

Help 4 Families Presents:
"Hope Gathering 2010"



Date: **May 22, 2010**

Time: **8:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Where: **Church of The Savior**

Address: **1301 Brannon Rd, Nicholasville, KY**

Registration information available at: help4families.com

Gain a deeper understanding of Gender Identity Disorder in a Christ centered gathering. Learn about the roots issues that may cause a conflict with Gods design for sexuality and gender. The Hope Gathering will provide an opportunity for families to connect with others while learning Biblical keys to use in their own lives to deal with the hurt and pain they have or are experiencing. The individuals who may struggle with their sexuality or their gender will be encouraged through personal testimonies of those who have struggled themselves with these issues. Ministers and therapist will be given effective tools and increased understanding of how to minister in grace and truth

Keynote Speaker David Maynard David studied at Asbury Theological Seminary and is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. David will present: A Place of Refuge - Turn on nearly any television show and you will find a gay man portrayed. The American culture is saturated with the issue of sexual identity. Yet until we are personally faced with the issue, we are uncertain how to respond. In his keynote address, David will offer encouragement, food-for-thought, and practical applications on how to create an environment that fosters relational healing and growth in light of the Christian faith.

James "Jim" E. Phelan, Psy.D, LCSW, BCD, ICADC will present "Learn about gender confusion and how to respond to this issue." We will look at the contributing factors of Gender Identity Disorder (GID), a problem that is detectable in early childhood. Children with GID, who go without proper intervention, can develop adult problems, notably sexual confusion. You will learn what can be done to prevent gender confusion, as well as how to help and support those dealing with gender confusion in a compassionate, Christian way. Learning Objectives:

- 1) Learn the particulars of gender confusion (Gender Identity Disorder (GID)), from a clinician's standpoint, but in layman's terms.
- 2) Learn about the various factors that can contribute, or lead a child to gender confusion.
- 3) Learn strategies to prevent gender confusion.
- 4) Learn a how to intervene with those dealing with gender confusion in a compassionate, Christian way.

Jim is the author of two books.

Denise Shick - Founder of Help 4 Families and the author of "My Daddy's Secret". Denise Shick, is an author, speaker, and the Director of Help 4 Families, a Christian Ministry that compassionately reaches out to family members and churches, bringing a broader understanding of the emotional pain and spiritual confusion that people face when a loved one has gender identity issues. Denise will be speaking and presenting a workshop.

Workshops Offered:

Roots and Shoots - Sherry Holt is co-facilitator of Journey to Freedom, a Louisville based group for women who have or do struggle with same sex attraction. Having left a 24 yr marriage, ministry and home to follow a lesbian relationship, Sherry believed understanding and healing of the root issues was the answer to her freedom. It is from this experience and walk of freedom for several years that this seminar is based. Highlights of co-facilitator, Deborah Snelling's testimony will also be an inspiration as she shares a miraculous, tangible encounter with Christ that brought her out of 27 yrs of lesbianism. These truths are keys to freedom from ANY life controlling problem.

Understanding The Impact of G.I.D - Denise Shick will bring an understanding the impact and involvement many individuals and their families experience when a loved one identifies as being the wrong gender that God had created them. This workshop will take a look at the difference and similarities of homosexuality and transsexuality. This class will also bring an insightful understanding of the impact that gender confusion causes in a marriage and other family relationships. We will look at and discuss the needs of the individual and families by addressing biblical tools that can be helpful when dealing with these issues.

Is It My Fault? - David Maynard will facilitate this workshop. Pop culture has pegged the cause of homosexuality on the genes, while others have argued the cause is the family and the environment. But what does science say? Participants will walk away from this workshop with a more comprehensive understanding of homosexuality.

Personal Testimonies - The Hope Gathering will have the honor to present individuals who had lived the life of their opposite born gender. They will each share their personal journey in order to bring hope to others.

A Question & Answer Panel will be provided in the afternoon session.