

Media Advisory

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The Black Church Week of Prayer for Healing of AIDS

WHAT The Black Church Week of Prayer for Healing of AIDS has grown into the largest AIDS awareness program in the United States targeting the African-American community. Last year, more than 10,000 churches across the nation participated in the program.

WHEN **March 2-8, 2003**
On Sunday March 2, all churches in the Las Vegas area have been asked to incorporate the topic of HIV/AIDS in to their services.

WHERE Additional activities are scheduled at the following times and locations:

March 3, 2003

Imani Cathedral United Methodist Fellowship
Pastor Charles Hemphill
2727 Civic Center Drive
647-7467
7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

March 4, 2003

Greater St. James Baptist Church
Pastor Gary Hunter
316 Madison Ave
646-4747
7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

March 5, 2003

Ebenezer Church of God in Christ
Pastor Bill McDonnell, Jr.
1072 W. Bartlett Ave.
646-1503
7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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March 6, 2003

Greater Mt. Siani Missionary Ministries
Pastor S.S. Rogers
1025 Balzar Ave
648-2300
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

March 7, 2003

First AME Church
Pastor Spencer Barrett
2450 Revere “H” Street
649-1774
7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

March 8, 2003

Second Baptist Church
Prayer Breakfast/AIDS Forum
Pastor Willie Davis
500 W. Madison
648-6155
9 a.m. until noon

WHY

Locally, the Clark County Health District Office AIDS reports that 23 percent of AIDS cases and 27 percent of HIV infections are among African Americans. On a national level, AIDS is the leading cause of death among African Americans between the ages of 25 and 44.

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