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A MINISTRY TO PERSONS WITH HIV AND AIDS IN THE KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY

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## CBF Takes Bold Step

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is taking a bold step in the fight against HIV and AIDS. As part of its 2006 National Assembly in Atlanta, CBF will host its first HIV/AIDS Summit on Wednesday, June 21 and continuing on Thursday, June 22. This is a bold step for a national association of Baptists, but it is also very much in keeping with the central initiatives of CBF, to reach out to touch groups of people who are “most neglected” and “marginalized” in our world, and in our society. CBF recognizes this challenge, and has been a partner with Samaritan Ministry for many years as we have worked in a small city in Tennessee to serve our brothers and sisters who are living with HIV. CBF also supports field personnel in America and around the world, where the fight against HIV and AIDS must continue. Find out more about the CBF National Assembly at the World Congress Center in Atlanta, and about CBF initiatives, at the CBF web site -- [www.thefellowship.info](http://www.thefellowship.info).

There is something going on, something powerful, when

church leaders like Rick Warren launch a conference on AIDS, as he did in 2005, when CBF makes HIV/AIDS a part of its 2006 National Assembly, and when thousands of Christians are waking up to see this epidemic as “theirs”. A new ad campaign, featuring Nelson Mandela, Tom Hanks, Desmond Tutu, Elton John, and others, announces, “We All Have AIDS”. Indeed. Check out the campaign poster at [www.weallhaveaids.com](http://www.weallhaveaids.com). Also check out Kay Warren’s HIV ministry newsletter - [www.purposedriven.com/hivaids](http://www.purposedriven.com/hivaids).

## Our MISSION STATEMENT

“Our church should be a beacon of light and hope, by way of Christ, to anyone who suffers from or has family or friends who suffer from this disease.”

### What is CBF?

CBF is a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who share a passion for the Great Commission and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice. The Fellowship’s mission is to serve Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission. Made up of individuals and approximately 1,800 partner churches, the Fellowship seeks to provide resources for churches and send global missions field personnel to the most neglected people groups in the world.



Tennessee Department  
of Health

**Beulah**

Beulah Baptist Church  
Devereux, Georgia

# A Seven-Day Devotional Guide

Directing Prayer and Scripture toward the  
HIV and AIDS Epidemic in America

-Available April 2006-

Many people ask us how they can become involved in HIV and AIDS ministry in their church or community. They have already found a place in their heart for those people who are living with HIV and AIDS, yet they wonder how to translate that concern and compassion into action. Most people feel inadequate, tentative, and just don't know how to start.

Much of the good work that has come at the hands of Christians has started with prayer. This guide is intended to help Christians focus prayer on specific issues that can bring direction to serving those brothers and sisters in our own communities who are living with HIV and AIDS. Yes, you can make a difference. Your prayers matter. Your words matter.

We suggest that within each community there are HIV organizations that are already engaged in the important work of serving people with HIV. We also believe that in most cases these organizations are in need of assistance and that Christians are uniquely qualified to serve others.

Often it is hard for us to imagine working along side others who don't necessarily share our beliefs, or who are perhaps uncomfortable with Christians as partners in the first place. Rusaw & Swanson in their wonderful book, *The Externally Focused Church*, note..."Honest, compassionate service can restore credibility to the crucial message we have to share." And we must enter into these partnerships with humility, not with haughty self-righteousness that can drive others away from us, from the church, from Christ.

We hope this guide can be a first step toward service.

## Faith Promise Church Becomes Partner

Samaritan Ministry has gained a new partner. Faith Promise Church on Pellissippi Parkway has invited us to share our ministry challenges and opportunities with several of its members. Recently Wayne spoke to a gathering of small group leaders and this has led to several of their small groups of adults wanting to find out about the work of Samaritan ministry. One of these groups, led by LaVarne Craig, has gotten involved in the Adopt-A-Meal Program at Parkridge Harbor. This group served a Saturday breakfast at the Parkridge Harbor facility (formerly Positively Living) in February, and is scheduled to do so again in March. We always get excited when another church in our community gets involved in this important ministry.

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**M-A-C AIDS Fund**  
Global AIDS Foundation

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## Conference Season Approaches

Samaritan Ministry is planning to be a part of three large national conferences this summer and fall.

The US Conference on AIDS will take place September 22-24 in Hollywood, Florida. We plan to exhibit at this conference again this year.

The HIV Prevention Leadership Summit will be in Dallas, Texas, June 4-7. Samaritan Ministry has been present at this conference for the last three years, and it is a wonderful gathering of people from all across America who work in the HIV/AIDS field. We plan to exhibit and conduct a small group session.

For more information about the US Conference on AIDS (USCA) and the HIV Prevention Leadership Summit (HPLS) visit the web site of the National Minority AIDS Council, [www.nmac.org](http://www.nmac.org).

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship National Assembly will be in Atlanta, June 21-24. The theme for this year's conference is "Being the Presence of Christ ... for a World in Need", and CBF will sponsor its first HIV/AIDS Summit as a part of this conference. Samaritan Ministry will exhibit and we are hoping to conduct a breakout at this important conference. Samaritan Ministry Director, Wayne Smith is serving on the planning committee for the HIV/AIDS Summit.

Funds to support the expenses related to these conferences are provided by the Tennessee Department of Health and The MAC AIDS Fund.

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## HIV/AIDS Resource Center

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- Messer, Donald; *Breaking the Conspiracy of Silence*, 2004. Fortress Press, Minneapolis.
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- Rusaw & Swanson, *The Externally Focused Church*, 2004 Group Publishing, Loveland, Colorado
- Stine, Gerald J., *AIDS Update 2005*, Pearson Education, Inc., San Francisco.
- *Samaritan Ministry Curriculum*; Outlines, Powerpoint Programs, Ministry Guides, etc. Contact: Samaritan Ministry

### Websites:

[www.coetenn.com](http://www.coetenn.com) - The Centers of Excellence in Tennessee  
[www.cdc.gov/hiv](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv) The Centers for Disease Control HIV/AIDS website  
[www.TheBody.com](http://www.TheBody.com)- Complete HIV/AIDS Resource  
[www.purposedriven.com/hivaidaids](http://www.purposedriven.com/hivaidaids) - Rick & Kay Warren's HIV/AIDS Newsletter

# SAMARITAN MINISTRY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The following are events in which Samaritan Ministry will be involved during the next several months as of the date of this Newsletter. Every Tuesday (except the First Tuesday) we conduct a Bible study at Parkridge Harbor.

- March 5-11 Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS  
 Mar. 7 First Tuesday Support Group  
 Mar. 7 HIV Education @ Farragut High  
 Mar. 8 & 9 HIV Education @ Halls High  
 Mar. 13 Ryan White/RCPG meetings in Greenville  
 Mar. 14 Testing Initiative @ UT  
 Mar 15-17 HIV Education at Baptist College of Health Sciences in Memphis  
 Mar. 20 Planning meeting for Cooperative Baptist Fellowship HIV Summit / Birmingham  
 Mar. 21 HIV Education at Walter State Community College  
 Mar. 29 Reception @ Channels of Love/Chattanooga  
 Mar. 30 Food Delivery Day
- April 1 Covenant Health Health Check-East Town  
 April 4 First Tuesday Support Group  
 April 7 Covenant Health Health Check-West Park Baptist Church  
 April 9 Youth Program @ Central Baptist  
 April 12 Covenant Health HealthCheck-Pellissippi State Community College  
 April 22 Tennessee CBF Assembly in Murfreesboro  
 April 26 Covenant Health HealthCheck-West Town  
 April 27 Food Delivery Day
- May 1 & 2 HIV Education @ Bearden High  
 May 2 First Tuesday Support Group  
 May 12 Ministers Alliance in Bristol  
 May 17 & 18 State Department of Health HIV/AIDS Section/Nashville  
 May 22,23,24 Prevention Case Management training (tentative)  
 May 25 Food Delivery Day
- June 4-7 HIV Prevention Leadership Summit - Dallas  
 June 13 Annual Summer Cookout  
 June 21 CBF HIV Summit - Atlanta  
 June 22 & 23 CBF Assembly - Atlanta  
 June 27 National HIV Testing Day  
 June 29 Food Delivery Day



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# Our Volunteer Team

Singles 4 Sunday School Class  
 Central Baptist Youth Department  
 Central Baptist Children's Department  
 Faith Promise Church  
 Young Married Class @ Central

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 Children of Roscoe & Hester Dilbeck Hooks  
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## To Honor Rev. Genie Hargrove

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## To Honor Christine

Carol Stratman  
 Kathy Pereyo

## To Honor Harriett & Billy Hargrove and Marlin Hargrove

Rev. Genie Hargrove

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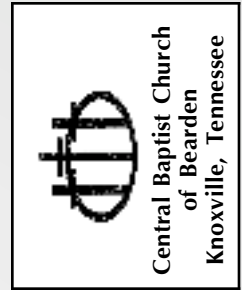
FOCUS Prison Ministries  
Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church  
West Knoxville Cooperative FISH Pantry  
Quick Print & Copy, Lenoir City, TN  
Friendship Class @ Cumberland Baptist  
Knox County Health Department  
Centers of Excellence  
Hope Center @ Ft. Sanders Hospital  
Parkridge Harbor  
Faith Promise Church  
Helen Ross McNabb Center

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