

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

Emergency Chaplains

MAY 2023



"CALL TO CARE" BANQUET—NOVEMBER 2, 2023



Make plans now to join us on Thursday, November 2nd in the Family Life Center at Greystone Church in Durham for our 15th anniversary celebration!

Our guest speaker will be Jonathan Lotz, grandson of evangelist Billy Graham, and son of Danny and Anne Graham Lotz.

Start time for the banquet is planned for 6:30pm. Dinner will be included. Look for more information on Jonathan and additional details about the banquet in upcoming newsletters. Be sure and mark your calendars today!

CHAPLAIN JERRY—SAVING LIVES IN YADKIN COUNTY

Emergency Chaplains is conducting a special fundraiser to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

According to the American Red Cross, an AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

Once EChap is able to purchase this AED, it will be donated to Chaplain Jerry McFadyen. He is a member of the Yadkin County Rescue Squad where he functions as a NC Licensed Emergency Medical Responder and is trained in the use of AEDs and CPR.

Like many rural counties, Yadkin is dotted with several small towns and communities. Response time for paramedics is often extended because of the distance they have to cover. Having another mobile AED in the county in the hands of a trained Rescue Squad member, could be the difference needed to save a life one day.

Will you help us raise the \$4,000 needed to purchase a professional LIFEPAK AED kit that Chaplain McFadyen can put into service in Yadkin County?

You can donate online by going to EChap.org/AED or mail us a check. Just note "AED" on the memo line.



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CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

After a pedestrian was struck and killed by a dump truck, EMS requested a chaplain to respond. During the three hours that law enforcement investigated the accident, the chaplain provided care for family members that came to the scene.

Law enforcement summoned our chaplains to a homicide scene after

two teenage males were found dead in the woods. Six chaplains assisted on the scene where family and friends gathered while law enforcement investigated. Chaplains were on scene for over seven hours, until the investigation was complete

A resident of a local nursing and rehabilitation facility was attacked with a knife by his roommate. The

attacker was arrested and the victim was transported to the hospital with critical injuries. The facility requested assistance from EChap due to the emotionally traumatic impact on both the residents and the staff. Five chaplains deployed to provide on-site debriefing and served thirty-five individuals. Chaplains continue to provide follow up care on a weekly basis.



Chaplain Ralph was invited by Chaplain Bill Oakley to be the guest speaker at the May meeting of the Durham Civitan Club. Chaplains Ken Shires, Ann Wilkos, Mike White, and Lisa Rogers also attended the luncheon to accept a generous donation from the club. Emergency Chaplains is grateful for our relationship with the Durham Civitan Club, as they have faithfully partnered with EChap for many years. Chaplain Johnny Hewett was a Durham Civitan member until he moved to Yancey County to serve as pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT BY: RALPH THOMPSON

Dylan and I have had the pleasure of traveling to various places around the state over the past few weeks to visit with our chaplains. We recently spent a day with Chaplain Jerry McFadyen in Yadkin County. While there, Jerry gave us a tour of the Yadkin County Rescue Squad and we had a meeting with newly elected Sheriff Nick Smitherman. We are praying for others to join EChap to serve the Sheriff's Office there.

On May 2nd, Dylan and I made the drive over to Cary to attend the NC Peace Officers Memorial. The following week we trained for a couple of days in Raleigh with other chaplains that serve the NC State Highway Patrol. After our training with HP ended, we drove down to Smithfield to visit with Chaplain Paul Shambaugh.

In late April, we were in Gaston County to train two new chaplains, Tony Hodge and Bill McCumbee. Chaplain Hodge is now offering his service to the Belmont Police Department while Chaplain McCumbee has joined the volunteer chaplain team serving the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office.



L-R: Dylan Stone, Paul Shambaugh, Ralph Thompson

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Join the EChap Prayer Team. Pray for our First Responders, Public Safety Agencies, and our Chaplains.
EChap.org/pray

Prayerfully consider becoming a chaplain. The need is growing. We can provide the training.
EChap.org/training

Give monthly to Emergency Chaplains. Your support keeps us on the field to serve First Responders and citizens in crisis.
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