

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

Emergency Chaplains

JULY 2017



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY

Chaplain Johnny Hewett has accepted the call to serve as pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Green Mountain, NC. Since May, Johnny and Connie have been commuting to Green Mountain on weekends to provide ministry to the congregation. They are in the process of moving this week and will soon be settled in their new community.

Johnny will continue to serve with Emergency Chaplains once they get settled into the area. He will be looking for opportunities to personally serve in Yancey County as well as serving as our Manager of Chaplaincy Development for Western North Carolina.

Yancey County is strategically located between Asheville, Boone and Hickory. From his new location, Chaplain Johnny will be working with public safety agencies, chaplains, churches and other entities to increase the number of qualified chaplains serving in the western part of our state.

Hewett has served as a volunteer with Emergency Chaplains since 2010 and has been instrumental in recruiting new chaplains and assisting with program development. He has faithfully served our first responders and the community. He will be greatly missed.

At the same time, we are excited about this new chapter of ministry that Johnny and Connie will enter as they move to Green Mountain. We look forward to the future as we continue our work together, taking the comfort of Christ to those in crisis.



Johnny and Connie Hewett



DPD officers consoling each other after attempting to save Kamari's life.
Julian Harrison photo

CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

On Sunday, June 4th, our Crisis Response Team in Durham responded to a call that involved a 7-year-old boy, Kamari Munerlyn, who had been shot while riding in a vehicle. Our chaplains responded to the scene, to the hospital, to the 9-1-1 Center and to the police substation in that area.

Despite the valiant efforts of our police officers, firefighters and medics, Kamari was pronounced dead shortly after his arrival at Duke Hospital.

Our chaplains were present with the family at the hospital and made sure that the hospital chaplains were fully informed of the situation so they could minister to the family members there. Once care for the family had been established, our chaplains turned their attention to caring for the first responders over the next several hours.

Remember to pray for our chaplains as they continue to minister to those who have been affected by this hateful, senseless tragedy. Pray for more chaplains to serve with us. The harvest is great...the workers are few. Please Lord, send more workers!

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CHAPLAIN SPOTLIGHT



Chaplain Sunny Yu

Sunny Yu has joined Emergency Chaplains and is serving as our Ministry Development Chaplain for the Triangle.

Chaplain Sunny is a Gracie Jiu Jitsu instructor and he operates the Gracie/Durham Certified Training Center located at Northgate Mall. In addition to their regular training, Gracie Jiu Jitsu also provides specialized training for law enforcement officers and other first responders.

Sunny is a graduate of UNC/Chapel Hill and is an active member of New Horizon Church. He is married to Lisa. They have three children and live in Durham.

PERSON COUNTY CRT

A Crisis Response Team (CRT) is being formed to serve the agencies and citizens in Person County. The targeted start date for the team is September 1, 2017.

Emergency Chaplains currently provides chaplains in Person County who serve Person EMS, Roxboro Police, Person 911, Timberlake VFD and Moriah VFD. Those chaplains are assigned to minister to the needs of the members of those agencies.

The addition of a CRT in Person County will provide at least one chaplain to be on call at all times to respond with law enforcement, fire and EMS. Working side-by-side with responders, CRT chaplains will provide assistance to citizens who are facing a crisis. Most of the calls the Person CRT will respond to will likely involve sudden and unexpected death.



May 20 training event held at Westwood Baptist Church in Roxboro

Contact our office for more information about the Person CRT and look for our booth at the 38th Annual Personality Festival on August 25-26.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 2017 BANQUET

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

SHERATON IMPERIAL HOTEL
AND CONVENTION CENTER

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC

Upcoming Training Events

Mental Health First Aid
August 19

Group Crisis Intervention (ICISF)
September 9-10

Assisting Individuals in Crisis (ICISF)
October 13-14

Go to EChap.org/training for more info

Monthly Comforters Needed!

Your financial partnership allows us to reach First Responders and people who are in crisis with the hope and comfort of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for helping us continue our current ministries and expand the important work of Emergency Chaplains across the state of North Carolina!