



# Emergency Chaplains

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When you have an opportunity to sign up for payroll giving to the United Way this fall you can designate all or part of your donation for Emergency Chaplains.

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Agency Name: **EMERGENCY CHAPLAINS**  
Address: **PO Box 14762, Durham, NC 27709**

Our **United Way Code #** is **60000731**. You don't need the number when you write us in...but there it is, just in case.

## 10-33 UPDATE

Destiny Ledwell, age 12, died in a fire at her home on August 15th. The family had no life insurance on her and no property insurance to replace items lost in the fire, so Emergency Chaplains stepped in to help.

With help from the media we were able to inform the Triangle of this tragedy and request assistance.

As of August 28th, the good people of Durham and surrounding areas had donated over \$4,200 to our 10-33 Fund.

The cost of Destiny's funeral has been paid in full and additional funds have been given to the family. Thank you helping those in need!

SEPTEMBER 2010  
DURHAM, NC

## STAFF

Ralph Thompson  
Executive Director/Lead Chaplain

Carter Thompson  
Counselor

Johnny Hewett  
Senior Chaplain

Pedro Valladares  
Chaplain

Danny Bryant  
Chaplain

Pat Patterson  
Field Training Specialist

Clinton Stokes  
Chaplain Intern

Floyd Pearce  
Chaplain Intern

Russell Hill  
Photographer

## New Staff Additions

### Pedro Valladares (Chaplain)

Chaplain Valladares has been assigned to serve District 1 of the Durham Police Department.

Pedro is a native of Honduras who moved to Miami, FL in 1986. Twelve years later, while still living in Miami, Pedro sensed that God wanted him to move to Durham, NC and minister to the people here in our city.

Since 1999, he has been Pastor of Iglesia Evangelica CFC in Northern Durham. Pedro's goal in ministry is to share the great and abundant blessings that God has given him with the people of Durham and to see Durham transformed by the love of Christ.



### Danny Bryant (Chaplain)

Danny joined Emergency Chaplains on June 23rd. Danny has served as an associate pastor previously and currently serves in a volunteer capacity with Grace Church in Chapel Hill.

He is a graduate of Master's Graduate Divinity School where he earned a Master of Practical Divinity Degree in Chaplaincy and he has completed CPE Level 1 training through Alamance Regional Medical Center in Burlington.

Chaplain Bryant is married to Peggy and they are the parents of two children. He will serve as a volunteer chaplain with us and is currently assigned to the Durham Police Department, District 4.



### Floyd Pearce (Chaplain Intern)

Floyd is a Durham native, USAF veteran, and has been married to Betty for 44 years. His most rewarding work during his civilian career was working for 22 years with special needs adults.

He recently retired from his paying job and has answered the call to serve with Emergency Chaplains as he seeks to live out his passion of serving people in Jesus' Name and rejoicing over changed lives. His favorite scripture is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Chaplain Pearce is a member of Cross Culture Church in Raleigh where he sings with the Praise Team. Floyd will be assigned to our Crisis Response Team.



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## Devotions for 1st Responders

By: Pat Patterson

### WE NEED A REVIVAL!

*“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”*

**Romans 1:16**

Someone needs to tell these kids. They’re all gonna die!

“Medic-seven,” the dispatcher announced. “Got one shot!” I grabbed my stethoscope and headed for DC-20 as the dispatcher continued his monologue: “Got a teenaged male shot once in the head. Police officer on the scene requesting Code-three response. Code-three!”

“10-4, Durham,” my partner said, climbing into the ambulance and simultaneously keying her radio mike. “Medic-seven en route.”

I could feel the adrenaline rush. A tangled knot formed in my gut. I jumped into the passenger seat and buckled up, trying to calm myself as we pulled into traffic. *Relax! You’ve been a medic a good long time. Surely you’ve seen it all by now.* But as we raced up Alston Avenue, slowed down and pulled onto Hopkins, I felt my heart rate increase. My palms began to sweat. There’s just something unsettling about a young man with a bullet hole in the side of his head, his life blood spilling out all over the ground and a dangerous crowd pressing in on you demanding you get to work.



There was nothing we could do of course. He was already dead. But for the sake of our own skins, and the fact that we were standing on some gang’s turf, outnumbered about a hundred to one, we made a good show of it. We placed the dead kid on our stretcher and rushed him to the truck. We turned on our lights and sirens and hurried from the scene. But a block back down Alston my partner killed the sirens and lights. And I? I stared into the victim’s lifeless eyes trying to guess his age. Eighteen years old, maybe? Nineteen? Oh, Lord, what a terrible waste.

“Duke ER,” I said keying the radio mike. “I’m sorry but we’re bringing you a corpse. Another gang member. There’s nothing we can do.”

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What in the world is happening out there? It’s warfare. The gang situation in Durham has never been worse. Drugs, robbery, murder—they’re as common on our streets as rain. And I often find myself angry, craving righteous revenge. After all, those kids are killers. Punks! We should just put ‘em all away and be done with them, right?



Well that might be the thing to do if we had nothing more to offer them...but we do. We have Jesus—the light of the world. And I can personally attest to the brilliance of his light. If it weren’t for Christ I would be lost, living in darkness, with no hope for the future and no idea which way to go. But thank God for Jesus, and for the people who cared enough to lead me his way. He saved my life. And if he can do it for me, he can do it for you...and for them. So it occurs to me, why don’t we tell them about Jesus?

I realize that gangs are here to stay. I’m not naïve enough to believe they’ll disappear. Shootings will still occur in Durham, young people will continue to die. But sending those punks to prison, just locking them away, that won’t solve the problem. And something else is certain: they will never know the truth if no one tells them. So I think it’s time for a revival. Time to stop talking and start acting. The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation. Are we using it? Are you? Let’s take the streets of Durham captive for Jesus. Let’s take the gospel out there and see what God can do.

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Please join me in praying for a revival in our city. Pray for power and protection. Pray for boldness and opportunity. And pray that when the time comes we might find the courage to risk it all for Christ. Finally, pray about your own involvement. What role will you play in the revival about to unfold? Someone needs to tell these kids about Christ. Will it be you?

*“Lord, we need a revival. Kids are dying. Send someone to tell them before it’s too late. Send someone soon!”*