

"Turning Those in Crisis Towards Christ"

# Emergency Chaplains



## Finish the Race

By: *Ralph Thompson, Executive Director*

The day was cold and the wind was brisk, but the Lord kept the rain away from our Inaugural 5K Fundraiser. Eighty-three runners started the race...and we are happy to report that all eighty-three finished! Even the cold, windy conditions did not dampen the atmosphere as we gathered to celebrate the ministry of Emergency Chaplains and to raise funds for expanding our ministry presence across North Carolina.



*Overall winner E.C. Sykes, crossing the finish line.*

I know I had set a rather ambitious fundraising goal for this first-time event at \$28,000. I still believe we can finish this race and raise that amount because people care about our First Responders and those they serve.

The \$28,000 that we are trying to raise before the end of the year is for two specific needs. Locally, we need safe and reliable transportation for our Crisis Response Chaplains to use during inclement weather. We intend to use \$10,000 to buy a used 4-wheel drive vehicle so our on-call Chaplains can safely respond when they are called. Over the past two years there have only been a few calls that the weather prevented us from responding. One is too many.

A second and even greater need to raise before December 31st is for a part-time administrative assistant. We need \$18,000 to pay the right person to manage our Membership/Certification data and communications.

Beginning January 1st, Emergency Chaplains will offer membership, training and certification opportunities for Chaplain prospects in North Carolina. It's all part of Vision 100 that we have been praying about and planning these past two years.

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Please hear my heart on this. It's not just about raising a bunch of money or having Chaplains in every county. This is about multiplying the workers; Chaplains, who will make the sacrifice to get trained and go to people who are hurting and need the comfort of Christ.

It's about that First Responder who can't shake what he has seen and is now overwhelmed by hopelessness. It's about that young couple watching First Responders working feverishly to save the life of their child. It's about hurting people, on their darkest day, who desperately need Jesus to stand with them. Our Chaplains, armed with the presence of Christ, will stand in that gap to bring comfort, peace and hope.

Thanks to our 5K sponsors and runners we were able to raise \$8,000, but that means that we still need to raise \$20,000 by the end of the year!

Will you help us "Finish the Race?"

Would you please consider sending a one-time donation today; becoming a "Monthly Comforter" by setting up a pledge or draft to donate to Emergency Chaplains every month; or if you already give, would you prayerfully consider increasing your gift for next year?

Every gift helps and every gift matters. Please help us "Finish the Race" by giving generously to equip more Chaplains who are willing to take the presence of Christ where it is needed the most. Thank you for partnering with us and please remember us in your prayers!

Running the Race,  
*Chaplain Ralph*



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### 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, e-mail Chaplain Ralph Thompson, [Ralph@EChap.org](mailto:Ralph@EChap.org).

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