



Find out how you can Pray. Participate. Provide.

Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and leading while ministering to first responders.

Pray I would be able to be what they need, when it is needed when they ask for help or experience difficult times. Pray for my ability to listen.

PARTICIPATE

Commit to long-term prayer support. Explore the opportunities to extend the reach of your church by becoming a chaplain. Be involved in supporting chaplains and their families. Send notes of encouragement. Talk with a chaplain about his or her ministry context. Send resources that support a chaplain's ministry context. Pray for chaplains and their families.

PROVIDE

Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources. Support a missionary financially.

Mark Nelson

CLEARMEW BAPTIST CHURCH

About the Family

I am the SBC-endorsed chaplain for the Furman University Police Department in Greenville, S.C., and a current International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) member. I retired from the Greenville Police Department in 2022 after 25 years of service and started at Furman University after retiring to become the training lieutenant. I was asked to be the chaplain for the department and accepted the call in July 2023.

I have four grown children and eight grandchildren. I am blessed to have a wonderful wife who shares our empty nest and helps keep me in line.

About My Ministry

I became the chaplain for the Furman University Police Department in August of 2023. I have been working on training in 2023 and completed basic and liaison training with ICPC in 2024.

I am pursuing a bachelor's degree in Biblical Exposition in Practical Ministry from Andersonville Theological Seminary. I obtained an associate's degree in biblical studies from Andersonville in 2007.

I am very excited to serve in this capacity and pray to be a blessing to those I serve.