**Samaritan**

**Counseling Centers of Greater Birmingham**

**2013 Annual Report**

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**About us**

**Mission**

To answer the call of Christ set before us in Mark 12:30-32 through our God-given gifts of counseling and discernment.

**Vision**

To ignite a revolution in relationships, to help individuals find a new way to live and to being instruments of healing.

**Center Objective**

To walk alongside our clients offering them the opportunity to explore life’s battles—body, soul, and mind—and find healing, wholeness, and personal growth through quality, Christian counseling. Our approach begins where the client is spiritually and frees individuals to seek intimacy with God and with one another, and to become the person they were created to be.

**Our Approach**

The Center is certified by the Samaritan Institute, a nationwide network of approximately 80 faith based counseling centers. We believe that individual and family health have several dimensions: physical, social, psychological, emotional, and spiritual. Our Christian perspective is guided by Christ’s emphasis on compassion, inclusion, the worth of every person, and by His commandments, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all of your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27). Samaritan counselors come from various Christian traditions. They embrace these central principles in all of life..

Integral to our methodology is our view of counseling through the wellness model lens. This model considers people to be in the process of growing and developing throughout the life span.

The Center is staffed with counselors who are trained in professionally recognized programs using recognized approaches to counseling. They have formal Alabama or National licensure or certification and are affiliated with their appropriate professional organizations. For example, Center counselors include those with specialized training in Pastoral Counseling, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Professional Counseling. Professional clinical affiliations include the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, American Counseling Association, Christian Association for Psychological Studies, as well as state branches.

We consult with businesses and churches and offer educational and support opportunities. Pastors and their congregation may take advantage of such opportunities through inviting one of our counselors to lead a workshop or seminar.

**Counseling Services**

From January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, our counselors and interns served hundreds of clients in their areas of concern that brought them to our center. Our counselors represented varying licenses and certifications. Four were licensed professional counselors, three were associate licensed counselors, one was a licensed professional marriage and family therapist, and one was a graduate level counseling intern. Two of our counselors also served as state licensure board approved counseling supervisors.

**Judson College**

Kacey Moore, a licensed professional counselor, provided counseling services one to two days a week to the students of Judson College in Marion, Alabama. Her work provided satisfaction to the student services staff of Judson. She averages nine hours of counseling per week at Judson. In December a transition began at Judson with Dr. Tamela Turner taking over this counseling assignment.

**The Joe Boone Abbot Client Assistance Fund (CAF)**

From January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013, the counselors of Samaritan Centers provided 303 hours of counseling care at adjusted rates from the normal counseling fees for therapy. The CAF contributed $5,610 toward discounted services. The CAF is currently unavailable because of lack of funds. Through gifts and an anticipated grant, the CAF will be reopened. CAF assistance is often in addition to already adjusted fees.

**Counselors and Staff**

**The Rev. Dr. Rodney Van Dyke, CCA**

Executive Director

**Rev. Bart Grooms, M. Div., LPC**

Clinical Director & Counselor – Homewood

**Dr. Tamela Turner, LPC**

Program Director & Counselor – Homewood

**Dr. Judith Bowen**

Consulting Psychiatrist – Main Office

**Jamie Alvey, M.S.W., LCSW, PIP (Effective January, 2014)**

Counselor – Vestavia Hills

**Olivia Dorn, M.A., ALC**

Counselor – Main Office

**Courtney Kendrick, M.A. ALC**

Counselor – Montevallo

**Kent Michael, M. Ed., LMFT Intern** Counselor – Homewood

**Kacey Moore, M.A., LPC**

Counselor – Main Office

**David Murphree, M.A., ALC**

Counselor – Main Office & Homewood

**Laurie Pierce, M.Ed., LPC**

Counselor – Pelham & Alabaster

**The Rev. Dr. Robert Powell, AAPC (Effective January, 2014)**

Counselor – Vestavia Hills

**Andrell Turner, M.B.A. (Effective January, 2014)**

Counseling Intern – East and Main Office

**Dori Gragg, Samford Junior (Effective January, 2014)**

Marketing Intern – Main Office

**Locations**

**Baptist WMU Headquarters Building**

100 Missionary Ridge Birmingham, AL 35242 This has been the main office since January 2012. In December 2013 the office began moving from the third to the first floor of the WMU building. The new location has three counseling offices, Executive Director’s office, conference room, seminar space for thirty, library, receptionist space and waiting area.

**Homewood**

**Dawson Memorial Baptist Church**

1121 Oxmoor Road Homewood, AL 35209 SCC has been at Dawson since its beginning. In 2012 a move was made to the second floor of a private building across the street from the main campus providing space for three counseling offices, waiting room, and kitchen.

Private offices for counseling are provided by the following churches.

**Alabaster**

**Evangel Presbyterian Church**

423 Thompson Road Alabaster, AL 35214

**Pelham**

**Crosscreek Baptist Church**

600 Crosscreek Trail Pelham, AL 35214

**Montevallo**

**First Baptist Church**

660 Main Street Montevallo, AL 35115

**East**

**Mt. Mariah Baptist Church**

7300 Georgia Road Birmingham, AL 35212

Board Member, Dr. Darryl Lee, and Executive Director, Dr. Rodney Van Dyke, had a vision for a ministry to lower income clients in an inner city setting. Mt. Mariah became the site for the implementation of this vision.

**Vestavia Hills (Opened February 2014)**

**Ascension Episcopal Church**

1912 Canyon Road Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

**Client Income Demographics**

**Financials**

34% of clients at Samaritan Counseling Center are living on an annual income of under $40,000. In most cases, this annual income must support a family. Adjusted rates are essential. This income level makes programs like the Client Assistance Fund crucial.

Operational expenses are primarily fixed monthly expenses.

Program support has little provisions for the enhancement of programs.

**Financials**

Samaritan Institute suggests that 20-30% of income should come from sources other than client fees.

The difference between counselor fees and adjusted fees cost the center $31,210 (11%) in income.

The number of hours paid by the CAF has decreased because of the decline in the availability of CAF monies. Only acute needs and by special permission is the CAF currently used. **More funds are needed to reopen this Fund.**

The number of hours assisted by the CAF has gone down because the CAF has decreasing funds available. At present, it is closed down except by special permission for acute needs.

**Seminars**

SCC staff offer seminars on a variety of topics, including:

Relationships

Wellness

Family Matters

Parenting

Depression

Information for Ministers

Grief

Marriage

Self Esteem

Stress

**Continuing Education Opportunities**

In 2013 SCC offered three continuing education opportunities. These workshops were attended by both SCC staff and counselors and social workers from outside agencies. A total of nearly 100 contact hours of training was provided.

**Facts about 2013 Growth**

**\*\***3088 billable hours of counseling in 2013; the first time in several years exceeding 3000 annual counseling hours

**\*\***233 new clients in 2013; an increase of 64 (38%) over the number of new clients in 2012.

**\*\***Adding 4 new staff members for a net total of 12, including counselors, administrative staff, and intern

**\*\***Increased to 6 locations thereby becoming more of a ministry to the greater Birmingham community

**Partnering Churches and Organizations**

**Churches**—A partnering church provides a location for counseling, gives money to Samaritan Counseling Centers of Greater Birmingham, or sends and provides funds for fees for clients referred from that church.

**Organizations**—A partnering organization awarded a grant to Samaritan Counseling Centers, paid for counseling for clients or provided a cooperating relationship.

Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions

All Saints Episcopal Church

Baptist WMU National Office

Birmingham Baptist Association

Center for Pastoral Care, Samford University

Crosscreek Baptist Church

Dawson Memorial Baptist Church

Episcopal Diocese of Alabama

Evangel Presbyterian Church

First Baptist Church Montevallo

Hill Crest Foundation

Kingwood Assembly of God Church

Lakeside Baptist Church

Mountain Brook Baptist Church

Mt. Mariah Baptist Church

Pastoral Institute of Columbus, Georgia

Regions Bank

Shades Crest Baptist Church

Shades Valley Presbyterian Church

Vestavia Hills Baptist Church

**Board of Directors**

Tim Wolfe—Chair The Rev. David Lawrence

Virginia F. Bugg The Rev. Dr. Darryl Lee

Dr. Joseph O. Dean, Jr. The Rev. Margaret Taylor Rex Hamilton The Rev. Dr. William Johnston

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**Emeritus Executive Director**

Dr. Joe Boone Abbott

 *Dr. Abbott’s vision laid the foundation for Samaritan Counseling Centers of Greater Birmingham.*

**Advisory Board**

Rene Breland

Dr. Hugh Floyd

Vic Nigri

Ed Phillips

Carol Shulz

*On behalf of the Counselors, Staff, and Board of Directors of Samaritan Counseling Centers of Greater Birmingham, thanks to all participants, Vestavia Hills Baptist Church and Staff, spouses of Board members and staff, Shades Mountain Air,and Vestavia Hills Baptist Senior Pastor, Dr. Gary Furr and Associate Pastor, Dr. Dennis Anderson.*