# "TURNING THOSE IN CRISIS TOWARD CHRIST" Emergency Chaplains



AUGUST 2020

VIRTUAL BANQUET NOW ONLINE

### Our annual "Call To Care" banquet, originally scheduled for April, was finally presented in August. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were forced to limit the size of the audience and no food service was allowed. The only guests in attendance were those connected to the filming of the event.

The banquet program premiered on our website at 6:00pm on August 9th and is now available for your viewing anytime at www.EChap.org.

When you watch the banquet from our website you will be able to see the

two individuals who received the Brantley Pearce Memorial Award. Merritt Buchanan was recognized as Chaplain of the Year and Larry Smith received the First Responder Award.

Merritt Buchanan joined Emergency Chaplains in 2017. He leads our Crisis Response Team in Person County and also serves as a chaplain for the Roxboro Police Department. Prior to his retirement, Merritt taught middle school in the Person County Public School system and used that platform to invest in the lives of many families across Person County. He has continued his missionary work through Emergency Chaplains.

Larry Smith served his entire law enforcement career of 30 years with the Durham Police Department and retired as Deputy Chief. During his career, Larry was known for being a peacemaker and lived out his faith in Jesus through his work. Today, he continues to

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Larry Smith and Merritt Buchanan

make an impact on the community by investing in our law enforcement officers and being there to encourage the men and women who stand on the thin blue line.

On the video you will also hear an inspiring story from our special guest, Jody Rose. In 2019, Jody's son Kyree was a patient at Duke Hospital waiting for a heart transplant. God arranged some special meetings around Kyree's hospital stay that changed his life forever and is still impacting lives today. There's not enough space to write the story here....so take time to watch the video!

Also on the video you will hear our ministry update on **Vision 100** and how that is leading us to an expanded vision of **25x25**. You may remember that **Vision 100** is our goal of establishing a sustainable chaplaincy ministry in every county of North Carolina. **25x25** is our goal of training 2,500 new chaplains by the year 2025. Many of those chaplains will be in North Carolina, but we will be opening our training up to students no matter where they live!

It is going to take a lot of hard work to make Vision 100 and 25x25 a reality. We hope that you will take time to watch the banquet video and prayerfully consider partnering with us to train gospel focused chaplains who will serve in the public safety arena.

Please consider partnering with Emergency Chaplains today by filling out the enclosed card to become one of our "Monthly Comforters". The fields are white unto harvest...thank you for praying!

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