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About the Family

I am married to my lovely wife, Cindy. We have two children, Frank and Kashae. Thirty-five years ago I entered public service as a firefighter EMT. From there I enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a Hospital Corpsman. After being enlisted for 10 years, I went to work for the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). After retiring from the VBA, in 2012 I began volunteering on the VA Medical Center's hospice wing. During this time I recognized my calling to hospital chaplaincy. Since that time I have recognized other opportunities to serve my community and God's kingdom agenda. I am truly blessed to have the love and support of my family, church and community.

About My Ministry

I'm honored to serve my community as a NAMB endorsed disaster relief chaplain. Currently, I am involved with Florida Baptist Disaster Relief, the American Red Cross, Centerstone Sexual Assault and Trauma Services, and I am the regional lead for central and southwest Florida's disaster spiritual care. I am the chaplain for the North River Fire District, Manatee Memorial Hospital, Blake Medical Center, Tampa Bay Regional Critical Incident Team and Manatee County Critical Incident Team. I began my ministry as a first responder and now the Lord has graciously allowed me to become a first responder to first responders. Additionally, I volunteer in middle and elementary schools as a mentor through games of checkers, games of chess and conversation, which is called CCC Youth Mentoring/Ministry (2 Cor. 1:3-5) with a focus on student survivors of trauma. As a child survivor of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), I feel uniquely called and qualified as a wounded healer to this youth ministry.

Find out how you can
Pray.
Participate.
Provide.

PRAY.

Pray that Christ will be glorified as I represent Him to those responding to and recovering from natural disasters or critical incidents of various types. May I be His hands and feet to the communities and individuals I serve. Pray for wisdom for the best way to come alongside the sick, wounded and dying in a way that would be helpful and God-honoring. And that I would consistently seek and heed the voice of the Holy Spirit as I serve others as a chaplain.

PARTICIPATE

Chaplains serve as an extension of the local church in places that other members and church staff sometimes cannot go. Explore the opportunities to extend the reach of your church by becoming a chaplain in one of the many settings where chaplains bring gospel ministry with compassion and convicting kindness. Be involved in supporting chaplains and their families. 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).