

Houses of the Holy

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Here's an excerpt from my editor's letter:

For better or worse, religion holds a key role in the fight against HIV/AIDS. We know all too well that many doctrines hamper us. Countless examples reveal how that is so. What we do not acknowledge often enough, however, is that many people of faith help us in the fight. They need our support.

The Reverend Savalas Squire Sr. is one of them. Living with HIV since 2010, he leads his Baptist church in North Carolina in song, in prayer--and in education on the virus. [Click here](#) to read how Savalas and others across the country are helping the black church take a seat at the HIV/AIDS table.

Sean Strub has had a seat at many tables. From AIDS activist to POZ founder, from politics to business, his titles and domains abound. He also was raised as a Roman Catholic, and this played an important role in shaping his views and actions. We learn that and so much more in his new book ...

[A memoir excerpt](#) details the launch of POZ and its aftermath.

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