

# Emergency Chaplains

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At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never leave your partner behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules.

After seven years of marriage, Catherine Holt wonders when she stopped being "good enough" for her husband. Neither one understands the pressures the other faces—Caleb as a firefighter and Catherine as the public relations director of a hospital.

Regular arguments over jobs, finances, housework, and outside interests have readied them both to move on to something with more sparks.

As the couple prepares to enter divorce proceedings, Caleb's father challenges his son to commit to a 40-day experiment: *"The Love Dare."* Wondering if it is even worth the effort, Caleb agrees—for his father's sake more than for his marriage. When Caleb discovers the book's daily challenges are tied into his parent's newfound faith, his already limited interest is further dampened.

While trying to stay true to his promise,

Caleb becomes frustrated time and again. He finally asks his father, "How am I supposed to show love to somebody who constantly rejects me?"

When his father explains that this is the love Christ shows to us, Caleb makes a life-changing commitment to love God. And—with God's help—he begins to understand what it means to truly love his wife.

But is it too late to fireproof his marriage? His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb Holt is ready to face his toughest job ever—rescuing his wife's heart.

From the creator of *FACING THE GIANTS*, *FIREPROOF* is an action-packed love story that will have audiences laughing, crying, and being pulled toward the edge of their seats as they are drawn into the world of a firefighter, his wife...and a marriage worth rescuing.

*FIREPROOF* opens on 9/26. I encourage you to see the movie on opening weekend. Send the kids to granny's house and make a date night of it. You will be glad that you did.

## Our Mission

- **For Public Safety personnel and their families:** We will provide pastoral care and counseling upon request.
- **For the general public:** We will provide on-the-scene pastoral care and crisis intervention in conjunction with local EMS, fire, law enforcement, and other emergency response agencies.
- **For other Chaplains:** We will provide training and assistance for other Chaplains in NC that desire to establish a similar chaplaincy program.



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## Emergency Chaplains—Ministry Update

Volunteer chaplains will be the lifeblood of our new ministry as we move forward with our plans to provide 24/7 response to the citizens of Durham County. Right now we are developing our policy manual to bring on folks who will help us by responding to the scene of an unexpected crisis and provide chaplaincy support.

Applications will be accepted from both pastors and from laypeople. Training will be provided by Emergency Chaplains in conjunction with Corporate Chaplains of America.

Anyone who wishes to be a part of our team will need to be an active member of a local church and their church will need to be willing to endorse them for the chaplaincy ministry. Pastors will not be required



to have prior experience as a Chaplain or in the Public Safety arena—just a desire to serve the people of Durham County during any crisis situation.

Laypeople who have prior experience in Public Safety (not currently active) and demonstrate a passionate love for Jesus Christ often make wonderful chaplains. The combination of their work experience and their desire to serve the Lord prepare them to be salt and light in a world that is desperately in need.

If you know a Pastor or a Layperson who would make a good Chaplain, call Ralph at (919) 280-8908 and let him know. Please pray for us as we work through the process of adding new volunteers to our ministry.

## ICISF & NCSHP

**ICISF:** Since April, Ralph has attended classes in Baltimore, Atlanta and Orlando through **ICISF (International Critical Incident Stress Foundation)**. In August, he completed the course work and will receive their *Certificate of Specialized Training in Spiritual Care in Crisis Intervention*.

**ICISF** provides specialized training designed to help Emergency Workers cope with the stress they encounter. They have developed a good system of individual and group intervention techniques. They use peer support, mental health professionals and chaplains to provide a network of teams that can respond to a major event and begin defusing and debriefing while the event is still in progress.

The training that Ralph received will be used on a daily

basis, as he works with Public Safety Providers in the field and responds to calls where victim and/or patient assistance is needed.

**NCSHP:** On September 12th, Ralph was appointed as *Troop C Chaplaincy Coordinator* for **NCSHP (North Carolina State Highway Patrol)**.

In addition to serving as Chaplain for District C-7 (Durham and Granville Counties), he will also be the volunteer coordinator for the chaplains serving the eight districts in Troop C.

The territory covered by Troop C is mostly east of Durham, encompassing 14 counties. Right now, there are vacancies in Johnston, Franklin, Vance, Warren, Halifax and Northampton Counties. If you know a pastor who would like to be considered as a volunteer **NCSHP** Chaplain—call Ralph.

## Support Emergency Chaplains

Your continued support of Emergency Chaplains is much appreciated. It is because of generous people like you that we are able to go into homes and minister to people in crisis, be a listening ear to the responders in the field and provide Biblical counsel and guidance to those facing the stress of living and working in a pressure filled environment.

Our desire is to honor Jesus Christ with all that we have and all that we do. Please pray for us as we work daily to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus to the people of Durham.

Please consider how you may be able to support our ministry on a monthly basis. Each gift—no matter the size—is greatly appreciated.



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A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to



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