

County-Wide Chaplaincy

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HOW, WHERE, WHEN?

“Never worry about the numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the one nearest you.” - Mother Teresa

Booker T Washington was still a young boy of 7 when Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in January of 1863. While he was spared the full brunt of slavery his entire life, he spent the remainder striving to help others break free of the long, horrifying degradation from generations in slavery.

Washington was an unusual, even almost unique personality of his time. Articulate, educated and charismatic, he has been criticized as an, “accommodator,” a “Go along to get along,” kind of guy. In spite of the criticism he believed strongly in the value of service, and in serving those closest in, and where circumstances place you. So it is with this emphasis the men and women serve the citizens and First Responders in Clark County as chaplains.

In assisting the population of Clark County, your chaplains work in the cities and unincorporated areas responding to request in a variety of circumstances. Whether from police, fire, medical services, or even the Medical Examiner’s Office, when 911 sends out the call, regardless of the hour, a chaplain will be there, helping as needed with a Servant’s Heart. We live here too, and our goal is to provide others with the spiritual, emotional and practical support needed in the often chaotic, fogged times of grief and loss.

Booker T Washington told a story of service in the metaphor of a tall masted sailing ship trapped in a dire situation. Damaged and becalmed in still waters, stores ran low and the situation turned into a crisis of dwindling supplies, drinkable water being chief among the shortages. To the Captain’s relief, another ship appeared near their location and they were eventually able to communicate. As they closed the signal went out, “No water. Please send.” The response from the other ship was simply, “Drop your bucket where you are.” The troubled ship’s Commander once again signaled, “Situation critical. SEND water,” and again, the response was sent, “DROP your bucket where you are.”

The situation extended, and several pleas for water were dispatched, with always the same simple response, “DROP YOUR BUCKET WHERE YOU ARE...” Finally, in desperation, with no recourse, the desperate crew eventually dropped their buckets into the ocean below. When retrieved, the water was sweet, cool and fresh. The entire time they had been sitting where the mouth of the Great Amazon River daily empties millions of gallons of fresh water into the Atlantic Ocean.

As chaplains of County Wide Chaplaincy we have been called to drop our buckets where we live. We stand alongside our fellow citizens and emergency personnel of Clark County, reaching out to those closest, often one at a time. It is a humbling honor to be given this opportunity...

Chaplain Ken Turney

Please remember to pray for the safety of all our first responders.
We are all so grateful for them!

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