



*Shining the healing light of God's love into our community*



# Samaritan

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## News

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## INSPIRED REFLECTIONS

*from the desk of Rev. Rick Howell, Executive Director*

### MISSION STATEMENT

Strengthening individuals and families through Professional Christian Counseling Services.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 22, 2010**  
Women Helping Women Luncheon  
Michael's On East Noon  
Please see page 3 for more information  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**October 30, 2010**  
Samaritan Golf Tournament  
Heritage Oaks Country Club

Dear Samaritan Friend:

It was really going to be hard to tell him goodbye. Pastor Craig and I had become close friends and colleagues in ministry. Working for the Pastoral Counseling Center, I had been given the opportunity to establish our first ever satellite center in his church in a neighboring community called Pffafftown. An unexpected outcome of that partnership was how we had created a mutually caring and supportive relationship benefiting both me, the ministry of the Pastoral Counseling Center and him, Pffafftown Baptist Church. It is ironic that this special relationship and the potential to cultivate new relationships with pastors and congregations within the gulf coast was what motivated me to take the new challenge. I would be leaving Winston-Salem in order to become the first executive director of a newly forming Christian counseling ministry in Sarasota, Florida.

Ten years have passed since the Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast began, and we are celebrating God's goodness through the vital partnerships we have developed with congregations in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Church of the Palms, Kirkwood Presbyterian, Harvest United Methodist, Emmanuel Lutheran and First Baptist of Sarasota have all enabled us to offer our Christian Counseling services in their neighborhoods through their generosity of space and financial support. Additionally, we receive referrals from many churches, including some who financially assist their referrals when help is needed. Over time and with help from our increased staff, our vision for shared ministry with the community of faith has expanded.

In 2008, the Samaritan Institute, our national affiliate, was given a major grant by the Lilly Foundation to facilitate the expansion of ministry provided by local Samaritan centers to clergy and congregations. We were thrilled to be one of the select groups to receive this training over a three year time period. Retired Pastor Bill Hull volunteered to help us with this outreach to clergy and congregations. We have been providing an ecumenical clergy support group for 8 pastors since the beginning of 2009 and will start a second clergy support group this month. Additionally, we plan to begin offering CAP's, Congregational Assistance Plans, by the end of the first quarter of 2010. We believe these CAP's will strengthen our relationships with other clergy and congregations and be mutually beneficial to our ministries.

As we begin 2010, we look forward to serving new clients and congregations within our community. We appreciate your interest in Samaritan and look forward to your participation and support in this new year.

God Bless You!

Rick



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- Religious and spiritual concerns
- Anxiety and depression
- Grief and bereavement
- Premarital counseling
- Marriage counseling
- Family therapy
- Children's problems
- Stress management
- Chronic and terminal illness
- Separation and divorce
- Blended family challenges



## CHURCH LOCATIONS

Church of the Palms  
3224 Bee Ridge Road  
Sarasota, FL 34239

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
790 Tamiami Trail  
Venice, FL 34285

First Baptist Church of Sarasota  
1670 Main Street  
Sarasota, FL 34236

Harvest United Methodist Church  
Lakewood Ranch  
14305 Covenant Way  
Bradenton, FL 34202

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church  
6101 Cortez Road West  
Bradenton, FL 34210

# Third ANNUAL

## GOLF TOURNAMENT A GREAT SUCCESS

The Third Annual Samaritan Counseling Golf Tournament and Church Challenge was held in October at Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club. Over 85 golfers rose early Halloween morning for a shotgun start to compete for trophies and prizes provided by sponsorship dollars. Many thanks to Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club for all their efforts. The staff made sure we were on the course quickly and efficiently. Everyone had a great time at the event.

All proceeds from the tournament assist Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast and our ministry. Many thanks to our sponsors:

Title sponsor: R Sight Investigations

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Additionally, 48-hole sponsors were featured on the course and many area businesses contributed raffle prizes and silent auction items. The event raised over \$20,000. Many thanks to Donna Dudash, Jim Bos and the other members of the committee for all their efforts in making this tournament a great success.

The winner of the church challenge for 2009 was Covenant Life Presbyterian Church and the team of Dan Simmons, Bob Wyatt, Chuck Sandler and Bill Ciracio.

Join us next year for our Fourth Annual Tournament on October 30th!



*Chair of the golf tournament Donna Dudash and Bill Hild, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Sarasota - a Silver Sponsor*



*Third Place Team (LtoR) Board Member Bob Smith, Pastor of Sarasota Baptist Church Mike Landry, Sr. and Jim Alexander*



*Silver Sponsor PMSI's CWC Regional Sales Rep Nicole Magan, and Donna Dudash following the tournament*



*First Place in Church Challenge Covenant Life Team (LtoR) Bill Ciracio, Chuck Sandler, Bob Wyatt and Dan Simmons*