebook, please Like us and Follow us. Sharing our posts, especially about Operation Brotherhood and CRT, is a great way to help spread the word about SHM. After all, you don't have to live in Philadelphia to be a part of SHM. As Christians, we are all members of the same family—Christ's! And what better way to remember the fellowship and

communion we have with each other than to support the ministry of fellow Christians.

We also have a new email address, info@skiltonhouseministries.org.

Just a reminder: if you receive the newsletter in the snail mail, please send your email address to Rebecca and she will add you to our distribution list. Consider it a contribution to SHM—emails cost us nothing, but the mailing costs are significant. Thank you.

Operation Brotherhood 2017

-Ann Egner

Harvest Prayer Chapel welcomed us as we came together in October for the Operation Brotherhood 2017 Rally. The clouds were gathering all day. We even had some raindrops on our arrival to prepare for the rally. However at 3:30 p.m. when we were ready to go on our parade for the Lord, the sun shone on our group as we sang songs of praise. We were blessed to have a lady from the neighborhood give herself to the Lord.

Over the next month, canned goods were collected and contributions for the turkeys were received. On Thursday, November 16, many volunteers worked diligently at packing onions and potatoes and counting cans of green beans, corn, fruit, and stuffing. The bags were prepared and all was finally ready for Packing Night. The next night, we were blessed with a message from our Lord by Pastor Cooper and beautiful praise songs by Brenton McGee. Pastor Cedrick Blakney closed the service with a

prayer and led us to the lower level where we packed 1,638 bags in one and a half hours. We sang and packed and chatted and sang some more. Channel 6 TV arrived and we were on the news that evening.

Saturday morning arrived and the churches came for their bags and tracts/books of the Bible donated by the Philadelphia Bible Society.

On Tuesday, November 21, the turkeys arrived on sched-

ule and the men unloaded the truck. We had prayer for the families who would be blessed and then the church leaders lined up their cars and trucks to take their turkeys to their families.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to make Operation Brotherhood 2017 a great success. Mostly, we thank our Heavenly Father for His guidance and love.



Yes! I would like to help Skilton House Ministries spread the Gospel in Philadelphia!

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