

# SAMARITAN MINISTRY

## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



### USCA

Samaritan Ministry exhibited at USCA Washington D.C. during September (See photos at left featuring Wade Bibb, Hillary Young and Laura Smith at our booth) . This conference is the largest domestic gathering to learn and advocate about HIV/AIDS and we have been a proud partner with this conference since 2004. This year (again) we were the only booth (out of about 80) that was sponsored by a faith-based HIV service organization. We are so humbled to be able to be in this great environment spreading the love of Christ.

This year our Pastor, Wade Bibb, attended with us and he had a great experience. Our team included (see photo at left) Wade, Hillary, Mike, Wayne, Laura, and Chrissy ).

The USCA highlighted several issues, including: Hepatitis C, Transgendered issues, Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), and HIV in the South. Our Tennessee HIV/AIDS Director, Dr. Shannell McGoy, was featured as a keynote speaker at the conference. We were very proud of the Tennessee DOH, and of Dr. McGoy for an excellent presentation.





## Hope Center News

We have been keeping you updated about developments at the Hope Center, a part of Covenant Health. The Center, a major player in HIV/AIDS service and support since 1996, has been going through some changes, new leadership, and a new focus.

We are pleased to announce that Lori Gibbs, long time case manager at the Centers of Excellence in Knoxville, has taken on this new role as Hope Center coordinator. We are excited about the new possibilities for collaboration and growth with this new partner.



## Happenings



Our Summer Cookout



Pictured at left are Wayne Smith and Timothy Ray Brown. Mr Brown, also known as the Berlin Patient, has been cured of HIV. Learn more at <http://www.fredhutch.org/en/news/center-news/2015/02/timothy-ray-brown-doctor-who-cured-him.html>

## Coming Up:

Samaritan Ministry Thanksgiving Banquet

Thursday, November 19 at Central Bearden. 6:30 p.m.

World AIDS Day Community Observance

Tuesday, December 1 at the Holiday Inn World's Fair 7:00 p.m.

Hope for the Holidays (Hope Center)

Thursday, December 10 at Cedar Springs Presbyterian  
11:30-2:30

FaithWalk and Al Ichiki 5K (Samaritan Ministry)

Saturday, December 12 starting at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Registration is OPEN at [www.samaritancentral.org](http://www.samaritancentral.org).

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Our Mission:

“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.”

## PLEASE GIVE TO Samaritan Ministry!

As we close out 2015, we are in need of your continued support to make all of our year end events happen. Yes, we do depend on your regular support and now is the time for you to make that commitment to Samaritan Ministry. You can mail a check (made out to Central Baptist Bearden) or you can make an on-line gift at <https://my.simplegive.com/g3/h/>. Choose “Quick Give”.

Thanks for your support!

## We Have the Tools

With recent advances in HIV science, it is clear to many people who work in the fight against this disease that we have the tools to end this epidemic.



HPTN 052 and follow-up studies prove that effective HIV treatment can make it nearly impossible for someone with a suppressed viral load to pass HIV to a partner. But... can we be more successful in getting everyone who is infected identified through testing and into treatment?

Pre-exposure Prophylaxis ,or PrEP ,shows great results when taken daily to prevent infection for the HIV negative person with a positive partner. But... the uptake of prep with people who are good candidates is moving slowly, partly due to lack of education in the medical community, and partly due to naye-sayers who are unwilling to embrace PrEP.

There is a band wagon ready for us to board. It contains the tools to really and truly create an AIDS free generation. Are you ready to climb on board?