

Samaritan Ministry

A New Venture for World AIDS Day

Being the Presence of Christ in Our Community



December 1, 2012

FAITH WALK is a new venture for us. This 1.75 mile walk in downtown Knoxville is not a march or protest, but an opportunity for the Faith Community in our city to "Step Up for HIV". Goals for this event are simple:

- ★End Stigma
- ★Raise Awareness
- ★Spread Love

Our Walk begins at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 2:00 with a Prayer and Blessing in the Sanctuary before we depart. Registration and snacks will be in the Parish Hall beginning at 1:00.

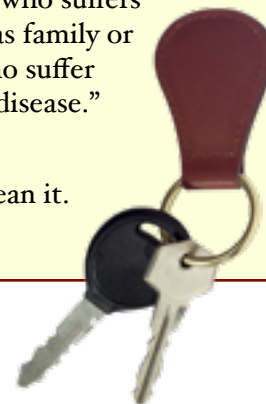
Registration is easy (click [HERE](#)) or go to our web site (www.samaritancentral.org). Our suggested, optional registration fee is \$25 and proceeds from FaithWalk will support Samaritan Ministry, the National Week of



It's the Key

Simply stated, we strive to be the presence of Christ in the HIV community of East Tennessee. Our Mission Statement reads, "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."

We mean it.



Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, and Knox County Lions Charities. We have great sponsors for this event including:

- ★FAITH Coalition
- ★First Baptist Church
- ★Mt. Olive Baptist Church
- ★Smokey Mountain Hospice
- ★Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
- ★Clinton Chapel AME Zion
- ★Central Baptist Church of Bearden
- ★MAC AIDS Fund
- ★WBIR-TV

Won't you join us for the first AIDS Walk in Knoxville in 20 years! Help us be the Presence of Christ.

A NEW OVER-THE COUNTER TEST FOR HIV AND HEPATITIS C RAPID TESTING

Over the last six weeks or so, we have been working with our partners (Knox County Health Dept., Helen Ross McNabb, and Cherokee Health Systems, among others) to explore two new technological developments, an over-the-counter HIV test and a rapid Hepatitis C test.

We have formed a working group and we are developing printed materials to accompany the over-the-counter HIV test at the point of sale. We want customers to know about all of the resources available in the community before, after, and as they are making the decision to test themselves or a friend. The manufacturer, OraSure Technologies, is helping us with this project.

We have also scheduled a training, co-sponsored by OraSure Technologies, Samaritan Ministry, and Helen Ross McNabb Center, to allow professionals and selected volunteers to become trained HCV (Hepatitis C) test administrators. This training will be accompanied by an overview of Hepatitis C (HCV 101). Many people who have HIV (as many as

25%) are co-infected with Hepatitis C and we think this is an opportunity to help serve our community in new ways.



Mike Young with a group of students at the Samaritan Ministry Booth.

US CONFERENCE ON AIDS

The US Conference on AIDS, sponsored by NMAC (National Minority AIDS Council) is one of our most important stops. USCA met this year in Las Vegas. We view this as one of our best opportunities to be the presence of Christ within the HIV community.

Pictured here is Mike Young, Associate Pastor at Kings Cross Church in Tullahoma, TN. Mike is a faithful volunteer and has worked with us at several conferences. Our experiences at USCA prove to us, over and over, that God is always working and that he needs us to be His presence, even in unlikely places. Samaritan Ministry is the **ONLY** church based exhibitor at the conference.

ANOTHER ASSIST FROM A GREAT PARTNER



Equitas Group has once again offered to us the opportunity of a Matching Grant for the next 12 months. Contributions to FaithWalk will be matched, dollar for dollar (up to \$2500). What a great way to support our ministry work.

USCA - Samaritan Ministry Booth



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Wayne Smith with D.Q. Jackson, Executive Director of Malama Pono Health Services in Lihue, Hawaii (USCA-Las Vegas).



CBCB Pastor Wade Bibb and Music Minister Paul Magyar (both seated) sing at a Magnolia Avenue United Methodist Church community meal (one of our HIV testing sites).



March to the White House at International AIDS Conference

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Give to Samaritan Ministry!

Don't forget to Give to Samaritan Ministry during the Fall and the Holiday Season. The tax year is coming to an end, too. Checks should be made out to Central Baptist Church of Bearden with Samaritan Ministry in the Memo line.



Thanks so much!



Ya Gotta Have Heart....

*The three vibrant colors in the Central Baptist Church logo represent the urgency and vitality of our mission statement: **Know, Grow, and Share.***

The heart shape captures our commitment to love both God and neighbor while maintaining our focus on the central theme of Jesus and His life and teachings represented by the shape of the cross in the center of the heart.

But that heart remains broken as our lives and doors remain open to those who are hurting, searching,

and longing for the Kingdom of God.

The logo rests on a hilltop, recalling that while we ourselves worship and serve on Bearden hill, we have given ourselves as disciples to One who walked up Calvary's hill.



Ministry Calendar

November 15

Thanksgiving Banquet at Central

November 20

Turkey Basket Deliveries

Courtesy of Cedar Springs Presbyterian

December 1

FaithWalk

World AIDS Day Community Event

December 13

Christmas Food Boxes Delivered

December 25

Celebrate the birth of Christ!