

...TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST...



Emergency Chaplains

Durham, NC

DECEMBER 2015

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM EMERGENCY CHAPLAINS!



Compassion marked Jesus' every word and deed. The hurting and hopeless pressed close when He walked past, reaching out for the hem of His garment. His eyes of love looked straight through to the heart.

Genuine compassion still marks every aspect of our relationship with Jesus today. Here at Emergency Chaplains, we share His love by taking the comfort of Christ to those in crisis with the same deeply felt compassion. We are truly

thankful for friends like you who trust in us, pray for us, and support us share in this life-changing ministry.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

May you sense God's great compassion for you this Christmas season!

**When God's hands made the heavens and the earth . . .
that was creation.**

**When God's morning stars sang together . . .
that was celebration.**

**When God's Word broke the silence of time . . .
that was communication.**

When God's prophets stood alone against the tide of disobedience . . . that was consecration.

**But when God's Son was delivered to a manger . . .
that was *compassion*.** (Copied)

YEAR END DONATIONS

Please consider sending a tax-deductible donation to Emergency Chaplains by December 31st. All items postmarked by midnight 12/31/2015 will be accepted as current year donations. [Mail donations to Emergency Chaplains, PO Box 14762, Durham NC 27709](mailto:donations@echap.org) (go to www.echap.org for PayPal and bank draft options) Thanks to all of you who have given so generously this year!

Emergency Chaplains is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Ministry. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

MENDING THE SOUL

Beginning in February 2016, Emergency Chaplains will be offering *Mending the Soul*, a book and workbook Bible study that guides women through the critical process of healing from all kinds of abuse, including domestic violence, abandonment, neglect, and rape.

Mending the Soul will be facilitated by Ilene McCarthy and Carter Thompson. They intend to offer *Mending the Soul* support groups twice a year, including one in the spring and one in the fall. The cost of the book and workbook are about \$45.00.

If you are a survivor of abuse of any kind, are interested in *Mending the Soul*, have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and desire His healing, please send an email to IleneMcCarthy at elleadoreparis@gmail.com. In your email, please list your name, phone number, email address, and type or types of abuse you have endured.

Please let us know as well if you have a financial need in paying for the books. Thank you and may God bless you.

COUPLES WORKING TOGETHER IN MINISTRY

By: Ralph Thompson

In 2008, Carter and I established the ministry of Emergency Chaplains and we have worked together in this ministry ever since. Every day for the past eight years we have dedicated our lives to the Lord through the work of this ministry, literally pouring ourselves into every aspect of the mission.

It's been hard work. Blood, sweat and tears kind of work. There have been some tough times and we've had a fight or two...but even then we have always been side-by-side, seeking to build a ministry that is honoring to the Lord in every way.

With that said I have to tell you that the most rewarding time that I have spent in ministry is the times that Carter and I have been able to work together. We worked together a lot during the time that we were in church ministry but God has blessed me even more by allowing us to serve together full-time over the past eight years. It has been the most rewarding, blessed time of ministry in my life.

Over the past few months the Lord has brought two couples to Emergency Chaplains who will be serving together to take the comfort of Christ to those in crisis.



Wayne and Sandra Littleton

Wayne and Sandra Littleton are training now to serve on our Crisis Response Team. They have been members of Christian Assembly in Durham for the past 30 years where Wayne is an Elder and Sandra is Director of Women's Ministries.

They have both been actively involved in the Food Pantry ministry of the church and have made investments in marriages by teaching Marriage Builder courses and mentoring individual couples through their marriage ministry.

Wayne and Sandra have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Several of their grandchildren have come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through their witness.

Chris and Kristen Ferrer are members of Bethel Christian Center in Durham where recently they were both licensed for ministry by their church.

Chris serves as chaplain of District 4 of the Durham Police Department while Kristen is the chaplain for the Durham 9-1-1 Center.



Chris and Kristen Ferrer

Chris previously worked as an EMT and for the past several years was employed by Newhope Church in their media ministry. If you were in attendance at our banquet in October you were probably impressed by the quality of our awards videos. Chris was responsible for much of the camera work and all of the production work for the videos.

Kristen has a passion for ministry to women. She helped start a prison ministry at the NC Institute for Women in Raleigh in 2011. Both Chris and Kristen served together with Bull City Ministries and have made multiple trips to Mardi Gras to share the gospel and the hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

We welcome Wayne, Sandra, Chris and Kristen to our team!

NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNITY PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE



Join Chaplain Ralph and others from Emergency Chaplains as we take part in this special time of prayer and praise on December 31st.

Themed "If My People," this celebration will get 2016 started off right! With people coming together from different denominations and cultures, we look to stand as a united community under the common cause of seeing Durham transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.

NEW YEAR'S EVE— 7PM to 9PM
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