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Dear Friend,

Welcome to our annual banquet, celebrating Emergency Chaplains 17th year of service to First Responders and the communities they serve.

We are grateful that you have chosen to come out and spend your evening to celebrate our First Responders and Chaplains, to respect the memory of Brantley Pearce, and to find out more about partnering with us.

You are our honored guest and a great encouragement to us. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to come tonight. We hope that you enjoy the banquet!

Blessings!

Chaplain Ralph

Ralph Thompson
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Tonight's Feature Presentation **Crisis, Compassion, and the Gospel**

Real-Life Chaplain Response Scenario ***A Glimpse Into the Heart of Emergency Chaplains***

This year's feature presentation replaces a traditional keynote address.

Through a true-to-life role-play, we invite you to step inside a moment of tragedy—a house fire that forever changed one family and deeply impacted the first responders who served them.

You'll see how our chaplains work side by side with police, fire, EMS, and 911—offering presence, prayer, and compassion in the midst of chaos.

You'll also see how God uses those moments as open doors for the gospel—where pain meets purpose, and hope breaks through heartbreak.

This presentation is the focal point of our evening—an honest, emotional look at why Emergency Chaplains exists and how God uses chaplains to carry His presence into moments of chaos and loss for the sake of the gospel.



Brantley Pearce Memorial

On August 28, 2010, 18 year old Brantley Pearce died in an automobile accident. Brantley's best friend, Miles Moorman also died in the accident.

Two other friends, Kim Frey and Kristen Terry, who were also in the car, were injured.

Karen Dean, Brantley's mother, has established this Memorial in his name out of the pain caused by their loss, to benefit the ministry of Emergency Chaplains. Karen knows firsthand the kind of help a family needs during a time of loss and she wants others who are suffering in the midst of their crisis to be offered the hope and comfort that Emergency Chaplains provides. No one should ever be alone when something like this happens.

The purpose of the Brantley Pearce Memorial is to raise funds that will provide training for new chaplaincy volunteers. Our vision is to steadily increase the area covered by Emergency Chaplains and to help more people during times of crisis.

Our annual banquet is also a time to recognize individual responders for their exceptional service with the Brantley Pearce Memorial Award. Tonight, one Chaplain and one First Responder will be honored because of their dedication to caring for those in crisis.

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 receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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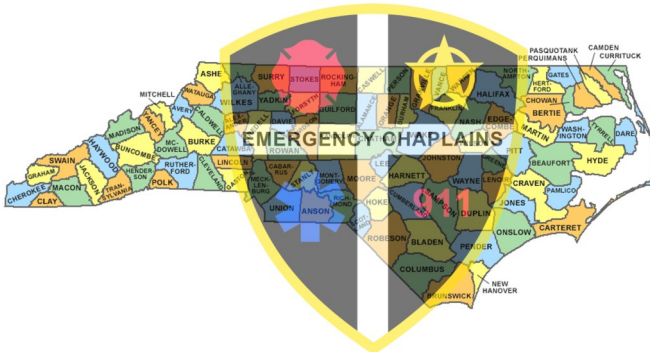
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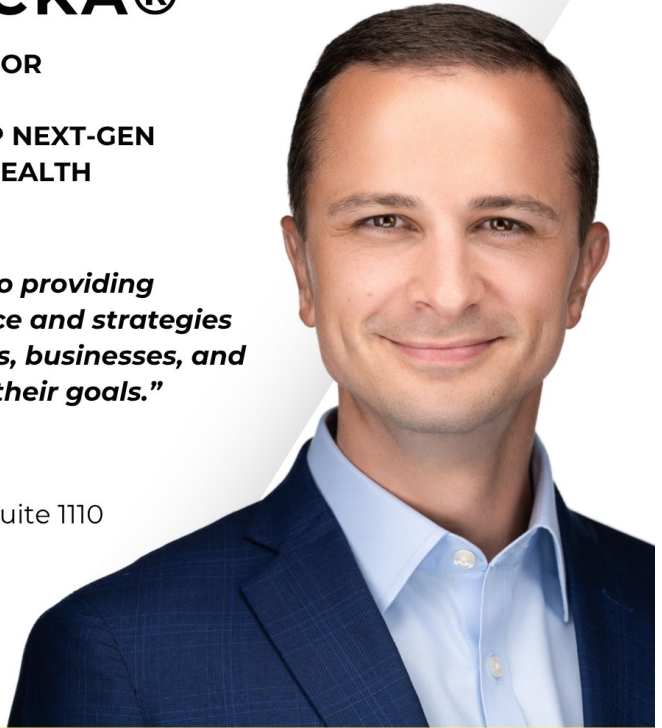
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Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

QCD is a direct transfer of funds from an individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. This distribution allows individuals aged 70½ or older to donate up to \$100,000 per year directly from their IRA to a charity without having to report the distribution as taxable income. This also would count towards satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for that year.

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- The ability to evaluate charities over time
- Share your giving values with loved ones
- Leave a legacy of charitable giving.

WHAT WE'RE DOING...

We Currently Have:

- 97 Chaplains
- 28 Counties
- 81 Agencies Served
- 41 Certified Public Safety Chaplains

In 2024, Our Chaplains Reported:

- 2,168 Counseling Opportunities
(with First Responders & Citizens)
- 487 Station Visits (570 Hours)
- 134 Ride-Alongs (515 Hours)
- 530 Crisis Response calls (1021 Hours)
- 320 Gospel Presentations

How you can partner with us:

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...IN THE FIELD

Ministry to a Grieving Mother—A chaplain responded to a home where a woman had discovered her daughter had died unexpectedly. With no nearby family, the chaplain assisted in contacting out-of-town relatives and helped coordinate arrangements with a local funeral home. They remained with the mother for several hours, offering emotional and spiritual support, and ensured she would not be left alone in the aftermath of the tragedy.

4-Year-Old Dies of Gunshot Wound—Three chaplains were dispatched following a tragic incident involving a child who sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound after finding a firearm in a backpack. One chaplain responded to the scene, while two others went directly to the hospital to support the family. Several adults and at least one other child were present in the home when the incident occurred. Chaplains provided emotional and spiritual care to those impacted by the tragedy, including family members and first responders.

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.

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.

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Butner Public Safety	Person EMS
Carrboro Fire	Person Memorial Hospital
Carrboro Police	Person Co Rescue Squad
Cary Fire	Person Co Sheriff
Craven County Fire	Person EMS
Dare County EMS	Prospect Hill Fire
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Jonesville Police	Yadkinville Police
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John 16:33