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# Aruba Continued

For most people in Wisconsin, Satanism and voodoo are not a regular part of our lives. For some though, it has become their life—young people in Aruba and here as well use these cults as their religion. It is shocking to look up any of these topics on the internet and see just how many people are involved. Dan Feaster, Executive Director of Madison Samaritan Center and internationally recognized expert on gangs and cults, recently returned from conducting a five-day training event in Aruba. Aruba is a Southern Caribbean island ten miles off the coast of Venezuela. With a population of 100,000, Aruba has a balance of lush palm trees on one side of the island and desert cactus on the other side. The island is 85% Christian, mostly Catholic with other Christian faith traditions also represented among the islanders. This relatively small country has 15 indigenous gangs, an organized group of 400 Satanists, and youth involved with Goth, vampire and Emo groups (emotional extremism among youth). Dr. Feaster was invited to conduct this seminar to help train community leaders to deal with these issues in Aruba.

Dr. Feaster provided four days of training for two groups (more than 200 people) —the first training was for law enforcement, social workers, government officials, and teachers; the

second training was for religious leaders. Some of the topics covered were deception, calling gangs, Satanism, Satanism and voodoo, (not the

government training for leadership. Some topics were critical thinking, cults, Satanism and

Goth, Vampires (historical vampires like Dracula but people participating in vampirism now), and Emo, exit counseling, and intervention, prevention,

and treatment strategies. A community meet-



**Dan Feaster in Aruba; Feaster receives Thresher Award at National Gang Conference**





**September 21, 2008**

**Green Bay vs. Dallas Cowboys**

**7:15 PM at Lambeau Field**

Brett Favre won't be at the September 21 Green Bay Packers vs. the Dallas Cowboys with Tony Roma but YOU could be. We are holding a drawing for two Packer-Cowboy tickets for all pastors who register for the 2008-2009 **Clergy Leadership Group** by September 15. If someone from your congregation signs up for the Lay Leadership group, you have an extra chance to win.

Samaritan Counseling Center received a grant from the Siebert Foundation to present leadership programs for clergy and church lay leaders. It's an opportunity to learn leadership skills and discuss congregational issues in a friendly environment. Participants present case studies and receive feedback from the group leader and other participants. Let us help train you and other church leaders to better respond to church challenges.

\$100 per participant—Meets once a month, 11 AM—2 PM beginning Tuesday, October 21 through June

For more information, 608-663-0763.



## Church Lay Leadership Group

This is an opportunity for non-clergy church leaders to learn leadership skills and discuss congregational issues in a non-threatening environment. Just as in the clergy groups, participants will present cases for group discussion and receive feedback from the group leader and other participants. Pastors who have attended our clergy leadership groups suggested that the skills they learned would be very helpful to church leaders at their congregations. We can train your leaders to better respond to church challenges.

Class will meet twice a month, second and fourth Tuesdays, 6-9 PM, beginning September 23 and continuing through December.

**P.S. This is a pilot program with a special one-time fee of \$100 for one or two participants from a congregation. Call our office to register.**

A Prepare/ Enrich training for counselors will be held October 16 at the Samaritan Center from 9 AM to 4 PM led by Dr. Dan Feaster. The **PREPARE Program** is for premarital counseling and premarital education. The **ENRICH Program** is for marriage counseling and marriage education. Both programs include a comprehensive couple assessment and six skill building exercises. There is also a program **MATE** for couples over 50. Clergy members must attend a day workshop in order to begin using the PREPARE/ENRICH Program.

Stronger marriages build stronger communities. The PREPARE/ENRICH Program enables counselors to identify a couple's specific strength and growth areas, teach them communication and conflict resolution skills, and help them resolve key relationship issues. and growth areas, teach them communication and conflict resolution skills, and help them resolve key relationship issues.

Dr. Feaster has been a trainer for Prepare /Enrich counselors for more than 20 years.



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## **Samaritan Calendar**

**Children of Divorce—  
October 14,  
4:30—6 PM, six sessions**

**Clergy Leadership—  
3rd Tues. of each month  
for nine sessions —  
Oct. 21,  
11 AM—2 PM**

**Self-defense Class—  
1st/3rd Tuesdays.  
6:30 PM.**

**Prepare Enrichment  
Training — Oct. 16,  
9 AM—4 PM**

**Leadership Groups for  
Church Lay Leaders  
and Youth  
Leaders —**

**Sept.23, 9:30 –  
9 PM (2nd/4th  
Tues. through  
December)**

**Please call for more  
information on  
upcoming classes.  
608-663-0763.**

