

County-Wide Chaplaincy

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John Lambert, long time friend of County-Wide Chaplaincy, wrote this month's letter. John's history includes being a disaster relief chaplain and Stephens Ministry leader. He and his wife Sandy currently do Christian (nouthetic) counseling for those in need.

The Mental Field

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" John 16:33 (NKJV).

"Jesus Christ foretold tribulation; He conveyed His message with a loud and clear voice to the saints in all ages—'*In the world you will have tribulation,*' and the Apostle Paul continually warns us that we have no right to settle in complacency."¹

- **1 Thessalonians 3:4 (NKJV)** "*For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know.*"

And the Old Testament prophet Zephaniah also warned us.

- **Zephaniah 1:12 (NKJV)** "*And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, "the LORD will not do good, nor will He do evil."*

"Tribulation means being thronged by severe affliction and trouble; that is what the saints are to expect in this dispensation and not be astonished when it comes. God allows tribulation and anguish to come right to the threshold of our lives in order to prove to us that His life in us is more than a match for all that is against us. When we see the awfulness of evil in this world we imagine there is no room for anything but the devil and wrong; but this is not so. God restrains the powers of evil. How does He do it? Through the lives of the saints who are pushing the battle everywhere their feet are placed. The devil tackles on the right hand and on the left but they are more than conquerors, they not only go through the tribulation, but are '**exceeding joyful**' in it."²

The chaplains of the COUNTY-WIDE CHAPLAINCY in Clark County are no stranger to tribulation. Rather they are as Oswald Chambers said above, more than conquerors. However, not in their own abilities. There are many who can attest to this. Nevertheless, our

¹ Chambers, O. (1959). [*The servant as His Lord*](#). London: Marshall, Morgan & Scott.

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chaplains are more than conquerors. You can see this as they step out in faith and go to each call that is asked of them. When they go on these calls, they trust that God compels them to be loving and caring at the scene of upheaval and hurt and pain. Our Chaplains are more than conquerors even when they walk away feeling like they didn't do enough, or what they did was wrong. COUNTY-WIDE CHAPLAINS are more than conquerors for just showing up and desiring to be of help, regardless of what their feelings might be saying to them. What makes them more than conquerors is the love of Christ in them and their desire to love their neighbors. Listen to how Paul says it.

- *“Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or hunger or lack of sufficient clothing or danger or the sword? **36** Just as it is written, ‘On account of you we are being put to death the whole day long; we are considered as sheep for slaughter.’ **37** No, but in all these things we prevail completely through the one who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” **Romans 8:35–39 (LEB)***

We would do well to remember in prayer our first responders and the COUNTY-WIDE CHAPLAINCY.

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