

County-Wide Chaplaincy

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Lyle Coblentz has served the people of Clark County, both as a Nazarene Pastor and a chaplain with County-Wide Chaplaincy. His initial exposure to the chaplaincy came nearly 14 years ago when a family in crises (after a double fatality) asked El Loney, the chaplain on scene, for Pastor Lyle to respond. Lyle then and there recognized the significant help and care a chaplain provides in time of trauma. Shortly after that call, he started his training to become a 911 chaplain. He has faithfully served since, and although recently retired from the pastorate, he still avails himself to helping the Chaplaincy in various roles. We at CWC, are grateful to Lyle and his wife Anna for their commitment and example. This month's appreciation report comes from the desk of Chaplain Lyle.

Ian Fitzpatrick shared this story with me, recently. Ian is the Canadian National Director of the Church of the Nazarene.

Salisbury Cathedral (England) dates back to the year AD 1220 when the foundation stone was laid. It was completed in 38 short years. The tower stands 404 feet tall. There is a cross on top of the tower and it stands 12 feet tall. It contains a time capsule from 1951. A time capsule enclosed in a cross! What a novel idea. I'm curious as to what might be in that specific time capsule but far more interested in the "time capsule" that is lodged in the cross of Calvary. God invites all to open it, and when we do, we find an everlasting message of love and forgiveness of sins; and we find the promise of resurrection and eternal life with Jesus. This "time capsule" was not placed there on the day Jesus died on the cross. No, it was placed there "before the foundation of the world." The marvelous plan of God to send His Son Jesus to redeem humanity is available to all, and that is what is enclosed in the cross of Christ. The cross was a Roman instrument of death in ancient times, but today symbolizes God's means of giving life to those who place their trust in Christ.



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Salisbury Cathedral with its 404 foot tall tower and 12 foot cross on top stood as a landmark for people in days gone by. They would get their bearings by looking at it on the horizon and it would guide them. People around the world can look to the cross of Christ for guidance in life. His cross stands much higher than Salisbury Cathedral; it reaches all the way to Heaven connecting mere humanity with the Divine. Everyone is invited to open the "time capsule" contained in it and to enjoy the eternal provision of God, guiding us and leading us to our real home.

Chaplains stand as a guide to help those who are struggling in times of crisis. We go representing the

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cross of Christ and serving as a stable force in an unstable environment. Faithfully we go, humbly we reflect Christ, bringing to those who hurt the love, compassion, and care of God who alone is the foundation of hope. Your prayers and support are part of our going and we say thanks.

Chaplain Lyle Coblentz

First responders continue to faithfully serve our community, and we chaplains get the privilege of assisting these great men and women.
Please pray that we are a blessing to them, and for their safety!

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