



# Emergency Chaplains

## New Staff Additions

### JOHNNY HEWETT (SENIOR CHAPLAIN)



A Durham native and lifelong resident, Johnny got his start in ministry at Grey Stone Baptist Church in 1977 by serving in the Audio/Visual Ministry. In the late 1980s he began serving as a volunteer counselor for a 24-hour telephone crisis ministry named Contact Durham. It was during this time that Johnny's heart for ministry was developed.

While still working full-time at Burroughs Wellcome, Johnny began attending night classes at Southeastern College at Wake Forest and graduated in 2002 with an Associate of Divinity degree. After more than 28 years at GSK he took early retirement in 2005 in order to serve as Associate Pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church.

In addition to his experience as an Associate Pastor, Johnny has extensive experience as an Adjunct Chaplain at Durham Regional Hospital where he has served as a volunteer since 2002.

Johnny's experiences as a pastor, counselor and chaplain have uniquely qualified him to serve as a Senior Chaplain with us. He is compassionate, a patient listener and a giver of wise advice. His presence during times of crisis has brought hope and comfort to many people over the past 20 years.

In addition to serving in an administrative and leadership capacity with Emergency Chaplains, Chaplain Hewett will be serving District 2 of the Durham Police Department. (Continued on page 2)

## Support Emergency Chaplains

Will you consider supporting the ministry of Emergency Chaplains with a monthly gift? You can set up a secure monthly bank draft by going to our website or by using the enclosed card. A small gift of \$15 each month for a year would pay a full day of Emergency Chaplains' expenses. That's 50 cents a day...less than the cost of most newspapers...to keep our chaplains and counselors helping people in need.

### DEDICATION

Back in October of 2010 we advised you of an EMS line of duty death at Fort Bragg. Paul Boyer, a career paramedic who formerly worked for Durham EMS, died in that accident.

While Paul was in Durham he became good friends of Paramedic Rob Stabbe and his son, Ben. They continued their friendship through the years. They attended Carolina Hurricanes games together and Paul also became one of Ben's biggest fans when he played youth hockey.

Earlier this month Ben's team, the 18U Sharks, took second place in the 2009-2010 Canes Cup of the Triangle. Ben and Rob received silver medals and immediately dedicated the season and their medals to the memory of their biggest fan and encourager, Paul Boyer.



BEN AND ROB STABBE

Rob describes Paul as a man who loved God, loved people, loved hockey and made a profound impact on him and a lasting impression on Ben's life.

We salute the memory of Paul Boyer in this issue. A man who lived his life wide open and gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving others.

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## CLINTON STOKES (CHAPLAIN INTERN)



Although he was born in Norfolk, VA, Clinton has lived in North Carolina long enough now to consider himself a native Tarheel. He is the proud father of three boys and the blessed husband of Bernadette.

Clinton received his training for the chaplaincy through Community Chaplains of America in Wake Forest. After completing the training program with CCA, he was commissioned by New Covenant Holiness Church where he serves on the Armor Bearer Staff.

Sensing a continued call to prepare himself for ministry, Clinton has enrolled in the undergraduate program at Master's International School of Divinity.

Chaplain Stokes has already proven himself to be a valuable asset to Emergency Chaplains. The combination of his passion for loving people and his 13 year background in Law Enforcement has prepared him for his assignment to District 3 of the Durham Police Department.

## RUSSELL HILL (PHOTOGRAPHER)



Originally from South Texas, Russell served all over the world as a United States Marine. Retiring from the Marines in 2009, he settled in Durham, the hometown of his wife, Wendy. Together they have two children.

Although most of his professional time has been spent in the infantry, Russell's ambition has always been that of a social and humanitarian photographer. During his travels and adventures he has always sought out people that had a story to tell in their everyday lives.

Russell gives this example: *In 2001 while living in West Africa I was given the opportunity to contribute photos to UNICEF's State of the World's Children. It was a welcome opportunity to be part of this far-reaching project. I believe by utilizing my past experience and keen eye for detail that I am able to turn normal day-to-day activities into special images that capture the true spirit of the individual.*"

Currently Russell volunteers as our Official Photographer, documenting our Chaplains as they care for our First Responders and the general public during critical situations in Durham County. He also volunteers his photographic talents to the Durham Police Department on a long-term project called "Behind the Badge" where they are creating a photographic documentary of the department's commitment to protect and serve.

When asked why he is excited about being a part of Emergency Chaplains and DPD, Russell said, *I'm hoping that these volunteer opportunities will lead to opportunities for ministry to others as well as my own spiritual growth and maturity in my walk with Christ.*

### Need To Talk?

Grey Stone Baptist Church in Durham has graciously agreed to allow Emergency Chaplains to use space on their campus for counseling individuals, couples and families. This gives us a centrally located counseling office and provides a confidential place to meet with First Responders.

Carter and Ralph are available for counseling by appointment and can be reached at (919) 280-8908 or by e-mail at [ralph@echap.org](mailto:ralph@echap.org)

Ralph is certified by ICISF (International Critical Incident Stress Foundation) and has a Master's Degree in Biblical Counseling from Master's Divinity School. Carter has a BA in Psychology/Christian Counseling from Louisiana Baptist University and is currently completing her coursework for her Master's.

Counseling is provided free of charge to First Responders and their family members. All contacts are held in strict confidence.

The ministry of Emergency Chaplains is made possible because of the prayers and donations of people just like you. Your gifts enable us to minister to area First Responders and to the general public as they encounter life changing events. Please know that we appreciate your generosity and we thank you for joining us in making an eternal difference.

**Emergency Chaplains is a 501c3 non-profit ministry incorporated in the state of North Carolina. All donations are tax-deductible.**

### The Agencies We Serve

- Bethesda Fire Department
- Redwood Fire Department
- NC State Highway Patrol
- Durham Police Department
- Durham County EMS
- Person County EMS
- Durham 911 Center