



COWLITZ CHAPLAINCY

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Chaplains Activity

The first two months of this year have been very busy for the Chaplaincy. In January and February we responded to 42 calls to assist first responder agencies in our county. If this trend continues we will easily surpass the record 203 calls in 2014.

We responded to another train fatality in February, and there have been several over the last year in our county. Please remember, and remind others, to be extremely careful around the tracks. The passenger trains go very fast through our area. Please do not hike, bike, jog, or decide the tracks are a good background for photographs!

The tragic accident in Kalama recently with the Kroll family reminds us that our small communities are served by first responders who have lived in the area for many years and know many of their neighbors. Please remember to pray for all our first responders as they have to do their jobs at the same time they are dealing with their own grief and loss.

As Chaplains we also enjoy opportunities to share in the special events and celebrations of the agencies. In the first two months we have welcomed a new police chief to Woodland, Phillip Crochet, and a new Sheriff Deputy Alexis Tonnison. We also attended the Longview Police Department annual awards dinner.

On February 22 we attended the Mission Sunday at Calvary Community Church. It was a great time to share what the Lord is doing through the Chaplaincy and meet the other missionaries Calvary supports.

Chaplain Doug lead worship twice for Living Word in February and Chaplain Tom led the men's retreat for Calvary Community Church the last weekend of Febru-

ary. So far this year the Chaplains have officiated at 11 funerals, and performed 2 weddings.

Chaplains Training

In February Chaplains Mario, Doug, and Flip attended the International Conference of Police Chaplains' Regional Conference at Cannon Beach, Oregon.

The three day event provides opportunities for police and fire Chaplains to acquire basic skills and advance training in several areas, as well as hear engaging topics from other Chaplains and guest speakers in the area of law enforcement and fire service.

One of the highlights of the event was the advanced training provided by our keynote speaker, Dr. Samuel Feemster, a retired FBI instructor and minister who taught on "Integrating Spirituality in Law Enforcement." Dr. Feemster worked for the FBI for over 28 years and is a primary advocate for the inclusion of training on spirituality at the FBI academy for field officers. He continues to be a strong proponent of helping law enforcement discover and enhance issues of spirituality as a means of staying health and whole in a difficult career field.

Chaplain Doug was recognized for achieving his "basic" level of credentialing and Chaplain Mario was approved as a Disaster Relief Chaplain on the International Police Chaplains' Disaster Relief Response Team; that was created to provide support to law enforcement and other first responders experiencing traumatic events. Chaplains selected for this team have received training to prepare them to in assist in disaster situations.

10th Annual Les Nelson Memorial Breakfast and Auction

Plan now to attend the 10th annual Les Nelson Memorial Breakfast and Auction, April 11, 2015 at the Expo Center in Longview 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This year's event will have some special features you will not want to miss!

You have several ways to sponsor the breakfast

Platinum Sponsor \$2500.00 One available
Gold Sponsor: \$1000.00 Two available
Silver Sponsor: \$500.00 One still available
Bronze Sponsorship: \$250.00 Ten still available.

See www.cowlitzchaplaincy.org under "events" to see what each sponsorship receives, or contact one of the Chaplains for a brochure. 360-425-7222.

Host a table: Your mission is to invite 8-10 people to fill a table purchased by one of our sponsors who is not able to fill their table.

Donate an Auction Item: We need your special silent and live action items. Please contact the office and we will be glad to pick up your item. 360-425-7222. This is a great way for you to promote your hobby and business, and support our mission.

ATTEND THE BREAKFAST/AUCTION

If you are not able to sponsor a table or host a table, we still would love to see you at this great event!. If you would like to attend please contact the office at 360-425-7222. If you get our voicemail please leave your name and phone number and we will get in touch with you.

Go to www.cowlitzchaplaincy.org for all the details.

PLAN YOUR BID!

Orlando Florida Vacation: This auction item is scheduled for July 13-18 at the WorldMark Reunion Resort. It includes a large three bedroom condo for up to

eight people, which includes a full kitchen and washer/dryer. There are 11 swimming pools, children's pool a water park, and lazy river, fitness center, and tennis courts. You can also take advantage of three golf courses, and pamper yourself at the spa. The resort is also a short shuttle ride to Disney World. Visit www.reunionresort.com. Also visit the Cowlitz Chaplaincy Facebook page for more details.

Cruise the Puget Sound: Enjoy an eight hour cruise for 12 people aboard a 50 ft. yacht. This cruise leaves out of Olympia, goes north to the Narrows Bridge, around Fox Island, and stops for lunch in Longbranch. It also includes a continental breakfast and BBQ steak dinner. Also visit our Facebook page for more details.

Homestead Farms Resort: Enjoy the Homestead Farms Golf Resort in Lynden, WA. July 19-24. This resort includes a two bedroom condo, golf course, swimming pool and spa. Tour the scenic Dutch community of Lynden and take a quick jaunt over the Canadian border and visit many wonderful places in lower British Columbia. Check out www.viresorts.com for more details. We also have this advertised on our Facebook page.

Scenic Flight: Take a 30 minute scenic flight with the Experimental Aircraft Association out of Kelso, WA. Contact Karyn Anderson at 360-261-8268 for more details.

There will also be many other great items for both the silent and live auction!

Every 15 Minute Program

Be in prayer for the Chaplains as they participate in the Every 15 Program in April and May. This important program is a drunk driving prevention program for all the county high schools.

Facebook Page

For those of you who enjoy checking out Facebook, we want to invite all of you to "like" Cowlitz Chaplaincy on Facebook.

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