



# Emergency Chaplains

DECEMBER 2017

## CHAPLAIN SPOTLIGHT



*Chaplain Eric Burmahl*

Rev. Eric Burmahl has served with Emergency Chaplains since 2014 as a Chaplaincy Development Manager (CDM). In his role as CDM, Eric serves as an ambassador for our ministry by building relationships with pastors, churches and potential chaplains with the goal of creating partnerships with Emergency Chaplains.

Chaplain Eric is the Lead Pastor for Braggtown Baptist Church in Durham and also serves the Lord by serving our country as a Chaplain in the US Air Force Reserve, stationed at Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro. Chaplain Eric also leads the Church Revitalization Team for the Yates Baptist Association. He truly has a passion to see the gospel of Jesus Christ go forward through Chaplaincy and through bringing new life into dying churches.

Eric was raised (and came to know the Lord as his Savior) in the same church that he now pastors. He enlisted in the US Air Force after graduation from Northern High School, later earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Campbell University. He then embarked on a career in manufacturing and, according to his testimony, each step took him further and further away from his relationship with the Lord.

After several years of moving up and down the east coast with several stops in the NC mountains, Eric found himself desperate for the Lord and rededicated his life to Jesus. He has since graduated with his MDiv from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and has served as a Pastor for over five years now at Braggtown. The Lord makes a habit of bringing beauty out of ashes.

Thank you, Chaplain Eric, for your Kingdom service through the church and the chaplaincy!

## PARTNERING WITH EMERGENCY CHAPLAINS

### 4-WHEEL DRIVE

Our Crisis Response Team needs a dependable 4-Wheel Drive vehicle to respond to calls during inclement weather.

Contact Chaplain Ralph if you would like more info on donating a vehicle to meet this need.

### YEAR END GIVING

All donations sent by US Mail and postmarked by 12/31/17 will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible receipt for tax year 2017.

Donations can always be made online at:

[www.EChap.org](http://www.EChap.org)

### BE A CHAPLAIN

For more information about how to become a Chaplain contact:

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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### PROVIDING CRISIS RESPONSE MINISTRY IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Emergency Chaplains will come to your church or group, providing this 3-hour seminar.

It will equip you to engage your friends, relatives, acquaintances, co-workers and even strangers with the love and comfort of Christ in difficult times.

Contact Chaplain Kim Wilkinson if you would like more information.

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### COMMUNITY CHAPLAINS OF AMERICA

We will offer this 12 session training class on Sunday nights, starting January 7th at EChap HQ. The cost is \$50 per person.

This training will go toward certification.

If you are interested in more information about this class, contact Chaplain Ralph.

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## CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

- **FIVE CHAPLAINS** served our law enforcement officers during a DWI checkpoint in November. The Chaplains set up food for the pre-checkpoint briefing and provided refreshments on site for the officers.
- **WHILE PROVIDING RESPONSE FOR A DEATH CALL**, one of our Chaplains had the opportunity to share the gospel with a neighbor who was a close friend of the deceased. The neighbor prayed to receive Christ in response to hearing the gospel.
- **DEATH NOTIFICATION CLASSES** were provided as part of continuing education for EMS in November. Classes were presented at Durham County EMS, Person County EMS and Moriah Volunteer Fire Department.
- **FOUR CHAPLAINS** worked at our exhibit booth during the Baptist State Convention in Greensboro. Our Chaplains connected with over 50 individuals who were interested in partnering with Emergency Chaplains.
- **TWO OF OUR CHAPLAINS** responded to a call where a teenager had committed suicide using helium. They were on scene for more than three hours ministering to family members.
- **OUR CRISIS RESPONSE CHAPLAINS** have answered 393 calls for service so far this year.
- **WHILE ON ROUTINE PATROL**, two law enforcement officers were summoned by a teenager who ran out to their car to ask for help. Upon entering the house, the officers found a 40 year old female in cardiac arrest and immediately started CPR. Chaplains arrived on scene to comfort family members on scene while the patient was resuscitated by EMS and transported to the hospital. Chaplains assisted in transporting other family members to the hospital.
- **AT 3:12AM ON A SATURDAY MORNING**, chaplains were requested to respond to the scene of a homicide on Weaver Street.
- **WHILE MINISTERING TO A WOMAN** who had just witnessed her husband of 70+ years die, our Chaplain welcomed a family friend into the home. The friend told our Chaplain about his part in sharing the gospel with the man prior to his death and seeing him become a follower of Christ.
- **CRT CHAPLAINS WERE DISPATCHED TO A LOCAL BUSINESS** where an employee had gone into sudden cardiac arrest. Chaplains ministered to the other employees while medics performed CPR. The Chaplain remained on scene to deliver the death notification to the wife and minister to family members.
- **THE PERSON COUNTY CRT** officially began operation on September 1st. They have responded to 14 calls for service through November 30.