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Emergency Chaplains

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On Thursday, October 23, Emergency Chaplains will come together with ministry partners—and those God may be calling as future partners—for our annual Call to Care Banquet at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Durham. This evening is more than just a fundraiser—it's a chance to celebrate what God is doing through chaplaincy across North Carolina.

With more than 90 volunteer chaplains serving law enforcement, EMS crews, firefighters, 9-1-1 communicators, and hospital staff across North Carolina, our team is on the front lines—bringing the presence and hope of Christ into moments of crisis. Our upcoming banquet is the single largest fundraising event of the year, fueling the training, multiplication, and support needed to sustain this vital ministry.

This year's program will include stories from the field, updates on our expanding chaplaincy network, and opportunities to partner with us in the mission of "turning those in crisis toward Christ." We'll also recognize faithful volunteers and highlight the partnerships that make this ministry possible.

We invite you to join us for an evening of inspiration, fellowship, and commitment to caring for those who serve and protect us. To learn more or reserve your seat, visit EChap.org/banquet.

17th Anniversary Banquet
Thursday Evening, October 23rd
Ridgecrest Baptist Church | Durham, NC
Seating is limited—Reserve your tickets today!
Tickets: \$25 each

- ◆ 6:00pm— Meet and Mingle with the chaplains
- ◆ 6:30pm— Catered Dinner by Gillis BBQ
- ◆ 7:15pm— Banquet Program and Awards

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CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS



Elevation Church cookout at Durham Sheriff's Department

Training & Community Engagement

This past month, our chaplains were busy across the Triangle—serving first responders and building new partnerships. We introduced the role of chaplains to new employees at the Durham 911 Center, taught *Death Notification* to Durham Police recruits, and delivered a *Resilience Class* at Durham Tech for students in the 911 Emergency Telecommunications Certificate Program.

Through partnerships with local churches, we also served hundreds of first responders. Together with **Elevation Church**, we helped host a cookout at the Durham Sheriff's Office that fed 250 first responders. With **Lowe's Grove Baptist**, we helped serve and deliver 300 BBQ meals to on-duty responders across Durham. And with **Braggtown Baptist** during NC Baptists' Serve NC week, we joined another cookout to bless first responders with a meal and encouragement.

Our reach extended beyond first responder agencies as well. Emergency Chaplains managed the chaplaincy response for **NC Baptists on Mission** in Durham. Following Tropical Storm Chantal, volunteers completed mud-outs on more than 100 flooded homes. Our chaplains provided care and support for both families in crisis and the volunteers who served them.

Responding to Scenes of Crisis

Our chaplains continue to be called into some of life's most difficult moments:

Suicide Follow-Up: A chaplain assisted a family after the death of a loved one by suicide—ensuring the family was not alone, contacting their pastor, and praying with them before clearing the scene.

Shooting Response: Three chaplains responded after a shooting involving two adults and a two-year-old child. Two chaplains met family members and responders at the hospital, while another went to the 911 center to provide follow-up care for dispatchers.

Suicide Scene: A young man died by suicide and was found by his ex-girlfriend. One chaplain spent nearly three hours on scene caring for the grieving girlfriend and her family, while helping law enforcement relay information to the man's family out of state.

Welfare Check: Officers discovered a woman in her 50s deceased in her home. The chaplain present ministered to her family as they processed the shock and began navigating next steps.

Choking Death: Two chaplains responded after a woman tragically choked during dinner. They supported her husband—who was alone at the time—helping him contact family and friends, and remained with him for over two hours to ensure he was not left to grieve alone.

Unexpected Death at Home: A 50-year-old woman was found deceased by one of her teenage children. A chaplain responded to care for the surviving husband and three teenagers, helping them make temporary arrangements until funeral plans could be finalized.

From flooded homes to police training rooms, from scenes of tragic loss to unexpected moments of grace—our chaplains carry the presence and hope of Christ into the darkest places. Thank you for standing with us in this mission. Because of your prayers and support, those in crisis are being turned toward Christ.



Durham flood response with Baptists on Mission