

"TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST"

# Emergency Chaplains

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## THE BREATH OF LIFE

If you are willing to take a break from the busyness of the holidays, I want to ask a favor of you. Would you be willing to send a note or card to Dylan Stone's sister, Tyler? She will be a patient at Duke Hospital for at least another couple of weeks, following a double lung transplant on November 24th.

If you are able, please send a Christmas card to Tyler along with a note of encouragement. Take a minute to encourage Tyler in her recovery and let her know how you heard about her surgery. Mail your cards to:

**Tyler Stone**  
5521 Nob Hill Rd  
Durham, NC 27704



Since her surgery, Tyler is doing great, but she has a long way to go...as with any transplant surgery. So, in addition to sending her a card, please pray for Tyler's continued recovery in the months to come. Pray specifically for the Lord to strengthen Tyler and for her body to fully accept her new lungs. Pray for Tyler's Aunt Terri, who is Tyler's primary caregiver.

Also, pray for the family that lost a loved one. A lung transplant can only happen when someone dies. Often the death is sudden and involves someone that was in the prime of their life. Praise God for His provision but let's not forget the tremendous price that was paid for Tyler to have this "breath of life". Pray for the donor family, whoever they may be.

If you pick this newsletter up after Christmas and remember that you meant to send her a card...no worries! Her recovery is going to be lengthy...so send encouragement notes after Christmas as well. Dylan will hand deliver every card that you send.

Tyler, who is now 24 years old, was born with CF (Cystic Fibrosis) and has struggled with the disease throughout her life. Her health declined rapidly over the past couple of years to where her only option to have any quality of life was to seek transplant surgery.

Duke placed Tyler on the transplant list and in less than a week (the day after Thanksgiving) she received the call that a donor had been matched and to immediately report to the hospital. Her surgery started around 7pm and lasted 10 hours.

As I have pondered the details of Tyler's transplant, I can't help but focus on Jesus, especially as we celebrate Christmas. God became flesh and dwelt among us. He lived a perfect, sinless life and willingly died in my place, and yours, on the cross...and He rose again, overcoming sin, hell, death, and the grave. But the most amazing part of the Christmas story, for me, is the transplant surgery that He did for me. He took my heart of stone and gave me a heart of flesh!

Join me in praising God this Christmas for His undeserved favor, mercy, and blessing...the gift of His salvation, that is truly "incredible"!

*Chaplain Ralph*

## YEAR END GIFTS

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# CHAPLAIN FIELD REPORTS

**We are always looking for divine appointments...**several months ago, we were tasked with providing care at Carver Living Center following a critical incident involving two residents. Chaplain Lisa Rogers has maintained a great relationship and provides weekly visits for residents and staff. In the months following, Chaplain Daryl Anderson joined the team, and is now making weekly visits as well. In addition, Chaplain Daryl and his wife, Ada, have begun caring for folks over at the Laurels in Chatham County.

**One Chaplain recently participated** in two separate debriefings that involved multiple Public Safety Agencies. The events that First Responders deal with often are difficult to process and can hit close to home. Debriefings are a tool to help them, and others involved, process critical incidents.

**Fire Department requested Chaplain** assistance following a suicide. The Chaplain assisted family on scene during the investigation and helped them navigate next steps. They were able to pray with the family and provide comfort prior to leaving the scene.

**Two Chaplains assisted local EMS, Fire and NC State Highway Patrol** following a severe vehicle accident. Five patients (including two children) were transported to the hospital. One Chaplain responded to the scene while the other went to the hospital.

**Chaplain requested to assist** after a 70 y/o female died from a cardiac event while in the shower. Friends of the deceased gathered on scene. The Chaplain assisted them with contacting next of kin and notifying other family while Law Enforcement conducted their investigation.

**Chaplain responded to a call** involving a young man in his early 20's, who was found deceased by his mother from a suspected drug overdose. The Chaplain assisted the family in understanding the Medical Examiners process as well as selecting a funeral home that could meet their needs. Often when the Medical Examiner's office takes jurisdiction, it can delay funeral planning for families. Our Chaplains are required to have a working knowledge of these processes to better assist families.



Chaplains from our Crisis Response Team in Person County took part in the Christmas tree light ceremony at Person Memorial Hospital in Roxboro on December 6th. Three of our chaplains were able to take part and are pictured on the back row. (L-R: Don Sharp, Ed Miller, and Tom Gearhart.

Our Person County chaplains serve Person Memorial Hospital and make rounds there on a regular basis, ministering to both staff and patients.



At our banquet on November 2nd, we were honored to present Chaplain Bill McCumbee his Public Safety Chaplaincy Certification. Bill is 82 years young. He serves Kings Mountain Police Department and is on the chaplaincy team for the Cleveland County Sheriffs Office.

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