



Emergency Chaplains

SEPTEMBER 2017

FIVE NEW CHAPLAINS JOIN ECHAP

Summer has been quite a "growing season" for Emergency Chaplains. We have added five new chaplains to our ranks, three of whom will be serving as part of the newly created Crisis Response Team in Person County. The three new chaplains in Person County will join Don Sharp and Chris Holeman to form the team.



The Person County Crisis Response Team will be led by **Chris Chandler**, who joined Emergency Chaplains in July. Chris is a member of Clement Baptist Church in Hurdle Mills where he serves as President of the Brotherhood. During the week, Chris is employed by Duke University

where he provides maintenance service in the main hospital. Many weekends you can find Chris driving the Medical-Dental bus for North Carolina Baptist Men. He also volunteers his time to minister to the patients who come for treatment. Chris is married to Michelle. They have three children and live in Person County.

Church in Pensacola, FL, Chaplain Buchanan now serves as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and Men's Ministry Leader for Mill Creek Baptist Church in Person County. Merritt and his wife, Bonnie, have three children who serve the Lord and have given them seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren...so far!



Michael Geoghagan joined Emergency Chaplains in July. He will be serving Public Safety Agencies in the Macon/Cherokee/Clay County area of Western North Carolina. Michael is a graduate of Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA where he earned a BA degree in Christian Counseling. A former volunteer firefighter with Cullasaja Gorge Fire and Rescue, Chaplain Geoghagan is a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors and is currently working toward becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor. Michael lives in Franklin with his wife and their son, Bryson. They are members of Pine Grove Baptist Church, where Michael serves as a Deacon.



Dave Cline is the Pastor of Olive Branch Baptist Church in Roxboro. He joined Emergency Chaplains in July and has been assigned to the Person County Crisis Response Team. Dave is a graduate of Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA where he graduated with a BS in Church Ministries. Prior to moving to

Person County to serve the church at Olive Branch, Dave served as an Associate Pastor for ten years in Halifax County, VA where he also volunteered as a Chaplain for the Sheriff's Office there. Dave lives in Roxboro with his wife, Charlotte, and their son, Caleb.



Patrick Cherry is a Church Planter who answered God's call to move to the Wake Forest-Rolesville area two years ago and became the Organizing Pastor of Christ the Word Church. As a student at James Madison University, Patrick was active in Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and Campus Crusade for Life. It was during this time that he

sensed God's call to serve in full-time ministry and went on to earn a Master's of Divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Patrick is married to Kate, and they live in Wake Forest with their children. Chaplain Cherry will serve agencies in the Wake Forest-Rolesville area.



Merritt Buchanan became a member of Emergency Chaplains in July and is assigned to the Person County Crisis Response Team. Merritt served in the United States Marine Corps and he is a graduate of Elon College and Liberty Bible College, where he earned a Master's in Theology. Ordained as an Elder by Liberty

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CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

Following are some excerpts from our Chaplain Field Reports that were recently submitted by our Chaplains who serve directly with Law Enforcement Agencies: (*names omitted)

- My wife, who is a member of the FaceBook group, "Bull City Blue Wives", responded to a request for help with moving from an officer's wife. Their closing date had changed on their new house at the last minute and all the help they had lined up couldn't help because they were working. We responded to let them know we were coming to help. They had everything at the new house in the garage. With the help of some of his fellow officers, we were able to move everything out of the garage into the house. They were so appreciative. It was a such a blessing being able to serve them in this way!
- I rode with Officer * for this shift. Officer * has been with PD for 4 years and aspires to be a homicide detective. Officer recently purchased a home in Durham. The shift was very busy and we responded to two hit and runs, (one property damage only but the other one involved injuries) one Motor Vehicle Crash with injuries, a disturbance call, a suspicious person call, a poisoning call, and two domestics, one of which involved warrants being taken out. The second domestic involved an entire family in turmoil, the primary subject being a 19 year old female who is 6 months pregnant and suffers with bipolar schizophrenia. This female was transported to Duke and I provided my card to her and her mother so they can reach out and I can provide them with follow-up resources to help them get structure and organization in their lives after the daughter is discharged from Duke.
- Participated in 2017 Basic Chaplain training at Emergency Chaplains. One session was led by Det. Jim Barr, DPD. We had a time of prayer and laying on of hands of Det. Barr for his safety and wisdom as he carries out his duties.
- Ride along tonight was very quiet. I was able to have in-depth conversations with Officer * about challenges he is facing personally with his family. I offered suggestions from a family counseling standpoint. Provided my card and contact information in case he would like to discuss further concerns or need an outlet down the road.
- Received call from Officer *. He was on scene assisting EMS with an elderly woman who did not need transport but needed someone to check on her until a new home health nurse was secured. Referred to Chaplain Wilkerson who did a welfare check at residence the next day and made contact with the woman's church to advise of situation. The church readily dispatched help and took over assistance from chaplain.

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