



COWLITZ CHAPLAINCY

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THANK YOU

On behalf of the Chaplaincy and Our Board of Directors I would like to express our gratitude to all of those who contribute to support the Chaplains mission and ministry on a regular basis. Without the support of those committed individuals our mission wouldn't be as strong as it is.

On September 15th we hosted a successful Chaplains Golf Scramble. There were so many involved that the level of support was overwhelming.

A special thank you to our dedicated office volunteers, Cynthia Moon and Crystal Eiland, who spent many hours working in the office and at home to make this event possible.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped decorate the tables, those who assisted with checking-in and checking-out, those who assisted with clean-up and meals.

Thank you to our marketing committee, our board members who supported and encouraged us. A Special Thank you to board member Jeanette Scibelli and her assistant Jennifer Mendoza who assisted with the signage and supplies for the table decorations and many other areas.

Most of all I want to thank all of our event sponsors, contributors of prizes and raffle items and those who played in the golf event.

CHANGES

As the changes at the Cowlitz Chaplaincy continue to unfold I am privileged to announce the hiring of our "New" Executive Director. Effective on the 16th of October Paul Bricknell has agreed to be our Executive Director. This "Newly" defined position will



be responsible for the day to day administrative operations of the Chaplaincy and will also take on our fundraising efforts.

Paul Bricknell is a long time member and a pastor in our community. He served as youth pastor of Calvary Community Church for 15 years and is thrilled to begin a new mission serving as the Executive Director with the Chaplains. Last December he earned his Masters of Divinity from Western Seminary. He was also ordained by Calvary in April. Paul and Elizabeth celebrated nine years of marriage in September. They have two children, Ada and Libby, who are four years old. Both Ada and Libby love preschool, dressing up, and reading books. Paul and Elizabeth are also starting a new church in our community with an emphasis on discipleship and community care.

I (Paul) am over the moon excited to join such an important ministry in our community. My first objective as Executive Director is to learn the strategic role our experienced chaplains play in our community so I know how to support them in prayer. In one of my first days, I was privileged to ride along with Chaplain Doug Fields as he did his daily check in with all the emergency departments. I was impressed by a few things. One, our chaplains know our emergency responders and know them well. The relationships our chaplains have with the first responders is sincere, deep, humorous and caring. Second, our chaplains impact is gratefully appreciated by the responders. In the few days I've been here, the number of responders who have raved about the role the chaplains play in their lives was too many to recall. I look forward to serving a long side our chaplains, first responders and our community members!

Executive Director, Paul Bricknell



BEHIND THE SCENES

In theatre work, as the audience watches the action on stage, there is so much more going on in the back, behind the curtain. All this going on, unseen by the audience, makes for a smooth performance on stage.

Although the actors are the ones whom everyone sees and applauds, without those skilled behind the scenes workers, the program would probably flop, or at least not be what it could be.

The same goes for our movie and TV stars. Without the director, camera operator, stuntman, dolly grip, key grip, and all those other grips, the movie/TV star wouldn't be much of a star. And so it is in the life of a First Responder Chaplain.

When we arrive on a scene, usually some tragedy has happened. Most, if not all the time, the first responders are the only ones happy to see us. We don't normally just stop by for coffee. We often step into a family's or individual's circumstances on the worst day of their life. For that we need more than earthly wisdom, and that comes from the Holy Spirit, who guides us into all truth. Chaplains are the ones everyone sees, whether good or bad. It's like in the theater; it's the unseen workers who help make the scene the best it can be. A Chaplain would no more go to a scene without relying on the Holy Spirit, than a Police Officer would go without their gun, or a Firefighter without their protective gear. It is, shall we say, a given.

Everything I've said so far points to my main reason for this article. The following are some things I wouldn't forget to take when going on a call, my phone, radio, protective vest, notepad, and of course a Bible. But most of the time for me, it's hearing my wife's words, "I'll be praying for you" as I rush out the door to respond to a call for assistance. I believe the Holy Spirit honors those words and brings me comfort in the midst of the chaos. My wife is there upon returning home, and I am greeted with kind words of love and comfort, and sometimes tears, as she sees the drained expression on my face, after an unusually trying incident.

I know that the husband is supposed to be the head of the household. But I also believe that the wife is the "neck that turns the head". Come to think about it, I've never seen a head do much without a neck. In fact, it's the neck that usually pulls my head out of something! Anyway, blessed is the person who has a praying spouse.

Jesus said to his followers, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NKJV

Chaplain Flip

SHOP WITH A FIRST RESPONDER

Its that time of the year!!!! It is our annual "Shop with a First responder" program. This program, sponsored by the Chaplaincy in partnership with Wal-Mart and local First responder agency's, pair officers and deputies from area Law Enforcement departments and firefighters from a local fire department with deserving kids in our area to give them the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts. The kids get to spend time shopping with individual first responders getting to know them and coming to see them as friends and positive role models. For the kids, it is also a special opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for family members.

Planning is under way for the current year. We were able to help over 60 kids in Longview and the county last year. Once again the Wal-Mart Foundation and local stores have stepped up to provide the needed funds for the gift cards for the kids which covers most of needs, however there are still expenses and the opportunity to include more kids to receive support and so to that end I want to invite you, our supporters to consider participating in our program this year by donating to the program. Your donations help to cover any expenses as well as help us support additional kids so that we do not have to turn anyone away. Donations can be made to Cowlitz Chaplaincy with a note to indicate that it is for the Shop with a First Responder program.

In the meantime, I want to say thanks for your continued support and prayers in helping us to minister to our First Responders. God Bless

Also questions can be addressed to me at Chaplain.doug@hotmail.com or by calling me at 360-355-2379.

Chaplain Doug

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