

The Holy Friendship Summit will...

- **Follow** the Biblical mandate to love our neighbors
- **Bring together** clinicians, clergy, educators, congregations and friends to share love, resources and guidance
- **Teach** congregations and clergy how to respond to, interact with and care for people struggling with pain and addiction
- **Strengthen** professional and community ties in the midst of crisis
- **Produce** new and valuable resources to help clergy, congregations, families and friends
- **Engage** in a yearlong research project that will result in the publication of a new book that will be a resource guide to clergy, congregations and clinicians.

Schedule

Friday, May 18: 9am-5:30pm

Worship, nationally recognized speakers, and breakout sessions teaching about opioid abuse and treatment options.

Saturday, May 19: 9am-3pm

Worship, nationally recognized speakers, and breakout sessions teaching about practical steps churches and individuals can take to address the opioid crisis.

Both days include meals, plenary sessions, breakout sessions, and much more.

May 18 – 19, 2018

Host: Celebration Church
429 Shipley Ferry Rd. Blountville, TN 37617

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THE MANDATE

Holy friendship is following the Biblical mandate to love those in need.

Jesus taught that we are to serve as neighbors. His greatest commandments are to love God and love our neighbor. Southern Appalachia is gripped by an opioid addiction crisis, and now it is time for neighbors to act. Our mission is to promote flourishing for all of our sisters and brothers.

CLERGY

Clergy are called to leadership in the midst of crisis. Pastors and Christian leaders will receive practical guidance on how to help.

CLINICIANS

Clinicians see people in crisis every day but need the network of clergy, community and friends to help bring about recovery and healing.

CONGREGATIONS

Congregations are the place where love and support can be felt the most, but caring is not enough. Education and guidance are needed.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Family and friends are on the front lines of the crisis when a loved one is gripped in pain and addiction. Support is available.



THEOLOGY,
MEDICINE,
AND CULTURE

The Holy Friendship Summit is more than a conference or workshop. It is a long-term vision to produce networks, resource-sharing opportunities, church projects and a new book on how the church can respond to the opioid crisis in Southern Appalachia.

Clergy, clinicians, congregations, educators, nonprofit leaders, recovery program leaders and neighbors are called and are coming together in *Holy Friendship*.

- Overdose deaths have passed automobile crashes as the leading cause of accidental death in the United States.
- The neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) rate in Northeast Tennessee is 10 times the national rate.
- NAS is as high as one in 10 births in some local counties.
- 80 percent of crimes in Tennessee have some drug-related nexus (TBI statistics).
- Virginia's Governor has declared the opioid crisis a public health emergency.

SPEAKERS

The Holy Friendship Summit will bring nationally renowned speakers to address the crisis of pain and addiction. Some of the nation's best minds and most compassionate hearts will be coming to Southern Appalachia to help us face and overcome the crisis in our communities.

Speakers Include: Andy Crouch, Katelyn Beaty, Dr. Warren Kinghorn, John Swinton, Ray Barfield, Joel Shuman and more.

PUBLICATION

Book publication by Christian author Katelyn Beaty

Katelyn Beaty is a Christian author and past editor of Christianity Today. The Holy Friendship Summit will commission Katelyn to work with clinicians, pastors and theologians to publish a practical, theologically informed guide to help pastors and congregations to help those in crisis.