



Emergency Chaplains

Durham, NC

APRIL 2012

UPDATE ON NOVEMBER BANQUET

Our annual banquet has been rescheduled for November. The correct date for the banquet is Sunday, November 4th at 6:00pm and it will be held at Grey Stone Baptist Church in Durham. Please put this on your calendar so you don't miss the best banquet that we have ever presented.



make up the difference.

Please consider making a banquet sized donation today and a pledge for the year. Your gifts will enable us to continue our ministry to First Responders and to

the general public as they encounter life changing events.

After much prayer we have decided that the format for the 2012 Banquet will be different than in years past. Instead of fund raising, our primary focus this year will be to honor and encourage our First Responders from the agencies served by Emergency Chaplains.

Our goal is for Emergency Chaplains to have a presence in all 100 counties of North Carolina within 10 years. because the need is greater than ever for our First Responders to have access to chaplains who will touch them with the comfort of Christ. Most areas across our state do not have the type of ministry available to them that we offer.

We believe that the decision to change the format from fund raising to one that honors our First Responders is a better way to spend the time, effort and resources that it takes to produce a quality banquet. Most of all, our First Responders need for us to recognize and honor them more often than we do.

Your \$200 gift would cover the costs of one day of our ministry. Your gift of \$112 per month would cover one full week of our operational costs. It's all about taking the gospel of Jesus across our great state and taking comfort to those in pain.

Needless to say, this leaves us in a precarious position when it comes to our finances.

Thanks for considering your part to help us accomplish the great task that the Lord has given us. Please know that we appreciate your generosity and we thank you for joining us in making an eternal difference in the lives of those who serve us.

Usually, at this time of year, we are busy counting our blessings from our banquet. We would be listing new donors in our system and tallying up the pledges that would see us through the summer and to the end of the year.

Many Blessings!
Chaplain Ralph

That's not going to happen this year and we need your help to

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK ■ MAY 13-19, 2012



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This issue of our newsletter is dedicated to the brave men and women who have died in the line of duty.

Let us also remember the members of their departments and their families who mourn their deaths.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4

OUR TEAM

CHAPLAINS

Grant Bennett
 Danny Bryant
 Ricardo Correa
 James Dodson
 Andre Gilliard
 Johnny Hewett
 Chris O'Guin
 Keith Kimball
 Mike White

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CRISIS RESPONSE TRAINING

On March 31st, Bill Fuller of Strategic Impact provided training for 15 Chaplains who are part of our Crisis Response Team.

Each team member was given a Crisis Response Kit and trained in how to use the contents of the kit to offer God's help to those who are facing crisis situations. With this training we now have a simple but clear tool to help those in crisis and show them that the comfort and peace that they seek can be found in Christ.

Each team member was challenged, encouraged and excited about the training and is now ready to use what they learned.

Additional modules of training are now being developed that will further equip our Chaplains to provide additional assistance in the areas of grief, divorce and addictions.



CRISIS RESPONSE KIT

NEW CHAPLAINS ADDED TO ROSTER

We are proud to announce the addition of two new chaplains:



Rev. Ricardo Correa is now a member of Emergency Chaplains and has been assigned to serve the Durham Police Department in District 1. Ricardo moved to North Carolina from Puerto Rico in 1997 and he has lived in Durham since 1999.

Once a popular DJ on the local night club circuit, his life drastically changed on October 29, 2005 when he asked Jesus Christ to be his Lord and Savior.

Chaplain Correa is married to Carina and he pastors at United Nations Worship Center Ministry in Durham.



Also joining Emergency Chaplains is **Rev. Chris O'Guin**. Chris is the appointed Chaplain for the Kannapolis Fire Department. He is married to Crystal and he is the pastor of North Kannapolis Baptist Church.

Chris gave his life to Christ when he was 17 years old and he has faithfully served in full-time Christian ministry for the past 36 years.

Chaplain Chris has prior chaplaincy experience with the NC National Guard and local law enforcement. He has served as the volunteer chaplain for the Kannapolis Fire Department since 2010.

9-1-1 WEEK OBSERVED

National Telecommunicators Weeks was observed April 8-14, 2012. While it is too late for us to get in on the festivities, it is never too late to show our appreciation to our 'first in line' First Responders.

The folks who answer the phones and send help through 911 Centers across the country are responsible for getting the information from you and getting the right help to you...FAST. They do a terrific job and seldom ever get the credit they deserve.

You can send a note of thanks to your local 911 Center to let them know how much you appreciate their dedication to serving us 24 hours each and every day. If you live in Durham, you can send cards and notes to:

Durham Emergency Communications Center
 505 West Chapel Hill Street
 Durham, NC 27701

