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THE PRESIDENT’S POST! BY: DR. DAVID C. VORCE, PRESIDENT

God’s word tells us that in the last days, justice will be turned upside down. What is right will be seen as wrong. What is wrong will be seen as right. Have you watched the news lately? It doesn’t take long before you wonder what has happened to the values of our country. These values have made the U.S. the most desired destination for immigrants from all over the world. The American Dream was in the hearts of all those who cherished freedom and democracy. That dream was still alive just a few short years ago.

The newscasters of today will tell you that the dream is not only dead but it was a fabrication, and the U.S. was built upon the backs of the oppressed and down trodden. Yet, that is not the history that I remember.

Do you know that there is a faction in our country that is actively trying to change history to reflect their social worldview? They are no longer trying to hide it. In fact they are flaunting their desire to overthrow the U.S., as we have known it. What they hope will bring us to despair, I see fulfillment of the very word of God.

In 1972, God placed in my heart a seed that has taken years to mature. As that seed

developed into the purpose God intended, truths were revealed. One of those truths is that as time progressed, circumstances would create a need for specialized ministry. Chaplaincy is a ministry that develops ministry within the ministry by going beyond church walls and convention, placing godly men and women in strategic locations in local government, hospitals, police and fire agencies, business and industry, with influence and ability to minister their blessings to the needs of God’s people from the framework of those entities. In essence, counteracting the influences and destruction of the enemy.

With the current “things of this world” happenings, there has never before been as much of a need for the office of the Chaplain as it is today. We are receiving reports daily from the IFOC trained and equipped Chaplains, with great reports of victories after using these skills while ministering to those who have a need.

Be sure to check out just a few of these Chaplains spotlighted in this newsletter. We are so proud of the work being done, as a result of

their efforts to acquire these skills. *(Please submit a report of what God is doing through you in this ministry, - see instructions in this newsletter.)*

Excellence is the goal in the Word of God that always comes to mind when I think of the work our Chaplains do. Excellence in ‘effort’, Excellence in ‘sacrifice’, and Excellence in their run in the race of the ‘High Calling’. But these are not prerequisite to service in the Lord.

Keeping the prize before you is the key to hear “Well done, MY good and FAITHFUL SERVANT.” By keeping self out of the equation and faithful service as our motivation, offence cannot touch you. And rejection will remain far from our door, and the “joy that passes all understanding” will remain your companion.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Keeping the prize before you is the key...*
- *In these days of turmoil, Chaplaincy and IFOC Chaplains have an excellent opportunity...*
- *God has given me certain talents that I have been able to bring into my ministry...*
- *...once again the images of Daniel arose as I observed a new wildfire, this time it was moving toward my home...*

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CHAPLAIN WAYNE'S WORDS BY: SR. CHAPLAIN WAYNE WILLIAMS



Sr. Chaplain
Col. Wayne Williams
Chief Operations Officer

In these days of turmoil, Chaplaincy and I.F.O.C. Chaplains have an excellent opportunity to be a most valuable resource for their neighbors, community and extended realm of influence.

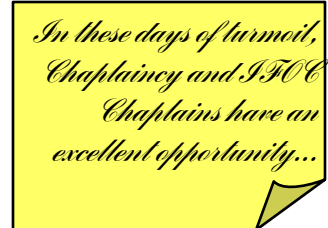
Those of us in I.F.O.C. Leadership, are looking to build a constituency of Chaplains committed, well trained and ready to serve where ever and when ever the LORD leads them to serve.

We are currently working on the development of various Advanced Trainings and different ways of bringing more value to I.F.O.C. membership.

In 2012, I.F.O.C. Membership Renewal packets will include a prescription card.

I humbly extend to you all, well wishes for many blessings in this Christmas Season and a very Happy and Prosperous 2012

In His Glorious Service,
Wayne A. Williams
Chief Operating Officer



FROM THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE



Chaplain Sue Williams
Assistant Administrator

I have been busy writing a series of pamphlets to make things easier for our students.

1. *"What Comes Next"* - which leads the path to membership & becoming a Chaplain.
2. *"Who Can Host A Class"* giving explicit directions on hosting a class
3. *"Who Can Be A Chaplain"* - explains how

Chaplaincy is for all age groups and professions, including the stay at home MOM.

We are also currently busy with renewals and memberships.

We already have 8 definite classes scheduled for 2012 with many more that will officially be on the website soon.

Thanks for your continued support of this ministry. You are

all doing a great job. For future references we really want to hear what you are doing in the field. If you could write something up and send it to news@ifoc.org or sue.williams@ifoc.org, maybe you will be in the next newsletter. We need to encourage each other and this is a good way to do it.

Blessings,

Chaplain Sue Williams
Executive Administrative Assistant

IFOC CHAPLAINS DOING GOOD THINGS WITH PEN AND PAPER



Sr. Chaplain and
New Author
Col. Mindy Albright

Three of our IFOC Chaplains have recently taken up the pen to produce some very good reading.

First, Sr. Chaplain Mindy Albright recently penned her second book in a series called "The Adventures of Grandma Chap" series.

Mindy says that she got her inspiration to write from her life experiences and the greatest training she ever received.

She says, "I never imagined writ-

ing children's books, but then I never imagined I would be a grandma of six either! What a delight it has been to follow another avenue of Chaplaincy in doing this project. The first book "Grandma 'Chap' and the Littlest Chaplain" introduces kids to Chaplaincy. It is the exclusive book published for children about Chaplaincy.

Book two has been a delight to introduce kids to the concept of

being able, no matter how small you are to make a difference in someone's life. 100% of the proceeds from book 2 goes to Feed My Starving Children.

Sometimes we wonder if what we are doing is having an effect.

If interested in any of Mindy's books, go to MindyAlbright.com or email her at chaplainmindy@gmail.com.

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Our second Author, Lynn Potter has written a book that any one of you in prison ministry could really use.

“Help! I’m Locked Up and I Need Hope!” is a discipleship course designed to help women experience the hope and love of Christ while being incarcerated.

It is a workbook study on the first two chapters of Hosea and parallels jail or prison with the “wilderness”.

For every donation of \$9.99, we will get one copy of this book into the hands of a female inmate to help her find hope in the midst of a difficult circumstance.

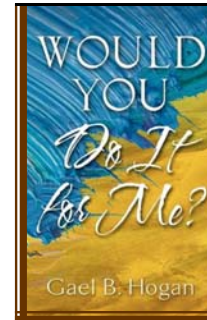
If you are interested in getting a copy, contact Lynn at: lynnpotter222@yahoo.com or send your check and order to: Lynn Potter P. O. Box 11 York, SC 29710

Our last Author is Chaplain Gael Hogan. Her book, “Would You Do It For Me?” is about knowing and believing God regardless of who you are or what you have done. In good times or in bad times, faith really is the answer.

“Would You Do It For Me? Is about lifestyle and process; its about responding to god-when it’s hard and hurts, and when it’s all joy and easy. It’s about

living your faith honestly with the living God.

Chaplain Hogan’s book is currently available through 2500 book outlets and on Amazon.com.



IFOC CHAPLAIN HONORED BY FERNDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Saturday, November 5th, 2011, IFOC Chaplain and Reserve Police Officer Ken Coppock was recognized by both the Ferndale Police and The American Legion as the 2011 Ferndale Police Reserve Officer of the Year.

Between his reserve duties and his

responsibilities as their Police Chaplain Coordinator, Ken has put in countless hours.

He has been working within the department creating various brochures on crime prevention, grief and loss, drug abuse, suicide prevention and survivor brochures over the past few

years.

“God has given me certain talents that I have been able to bring into my ministry here in Ferndale. This is a ministry of presence. I am very humbled by this award as there are many more deserving than I am.



TEXAS CHAPLAINS RESPOND TO TEXAS WILDFIRES: BY: SR. CHAPLAIN KEITH ROBINSON

Deep into one of the most devastating of summers, Texas was literally ‘afame’ due to the massive drought that had turned our usually green foliage into brown tinder begging for ignition by any source. *From the beginning of the fire season to October 21, 26,516 fires had burned 3,944,707 acres, 2,875 homes (1,939 of which were destroyed over the Labor Day weekend), and over 4,900 other structures. 47.1% of all acreage burned in the U.S. in 2011 was burned in Texas.*

When human devastation and tragic loss is affecting communities, IFOC

Chaplains begin reviewing the contents of their “go-bags” in anticipation of deployment calls from the IFOC National office. Then it happened. Chaplain Harvey Pendleton called my cell and said, “We have a massive fire in Bastrop. Can you deploy?” I said, “Certainly, but there is also a large fire that is filling the Houston air with smoke from fires in Magnolia.” Chaplain Harvey said, “We don’t have anyone there so, after you get set up there, give me a call and let’s see if we can’t get other Chaplains to get over there.”

There’s always an air of excitement after receiving a call for deployment by IFOC. But, as IFOC Chaplains, we are always ready to roll out and serve the Lord by serving his children in times of distress and disaster. As I drove toward the billowing smoke filling the Northern skies of Houston, I couldn’t help but think about Daniel 3:17-18.

Upon arriving in Magnolia, there had been mandatory evacuations of families from homes threatened by the fires. The Incident Command Center had been set up at the Magnolia High School and I counted over 50 fire units from all over the region. *Continued on Back Page*



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TEXAS FIRES

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There were two major chaplaincy needs: serve the people in the shelter and serve the fireman and women who faced the consuming beast day in and day out.

Serving the 250-350 people in the shelter involved watching the faces for fears that their home had been destroyed. Three to five times a day I positioned myself at the staging area near the Incident Command Center. It was here that the refueled fire trucks, re-filled tanker trucks and weary firefighters stopped for water and to get new assignments on the fire lines. It was there that I prayed with the personnel and reminded them that Jesus was right next to them as they pro-

tected our community.

I was blessed to have Chaplain Gale Yandell, Chaplain Vonzel Harris and a Hospital Chaplain (Chaplain Lynn Carpenter, who will be taking our next IFOC Training class) and IFOC Chaplain Tara Dorrah to serve with me on this deployment.

Shuttling back and forth, loving on all these distressed people for the next six days with a wonderful team of dedicated Chaplains was more than a fulfilled mission.

As I approached Katy, Texas on my final day, once again the images of Daniel arose as I observed a new wildfire, this time it was moving toward my home.



At the Incident Staging area, firefighters catch a moment of rest where ever they can before going on to there next assignment.

The IFOC has been talking about a way of letting all of our members know what we have been doing, and what IFOC Chaplains are doing out in the field.

The IFOC "Chaplains Calling" is that avenue of sharing all of the information that is pertinent to assisting you with your ministry, as well as letting you know what is going on with Chaplains in other areas. This Newsletter is not only our way of letting you know what is going on with in the IFOC, but it is also your Newsletter. We would like to know what is going on with you.

Any new ministry ideas that you are trying? Have you written a book lately? Have you received any accolades recently? New baby or grandbaby in the family? Or maybe you have a car, boat, motorcycle or Camper you want to sell.

This Newsletter is for the benefit of all. So please if you have something you would like to share with your IFOC brothers and sisters, feel free to send it to news@ifoc.org.

God Bless,

Sr. Chaplain Col. Ken Coppock, Editor