



## Ben Yablonski

WESTCOAST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### About the Family

My wife, Carolyn, and I grew up on the Canadian prairies. We met at Bible college where I earned a degree in pastoral studies. I was ordained in 1993.

Carolyn has a degree in nursing. She is a public health nurse and enjoys visiting new babies and their families.

We have lived on Vancouver Island since 1989. We have three grown children (Cari-Lynn, William and Benson) living in British Columbia and Michigan.

### About My Ministry

I am an SBC endorsed Fire Department Chaplain. I was a firefighter in Manitoba when God called me into ministry. During my years at Bible college and pastoring, I continued to serve as a volunteer firefighter and auxiliary police officer. I saw firsthand the great need for pastoral care in the 911 community.

In 1999, God opened the door for me to begin a ministry of chaplaincy to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on southern Vancouver Island. In 2008, Langford Fire Service invited me to be their chaplain.

911 chaplaincy is a “come-alongside” style of ministry that is bringing God’s care, love, and support to the 911 community—frequently on a one-to-one basis. It is extending the reach of the local church into this closed community. My ministry motto is “Serving Those Who Serve.”

Find out how you can  
**Pray.**  
**Participate.**  
**Provide.**

#### PRAY.

Pray department/detachment doors will remain open to chaplaincy.

Pray that God puts me in the right place at the right time with the right words to share that will bless those I visit.

Pray for safety for the 911 community and for me as I respond to calls and drive back home in the early hours of the morning.

#### PARTICIPATE

Send a team to help with police appreciation barbecues.

Ask for our e-newsletter to get a monthly snapshot of the ministry. Prayer warriors needed; join our spiritual response team.

Explore the opportunities to extend the reach of your church by becoming a chaplain.

Pray for chaplains and their families

#### PROVIDE

NAMB does not provide compensation for SBC endorsed chaplains. However, a general fund is available to receive donations in support of the ministry and pastoral care to SBC endorsed chaplains. To donate, please visit Support Chaplaincy ([missionaries.namb.net/projects/full/chaplaincy](http://missionaries.namb.net/projects/full/chaplaincy)).