

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

Emergency Chaplains

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VISION 100 UPDATE

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January has been a busy travel month for me. I have had the pleasure of speaking in churches every weekend this month, inviting them to join us in the work of establishing a sustainable chaplaincy ministry in every county of North Carolina. I have been greatly encouraged by those who have welcomed me to preach in their pulpits and teach their people about the great need for dedicated chaplains to serve side-by-side with our First Responders.

I've also been teaching a seminar in churches titled, 'Intentional Neighboring'. The seminar was originally created to recruit chaplains but has been adapted for church presentations. The principle of the seminar is simple: learn to recognize when someone is facing a crisis and then help them.



2018 North Carolina SHP Training Event

Many of your neighbors (*we use the biblical definition of neighbor*) are facing some type of crisis today. It has often been said that if you are not in crisis right now, you either just came out of one or you are getting ready to go through one. We want to equip and encourage believers to step into those crises with the presence of Christ.

Over the years, I have surveyed many individuals and groups regarding how they came to know Jesus. Overwhelmingly, most who accepted Christ as an adult, did so during a time of crisis.

We have discovered that 'Intentional Neighboring' is a great tool for preparing believers to live out the Great Commission while introducing them to all types of chaplaincy. If you think that your church would be interested in hosting an event, please contact me.

Earlier in January, I had the privilege of attending the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police and taught a class titled 'Police Chaplain Certification'. The Police Chiefs that I met at the conference recognize the need for standardized training for Chaplains. Later this year we will be introducing a certification process that will be available for Law Enforcement Chaplains.

As we begin to offer the certification process, we will want to connect with existing chaplains to offer our training. Pray that we will find favor there. Also, pray for the Lord to partner us with Pastors and church leaders across North Carolina who recognize the great need for training the chaplains of the future.

"INTENTIONAL NEIGHBORING"

Responding to Everyday Crisis, Every Day.

Prepare yourself to engage friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances and even strangers with the love and comfort of Christ in difficult times.

Contact Chaplain Ralph if you are interested in hosting this seminar in your area

Monthly Comforters Needed!

Your financial partnership allows us to reach First Responders and people who are in crisis with the hope and comfort of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for helping us continue our current ministries and expand the important work of Emergency Chaplains across the state of North Carolina!

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CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

- **TWO CHAPLAINS RESPONDED** for a pediatric call in which a young child had died on scene from natural causes. Both chaplains were able to minister to family members for several hours.
- **CHAPLAIN ASSISTED** with a crisis call involving the death of a mother who left behind three young children. The chaplain assisted with the death notification to the children and stayed on scene to minister to the family.
- **TWO CHAPLAINS MET WITH YOUNG PERSON** at school and had lunch with them as follow up from a call where the child’s mother had died.
- **TWO CHAPLAINS RESPONDED** to a call involving a man who went into cardiac arrest while doing maintenance work on a public building. Two co-workers performed CPR until first responders arrived. The chaplains were able to minister to the coworkers and family for multiple hours.
- **SEVERAL CHAPLAINS COORDINATED EFFORTS** with Durham County EMS to mobilize if needed during Hurricane Florence.
- **SUICIDE PROMPTED CHAPLAIN REQUEST** where young man was found dead in the driveway by his father. The chaplain was able to provide counsel and support to the family as well as prayer. Multiple law enforcement officers were also ministered to.
- **CHAPLAIN PROVIDED INVOCATION** for Durham Crisis Response Intervention Team’s 11th Annual Awards Banquet to recognize CIT First Responders.
- **CHAPLAIN REQUESTED** by family at Duke Regional Hospital for prayer. The chaplain was able to provide counsel and pray for 5 family members during the visit.
- **A MALE IN HIS LATE 40’s** was found dead by his teenage son. Chaplain was requested and was able to minister to the son and other family members, as well as provide helpful resources for follow up.
- **CHAPLAIN REQUESTED** for crisis call where a woman had died unexpectedly. The chaplain provided care to the family and assisted with selection of a funeral home.

CHAPLAIN SPOTLIGHT



Chaplain Katrina Redman joined Emergency Chaplains as an intern in April 2018. She is currently enrolled in the Master of Divinity (Community Chaplaincy) program at Liberty University. Her Chaplaincy Internship course began officially in January 2019 but Chaplain Katrina has already been serving Butner Public Safety since the Fall of 2018. Katrina lives in Stem with her son Nathan and works with Public Health Services in Butner. She is a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Rougemont. She loves to sing and is a member of the United States Public Health Services Ensemble. We are so excited to have Katrina join our team. She has a servant’s heart and is eager to learn how to serve others as a Chaplain.



Chaplain Jerry McFadyen joined Emergency Chaplains in November 2018. He and his wife, Debra, live in East Bend and are active in ministry at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Chaplain Jerry is a very active volunteer and has such a servant’s heart. In addition to serving his church, Jerry volunteers with On Wings Like A Dove Prison Ministry, North Carolina Baptist Men’s Disaster Relief and Stephen Ministries. We are so excited to serve with Chaplain Jerry. He will be working to develop Emergency Chaplains ministries in Yadkin County.