

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

# Emergency Chaplains

SEPTEMBER 2020



## 2020 5K & 10K Run

Our 5K & 10K will be completely virtual. That means YOU can run, walk, or even daydream your way to the finish line....on your own schedule! Get more info and sign up today at [www.EChap.org/RUN](http://www.EChap.org/RUN)

**When:** Complete your run anytime between Nov 1-30. Just be sure and sign up by 11/13/2020.

**Where:** American Tobacco Trail. Start and finish near Durham Bulls Athletic Park.



**EVERY registration gets a 2020 race T-shirt that you can wear with pride and let your friends and neighbors know that you support a great cause!**

### **Register Early and Get These Awesome Options:**

- Track your time on the course with the Racejoy app. Medals awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finish in both Male and Female Division.
- Run a course of your choosing. Brag about it on social media...but sorry, no medal for you.
- Put on your cool 2020 race T-shirt. Sit on the couch. Watch horse racing on TV.



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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RALPH THOMPSON

On March 11, 2020, I received news that my church would not be meeting in person but we could attend online. Many folks thought that the shutdown would last a couple of weeks. Then it got real...the local Waffle House closed...we were living in a true disaster.



If my count is correct, this is Day 188 since the shutdown began. Things are closer to normal than they were but there are still too many plastic barriers and masks to call anything normal. Will we ever see normal again?

Every day, it seems, the lead news stories are about COVID, riots, and politics. But even in the midst of a pandemic, God is at work. He is adding to our number by sending new chaplains who are dedicated to multiplying chaplains. He is adding to our territory by giving us new counties to serve.

At the same time, our established chaplains are finding more opportunity than ever to share the love and hope of Jesus. There are so many hurt, broken, and lost people around...and they are searching desperately for answers.

Your generosity makes it possible for Emergency Chaplains to train and place well-equipped chaplains to be on the front lines where the most desperate and hurting are. Here are some ways that God is using your generous donations to start and grow chaplain ministries across North Carolina:

*In Yancey County, Chaplain Johnny Hewett serves multiple first responder agencies. It's a rural and rugged area, situated between the Tennessee border and Mt Mitchell. Opioid addiction is common. First responder agencies are understaffed. Adding new chaplains in this area has been difficult but we continue to pray that we will be able to build a team there.*

*Just west of Winston-Salem you will find Yadkin County where Chaplain Jerry McFadyen also serves multiple agencies. The area is also rural but has multiple small towns, each with its own police department. Jerry is working to build relationships with pastors and churches across the county. Our goal is to train and place several new chaplains and start a Crisis Response Team.*

*Chaplains David and Kathleen Glover are working to establish a Crisis Response Team in Johnston County, just southeast of Raleigh. Much of the county serves as a bedroom community for RTP, small towns dot the map, and tobacco farms are plentiful. Interstates 40 and 95 intersect there. David and Kathleen were just getting started when COVID came along. Pray for them as they seek to build relationships and establish their ministry.*

We have recently placed new chaplains in Rockingham, Brunswick, Pitt, Craven, Warren, Orange, and Wake Counties. This month we are starting to promote our training program statewide. Join us in praying for the Lord to raise up more new chaplains from these areas to train with us.

Thank you again for your generous partnership. Remember us in your prayers as we promote our training and certification program. Pray for men and women to answer the call to join us as workers in the abundant harvest field that God has laid on our doorstep.