

# February 2023

Chaplaincy endorsement opens ministry opportunities outside the church.

*Gloria Taylor*

**"The world has a lot to say about love, but so does the Bible."**



Some of you may remember a TV series called "The Love Boat". It was set on a cruise ship. Passengers ranged from couples hoping to revive their relationship to adventure seekers to individuals seeking someone to love. As we enter February and Valentine's Day approaches, we reflect on love and think about how to show love. On Valentine's Day, couples all over will exchange gifts to express their love for each other. There will be marriage ceremonies and engagements demonstrating commitment to loving each other.

Here are a few bits of commentary on love that I found worth pondering:

1. "Love is blind, it sees more not less. But because it sees more, it is willing to see less."

Rabbi Julius Gordon

2. "Love may not make the world go round, but it sure makes the trip worthwhile." from Bits and Pieces

3. "It is no chore for me to love the whole world. My real problem is my neighbor next door."

From The Defender

The world has a lot to say about love, but so does the Bible. In John 13, we see the first glimpse of Jesus looking forward to what will happen on the cross. The chapter begins with Jesus washing the disciple's feet. Then he predicts his betrayal. Judas is pointed out as the betrayer and gets out of that room as soon as he can. After Judas leaves, Jesus has more to say about what is coming. He speaks of the glory of God and the fact that he will be

leaving his disciples soon. But he doesn't end there. These teachings about what is coming is followed by instructions to the disciples. In John 13:34-35 Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." Peter doesn't pay much attention to this since he's stuck on the statement about Jesus leaving them. This new commandment didn't sink in right there, but at the end of John we see that Peter is starting to understand when he is reinstated by Jesus after the resurrection. This is just one of many examples in scripture about how Christ loves us and how we are to love. Just as we see Peter start to understand the importance of loving others, I believe that we, as chaplains, cannot minister to those that God has called us to unless we love them. We can only do that because God has showed us what true love is like, through His Son Jesus.

I recently came across a great example of how God demonstrates his love to us on cfaith.com. As is often the case, missionaries have to learn how to bridge cultural differences and biases in order to love people well. Doug Meland's case was no different.

When Doug Meland and his wife moved into a village of Brazil's Fulnio tribe to work for Wycliffe Bible Translators, people referred to him simply as "the white man." This was meant to be derogatory. Other white men exploited the Fulnio tribe and took their lands. But as the Melands learned their language and began to provide help with medicine and other essential needs, people began calling Doug "the respectable white man." Then the Melands started adapting some of the customs of Fulnio tribe and gained greater acceptance. They started calling Doug "the white Indian." Then one day, as Doug was washing the dirty blood-caked foot of an injured Fulnio boy, he overheard a by-stander say to another: "Whoever heard of a white man washing an Indian's foot before? Certainly, this man is from God!" From that day on, whenever Doug would go into a Fulnio home, it was announced: "Here comes the man God sent us."

So, my question for you to ponder is this: what do they call you when they see you? I pray it will be, "Here comes the person that God sent to love me, just as I am." My prayer is that this will be the best year for you and your ministry and that you will continue to grow in love for God and the people you minister to.



## Chaplaincy Prayer Wall

From now on, you can submit your request AND know when you are being prayed for in real time! No more submitting your prayer request and waiting for us to send out an email! Log into the Secure Side of the

chaplaincy website and click on "Chaplain Prayer Requests" or, if you are already logged in, click the button to go directly there.

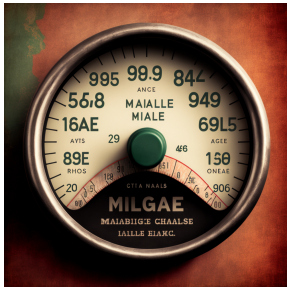
[Prayer Wall](#)



## Quarterly Reports

Quarterly Reports are like a box of chocolates, sometimes you don't get it marked off your to-do list until the last minute! If you missed any of your reports from last year, don't wait any longer. We have to turn in our reports for the year.

[Quarterly Report](#)



## IRS Mileage Rate

Beginning on January 1, 2023, the standard IRS mileage rate for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 65.5 cents per mile driven for business use, up 3 cents from the midyear increase setting the rate for the second half of 2022.
- 22 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes for qualified active-duty members of the Armed Forces, consistent with the increased midyear rate set for the second half of 2022.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations; the rate is set by statute and remains unchanged from 2022.

[U.S. Missions Missionary Page](#)



## Tithe Projection Form (2023)

If you haven't filled it out yet, get it done. You know who you are.

2023 Tithe Projection Form



### Zollie L. Smith Jr. Scholarship

The Zollie L. Smith Jr. Scholarship fund was created in honor of Zollie L. Smith Jr., Assemblies of God U.S. Missions executive director from 2007–2017. U.S. Missions awards two \$1,000 scholarships each year.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Open to the children of nationally appointed U.S. missionaries and full-time AG-endorsed chaplains.
2. The parent/guardian of the child must be a full-time U.S. missionary or chaplain at the time of disbursement.
3. The child must be a recent high school graduate or have graduated from high school no more than four years ago.
4. The child must attend an Assemblies of God church, be saved, and be water baptized.
5. The college or university the child chooses to attend must be a stateside, accredited four-year college or university.

To be considered for this year's scholarship please have your student complete the scholarship application, which can be found by clicking the button below.

You can also find the application on the [U.S. Missions Missionaries page](#) under Other Forms.

**Applications must be submitted by April 1, 2023**

**References must be received by April 15, 2023**

[More Info](#)



## Upcoming Trainings

We will be leading the following trainings:

April 3-5, 2023 (Boliver, Missouri): ICPC Basic  
Chaplaincy Classes.

June 12-14, 2023 (Boliver, Missouri): ICISF - Assisting  
Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention.

Email for more information.

Email [461Response@ag.org](mailto:461Response@ag.org)



## 2023 Chaplaincy Conference

SAVE THE DATE!!!! July 31-Aug1 at the Hyatt in  
Columbus, Ohio. These are the two days before General  
Council.

This is literally all the information we have right now, so  
it won't do anything except waste your time if you  
contact us asking for more information. That sounded  
ruder than intended. What we meant to say was:

We will send out information AS SOON AS WE CAN.

[General Council Info](#)



## U.S. Missions Luncheon

Malcolm Burleigh would like to invite you to our U.S. Missions luncheon on Thursday of General Council. At the same time, we will be holding 2 pizza parties for our kids ages 5 to 18. Children under 5 can attend the regular banquet with their parents but they must also be registered.

**Registration gets cut off early** so don't wait until too late to register. We have to turn in our numbers and make sure we have a room to fit everyone.

[Register for the U.S. Missions Luncheon](#)



## MK Pizza Party

There will be TWO Pizza parties for the kids (ages 5-11 & 12-18)! **If they aren't registered they can't attend.** That will make them sad. If they are registered and don't show up, the tickets still have to be paid for by the Chaplaincy Ministries. That would make us sad. Since it's a party, let's make sure everyone is happy!

[Register for the Kids Pizza Party](#)



### Chaplain Cordero

Attended the Circle of Freedom dedication ceremony (Chaplain Kim Crawford) in Seymour, Iowa, from January 20-21.



### Chaplain Denley

Attended the NCMAF meetings in Crystal City, Virginia, from January 6-12.



### **Chaplain Taylor**

Visited chaplains in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, area from January 16-17 and in Phoenix, Arizona, from January 13-15.



### **Chaplain Odean**

Attended the Circle of Freedom dedication ceremony (Chaplain Kim Crawford) in Seymour, Iowa, from January 20-21.



### **Chaplain Reighard**

Taught a CISM course in San Antonio, Texas, from January 23-28.



### **Chaplain Williamson**

Represented Chaplaincy at Milestone Church outreach and pastors round table conference in Keller, Texas, on January 3. Shared about Chaplaincy at a sectional luncheon in Hickory Creek, Texas, on January 12.

## **2023 Major Events**

**May  
16-18**

### **Commission on Chaplains**

Springfield, Missouri

**July 31  
- Aug 1**

### **Chaplaincy Training Conference**

Columbus, Ohio

SAVE THE DATE

(See above for more info)

Oct  
6-9

## National Faith & Blue Weekend

[Download the Save the Date Flyer](#)

Nov  
6-8

## Commission on Chaplains

\*\*\*UPDATED DATES\*\*\* Springfield, Missouri

*"Kim has pioneered 'Circle of Freedom Ministries' to minister to women struggling with life controlling issues and to break cycles of incarceration in southern Iowa. To the glory of God, Kim obtained a facility in Seymour, Iowa, just over two years ago. With the help and support of many, renovations have been completed for the ministry to launch! Chaplain Manny and Chris Cordero and myself and Brenda Odean were able to attend the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. We are excited for Kim and her team the Lord has assembled to have a great impact for the Kingdom of God!"*

Dan Odean

## Chaplain of the Month



## Chaplain Crawford

This month's article discusses three great ministry principles applicable to every area of chaplaincy ministry. You will be encouraged and challenged by the words Chaplain Crawford has shared with us this month.

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Read [the rest of this great article](#) on the secure side of the chaplaincy website. If you are not already logged in, you will get a 403 Forbidden warning when you click the link. That's

okay. Click on the Chaplain Login button in the top right corner, log in using your AG Passport username and password, and in the NAVIGATION box, select Articles.

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