



Samaritan Ministry

A ministry to persons
with HIV & AIDS
in the Knoxville Community

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."*

Our mission comes from Scripture and from the Policy on HIV and AIDS
adopted by Central in 1996. Our Mission is further expressed in the Parable of the
Good Samaritan as told by Luke. (Luke 10: 27-37)

What can we do as Christians?

*We are very conscious of the need for continued education
and awareness about this ongoing global and domestic
threat to mankind. We are committed to take every
opportunity to advocate, teach, and otherwise seek
support in this fight against HIV & AIDS.*

*We are most concerned that Christians and churches
respond appropriately to this epidemic with open arms
and hearts, living out the model set for us by Jesus.*

To contact us...

Call for our help or volunteer in support of this ministry.

Financial support is welcome, too!

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What we do...

- **CHRISTIAN WITNESS:** *We see service as a way to live out the Gospel as a powerful tool to bring the love of Christ to the people we serve.*
- **EDUCATION & PREVENTION:** *We strive to educate not only the HIV positive person, but the uninfected as well. We offer educational programs in community groups, schools and churches.*
- **FELLOWSHIP:** *Our Ministry hosts several events for our friends who are living with HIV & AIDS including cookouts and our annual Thanksgiving Banquet.*
- **FOOD, CLOTHING, SHELTER:** *We provide monthly grocery delivery by way of the local FISH Pantry. We cooperate with other ministries in town to provide for the clothing and shelter needs of our clients.*
- **PRISON MINISTRY:** *We offer prevention and risk reduction programs in local and state correctional facilities.*
- **SUPPORT:** *We host a monthly support group and offer a variety of counseling and supportive services.*

Ministry goals...

- To **challenge** the negative and judgmental attitudes that still exist toward people with HIV/AIDS.
- To **increase** knowledge and understanding, and decrease fear and misconceptions about HIV & AIDS.
- To **provide** accurate information about HIV & AIDS.
- To **give** practical and pastoral support to people living with AIDS and their families.
- To **engage** in prayerful dialogue with other churches, faith communities and secular organizations.

Our partnerships...

- Beulah Baptist Church; Devereaux, GA
- Broadway Cares / Equity Fights AIDS
- CDC/Tennessee Department of Health
- Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church; Knoxville, TN
- Central Baptist Church of Bearden; Knoxville, TN
- Child & Family Tennessee
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- East Tennessee AIDS Fund
- FOCUS Prison Ministries
- Helen Ross McNabb Center
- Hope Center @ Ft. Sanders Hospital
- Knox County Community Development
- Knox County Health Department
- MAC AIDS Fund
- Parkridge Harbor
- Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- Until There's a Cure
- West Knoxville Cooperative FISH Food Pantry