

VA Area District Representative Report

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District Name and Number: Southside District 23

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Southside District 23 currently has:

- 7 total meetings
- 1 meeting is hybrid.
- District meetings are hybrid.
- The district meets every other month for 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Events or Projects the District has completed since last meeting:

- Each group received 30 Forums from our archives with district meeting inserts which are being used in outreach efforts. Our Southside tri-fold pamphlet has been updated with our new meetings added. Outreach strategies from the WSO Associate Director of Community Relations were shared at the district meeting.
- A “web corner” of the Richmond Area Website for Southside District information has been designed by one of our members.

Events or Projects the District is planning:

- Our district is planning a workshop for Fall 2023. One of our new district members volunteered to coordinate this event. More details to follow.

Successes:

- Our district meetings have grown from 4 to 7 in a five month period. Hope Seekers AFG started September 12, 2022, Farmville AFG started November 3, 2022 and New Beginnings AFG in Victoria started February 7, 2023.
- The “spirit” of our new groups is great! There is energy, positivity, and forward motion.
- Our district meetings are very well attended. Members are engaged and active.

Challenges:

- We have several new groups and getting started requires patience and outreach.

Goals:

- Increase the number of GR’s as members step up in service at the group level.

Things that are working well:

- Our district meeting location has moved to West End Baptist Church in Petersburg. The building is larger, the facilities are newer, and one of our new groups already meets at that location.
- Our district is in excellent shape financially.

Things that need attention:

- Volunteers to step up in service are needed. 3 of our 7 district meetings need GR’s. This includes our 2 new meetings.