

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

Emergency Chaplains

AUGUST 2017



TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

'Called to Care' Banquet
Sheraton Imperial/RTP
Sunday, October 22, 2017 @ 6:00pm
Tickets--\$50 per person

BANQUET SPONSOR INFORMATION

Banquet Sponsors make it possible for First Responders to attend the banquet at no cost to them. Sponsors also provide funding so the ministry of Emergency Chaplains can continue to expand across the state of North Carolina.

Please consider a tax-deductible sponsorship today and partner with us to take the comfort of Christ to those in crisis.

Sponsor Level	Amount	Receive for Free
Hero	\$2,500	10 free tickets to banquet
Diamond	\$1,000	4 free tickets to banquet
Platinum	\$500	2 free tickets to banquet
Gold	\$250	—
Silver	\$100	—
Bronze	\$50	—

CHAPLAIN SPOTLIGHT

Chaplain Joe Sams serves First Responders in the Creedmoor and Butner area of Granville County.

Joe is an accomplished drummer and was pursuing a career as a rock music drummer in Texas in the 1990's. Through a series of events, Joe ended up back home in North Carolina and was invited by a friend to go to church. On that Sunday morning, Joe's friend called to let him know that he wasn't going to church, but Joe decided to go by himself. It was on that day that Joe got saved at Bethesda Baptist Church and he was baptized two weeks later.



Chaplain Joe Sams

Joe is a graduate of Southeastern College at Wake Forest. He serves in ministry...and plays the drums...at Cross Culture Church in Raleigh. Joe and his wife, Jennifer, live in Creedmoor along with their daughter, Charis.

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STAFF CHAPLAIN POSITION FILLED

Because of the faithful financial support of our ministry partners, Emergency Chaplains has been able to bring Kim Wilkinson on as a member of our paid staff. Thank you for making it possible to add another full-time staff member!

Kim joined EChap as a volunteer in August of 2016 as a member of our Crisis Response Team. She still serves in that role while assuming the full-time position of Staff Chaplain. Kim's primary duties will be recruiting new chaplains, increasing financial support for the ministry and assisting with training.

Back in April, Kim made the decision to leave her job as a Registered Veterinary Technician, step out in faith, and become a full-time chaplain. Hope Creek Church in Durham, where Kim is a member, recognized the call that the Lord had placed on her life to enter full-time ministry and commissioned her as a chaplain.



Kim Wilkinson

The road that Kim traveled to chaplaincy has covered a lot of miles. After graduating from NC State with a degree in Forestry, Kim eventually found her way to Canada, spending ten years there working for Weyerhaeuser in Grande Prairie, Alberta. She had always been 'wired to serve' and this led her to volunteer for St John Ambulance, where she became superintendent of the Volunteer Brigade and also worked with therapy dogs.

It was through her volunteer work that she met a Christian couple who became her friends and invited her to go to church with them. On August 28, 2005, Kim went with them to Victory Church on the Rock and surrendered her life to Jesus.

If you get a chance to meet Kim, let her tell you what it means to her to be 'born again'. She is excited about serving Jesus through chaplaincy and we are just as excited to have her!

CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

Our Durham Crisis Response Team (CRT) has received 241 calls for service in 2017.

The Person County CRT is scheduled to start operations on September 1st.

Following are some excerpts from our Chaplain Field Reports that were recently submitted by our Durham CRT:

- Chaplain 12 responded to a call where a husband returned home to find his spouse deceased. While ministering to the man, CH 12 learned that he was an Atheist, but he wanted to talk about spiritual matters. CH 12 was able to share her testimony with him and offer follow up grief counseling.
- Chaplain 3 responded to a local retail store parking lot where a man had committed suicide in his car. CH 3 assisted DPD as they delivered the death notification to the man's family.
- Chaplains 8 and 11 were called to assist law enforcement on a scene where a bus had struck and killed a pedestrian. They ministered to the driver, passengers and first responders. Authorities were not able to identify the deceased until the next day.
- Chaplain 1 responded with EMS to a reported cardiac arrest. The patient had overdosed on heroin and was resuscitated by first responders using Narcan. Upon regaining consciousness, the patient refused further treatment and ordered first responders to leave his residence.
- Chaplains 11 and 12 responded to a homicide scene at a local park. They were on scene for over 5 hours ministering to family members and friends.

Upcoming Training Events

Mental Health First Aid
August 19

Group Crisis Intervention (ICISF)
September 22-23

Assisting Individuals in Crisis (ICISF)
October 13-14

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!