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SAMARITAN MINISTRY

A ministry to persons with HIV and AIDS in the Knoxville Community.

Inmate Programs Take Shape

Two Samaritan Ministry programs that target the inmate population are taking shape after months of planning and preparation.

"Locked & Loaded", an educational awareness video produced by our ministry, in partnership with FOCUS Prison Ministries, has been accepted by the Tennessee Department of Correction for use in all 15 state facilities. This 7 minute video will be shown to all inmates entering the state prison system with printed materials supplied by Samaritan. In a email from Assistant Commissioner Jim Cosby, he states, "I want to express my appreciation to you and everyone involved in the production of this very valuable video which I believe will save lives in our institutions." This project was funded



in part by the East Tennessee AIDS fund of the East Tennessee Foundation and is being made available to TDOC at no cost.

POSITIVE CHOICES kicked off in August with the completion of the training phase of this Comprehensive Risk Counseling & Services program directed at HIV+ inmates in four East Tennessee state correctional facilities. Promotional materials have been distributed at Brushy Mountain, Morgan County Complex, Northeastern Correctional, and Southeastern Correctional. Our counselors should begin seeing clients at these 4 facilities in October. POSITIVE CHOICES is funded through a grant from the MAC AIDS Fund.



CRCS Training at Central Baptist

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Tennessee Department
of Health

Knox County
Community Development

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Central Baptist Church
of Bearden
Knoxville, Tennessee

CBF Conducts AIDS Summit

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship held an AIDS Summit in Atlanta as a pre-conference activity for its annual General Assembly (June 20-23). This Summit was a first for this organization, and perhaps a first for any Baptist organization. The Summit sessions, spread over 2 half-days, were attended by nearly 400 interested Baptist leaders, both lay and clergy, from all over the United States. The theme for this meeting was "Breaking the Silence: Compassion for an HIV Positive World", borrowing a phrase from Don Messer's book title, "Breaking the Conspiracy of Silence", a wonderful look at the issues surrounding HIV and the poor Christian response to this pandemic.

The Summit featured plenary speaker, David Beckman, President of Bread for the World, and addresses by two Knoxvilleans, Chandra Harris, a News-Sentinel reporter who co-authored a series on HIV in 2005, and Anne, an HIV positive woman who was invited to



tell her compelling story.

Eight break-out discussions, featuring 24 panelists from a wide variety of backgrounds and interests, brought insight from a variety of sources, including HIV activism, first person accounts, and secular HIV service agencies. Religious leaders from several faith backgrounds (not just Baptists) gave this conference a truly ecumenical feel.

The major focus of the Summit was to engage participants in a discussion concerning the response and commitment that each could make as they went away from the Summit and returned to their own communities. We hope this Summit will be a beginning as many Baptists and churches rethink their response and commitment to HIV and AIDS issues and toward people who are living with HIV in their own communities.



United States Conference on AIDS

The Samaritan Model - A Model for local church involvement in HIV/AIDS issues.

Samaritan Ministry exhibited at the US Conference on AIDS in Hollywood, Florida in September. Our presence at this conference as a faith-based organization sponsored by a Baptist Church always causes a stir, and we are usually very well received... after everyone gets over the shock.

This year's conference theme was Rejuvenate, Revitalize, Remember, Wayne Smith conducted his workshop, **The Samaritan Model - A Model for local church involvement in HIV/AIDS issues.**

A Celebration of Life

Join us to Celebrate Life in commemoration of International AIDS Awareness Day at Middlebrook Christian Ministries, 1540 Robinson Road (see map on page 3). Dr. Bill Bruster will give the message.

November 26 - 6:00 p.m. @ MCM



Our Partners

The work of Samaritan Ministry is enhanced by the wonderful partnerships that we have established with the following organizations:



- FOCUS Prison Ministries
- Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church
- Caremark Rx, Inc.
- West Knoxville Cooperative FISH Pantry
- Quick Print & Copy, Lenoir City, TN
- Child & Family Tennessee
- Knox County Health Department
- Centers of Excellence
- Hope Center @ Ft. Sanders Hospital
- Parkridge Harbor
- Faith Promise Church
- Helen Ross McNabb Center

**PLEASE
GIVE
to support
Samaritan Ministry**

Samaritan Ministry has received a grant from **Broadway Cares, Equity Fights AIDS**, to assist our clients with emergency needs and from **Knox County Community Development** to support our educational programming.

Individual donations help Samaritan Ministry to be nimble and enhance our ability fill gaps in care.

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**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."

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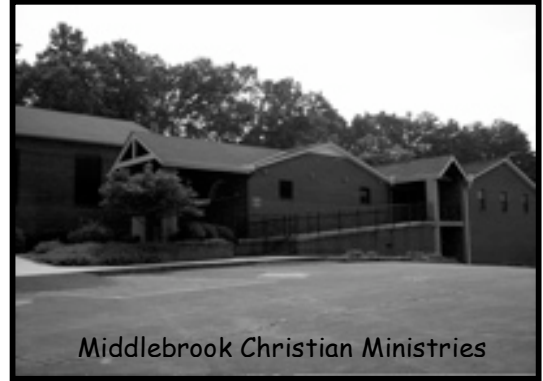
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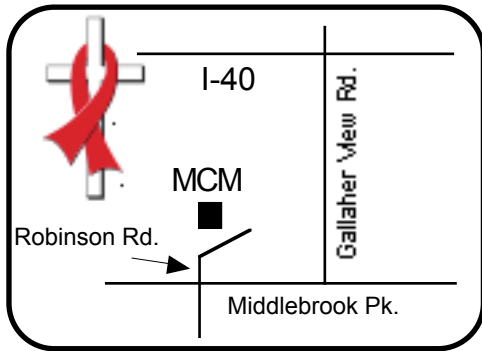
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Samaritan Ministry's New Home

In August, we began to open an office at a new facility on Middlebrook Pike in Knoxville. The Middlebrook Christian Ministry center (formerly Mars Hill Baptist Church) will be the home of community ministries and young church congregations. We will begin to have regular office hours and will use these facilities for several Samaritan Ministry events. We will continue to use the facilities at Central Bearden as needed. MCM is owned and operated by Central Baptist Church of Bearden. Our phone number and mailing address will not change.



Middlebrook Christian Ministries



Middlebrook Christian Ministries
1540 Robinson Rd.

2006 Hope Bucket Campaign

Again this year we will be working with Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church to sponsor the Holiday Hope Bucket Campaign for the Hope Center at Ft. Sanders Hospital. For Hope Bucket information, go to our website (www.samaritancentral.org), or call us at 865-450-1000 x827.



Gifts to Remember & Honor

In Memory of:

David Coffee (1954-2006) by Robert & Charlene White

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To Honor:

Mom & Dad by Rev. Genie Hargrove

Mark Hall by Shirley D. Hall



David Coffey enjoys a Thanksgiving meal at Central in November.

GALLERY



Dr. Jimmy Allen listens as Anne Freeman tells her compelling story at the CBF AIDS Summit.



A busy Samaritan Ministry booth at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Assembly in Atlanta.



Don Messer, author of "Breaking The Conspiracy of Silence", speaks at the CBF AIDS Summit.



Closing Prayer at the AIDS Summit



Jim Copeland gets ready to deliver groceries. Jim is one of our Cedar Springs Presbyterian volunteers.



Dr. Al Ichiki

We lost "Dr. Al" this Spring. Al was traveling with his family when he died suddenly. Al was a wonderful supporter of Samaritan Ministry and a good friend. Al was recognized by the National Minority AIDS Council this September at the U.S. Conference on AIDS as an "Unsung Hero" for his lifetime of work in research and HIV/AIDS advocacy.