

"Turning Those in Crisis Towards Christ"

Emergency Chaplains



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM EMERGENCY CHAPLAINS!

It's The Holiday Season

By: Ralph Thompson, Executive Director

Kim, Dylan and I kicked off the holiday season on Thanksgiving Day in Roxboro. The Beulah Baptist Association provides a hot, homecooked breakfast for First Responders in Person County....starting at 5:30am! We served more than 40 First Responders. It's an annual tradition for the folks at Beulah and they know how to do it right!

On Saturday, December 7th, Starbucks on Guess Road in Durham hosted our first ever "Christmas Coffee with the Chaplains". First Responders from all over Durham stopped by to chat with Chaplains and volunteers while being treated to free coffee by the Starbucks staff. We were also able to engage with customers in the store to let them know about the important services our Chaplains provide. Those customers responded by purchasing 38 bags of coffee for us to distribute to Fire, EMS and Police stations during the holidays!

During our time at Starbucks we signed up some new Prayer Team Members, met some retired missionaries, encouraged our First Responders, prayed for the sick and ministered to some who were hopeless. Compassion was abundant among our Chaplains and volunteers that day.



*Thanksgiving Breakfast in Roxboro
L-R: Ralph Thompson, Kim Wilkinson, Dylan Stone*



*Christmas Coffee with the Chaplains
at Starbucks, Guess Road in Durham*

Compassion marked Jesus' every word and deed. The hurting and hopeless pressed close when He walked past, reaching out for the hem of His garment. His eyes of love looked straight through to the heart.

Genuine compassion still marks every aspect of our relationship with Jesus today. Here at Emergency Chaplains, we share His love by taking the comfort of Christ to those in crisis with the same deeply felt compassion. We are truly thankful for friends like you who trust in us, pray for us, and support us, partnering with us in this life-changing ministry.

***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 have received from God.***

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

May you sense God's great compassion for you this Christmas season!

Blessings!

Chaplain Ralph

Ministry Updates

Year End Funding: The goal for our 5K in November was to raise \$28,000. We need \$10,000 to purchase a used AWD vehicle for our chaplains to use during inclement weather and \$18,000 to fund an additional part-time position to help manage our training and certification programs. To date you have given over \$9,000 toward this goal! Please consider a special year-end gift to help us. Giving information can be found at www.EChap.org/donate

Volunteers needed for Crisis Response Teams in Durham, Person and Orange Counties: If you love Jesus, love people and have a heart for helping people, especially in a bereavement setting, we need you! No experience is necessary and all training is provided. Call Chaplain Ralph today if you want to know more. (919) 280-8908

Save the Date: Our annual banquet is scheduled for Sunday night, April 26, 2020. Put us on your calendar today!

Chaplain Field Reports

CHAPLAIN REQUESTED TO a scene where a man died from apparent drug overdose. Chaplains provided care for family, who started CPR on the patient. Our Chaplains were able to pray with the family before clearing the scene.

THREE CHAPLAINS RESPONDED to a homicide scene at McDougald Terrace in Durham. The Chaplains ministered to family members and bystanders for three hours.

ACTIVE SHOOTER: A domestic situation ended in murder/suicide at a workplace. Four Chaplains reported to the staging area to minister to over fifty employees that had been evacuated from the building.

HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS requested Chaplain to respond for early morning death of 3 month old under suspicious circumstances. Chaplain ministered to family members gathered on scene.

A WORLD WAR II VETERAN drove himself to breakfast a few days before Thanksgiving. His family members found him unresponsive in his car shortly after he returned home. Chaplains arrived and comforted the family during resuscitation efforts and later assisted them in contacting their funeral home.

REQUEST FOR CHAPLAIN on scene where a teenager had committed suicide. Chaplain provided on scene care for parents of the deceased until the body was taken to the Medical Examiner's office in Raleigh for an autopsy.

A MAN WENT INTO CARDIAC ARREST while attending a party at a friends house. His friends started CPR and called 9-1-1. Resuscitation efforts were not successful. Two Chaplains ministered to friends and helped family on scene with funeral home arrangements. Follow up grief counseling resources were offered to both friends and family.

Chaplain Certification Update

Our Chaplain Certification training is set for release on January 1, 2020. You may be eligible to take one of our free classes.

For more information contact:
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January Training Opportunities

A three hour class with 2020 updates for HIPAA and Blood Born Pathogens will be offered at two different times in January.

Saturday, January 18 and Monday January 20
9:00am-12:00pm at EChap Headquarters