

## April 2023

Chaplaincy endorsement opens ministry opportunities outside the church.

*Mike Reighard*

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For Such a Time as This

When the Apostles recorded Jesus' words commanding His followers to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, there were never instructions for how to do it. We see preaching as the most common and effective method. On occasion, this method is modified to reach a specific people group, but modified methods have not become the norm. Recent research suggests that this might change if we are to continue to minister effectively.

A recent study shows a significant drop in the number of people that believe religion is very important in their lives. According to Pew Research Center, in 2021, 41% of adults surveyed said they consider religion to be very important to them. **This is down from 56% in 2007.** A 15% drop warrants investigation. Not only do we need to explore the reason for the change, but we must be able to adapt so we can meet spiritual needs in our communities.

Chaplaincy becomes extremely important in fulfilling the Great Commission. It allows ministers to provide the pastoral care that current trends require.

Biblical pastoral and church models often look closer to chaplaincy than pastoral roles today. Acts 18:1-3 describes the relationship Paul had with Priscilla and Aquila:

*After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.*

Paul served as a chaplain to refugees. He worked alongside them because he already had an 'in' with them; they shared a common occupation. Then, he led them to Christ and disciplined them. This is the work of chaplains. They bring their identity as ministers of the Gospel outside the church into spaces and communities where they have relationships. It is an effective means to reach unchurched people.

Your role as a chaplain is essential for today's Church. Chaplains provide an alternative to our ideas of traditional Christian ministry in a world that no longer values religion the same way it did in history. Chaplains connect with people and build relationships in groups that don't necessarily value religion or faith. Members of their community that likely don't know much about what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ, even if they know something about Christianity. Chaplains pastor sheep without shepherds, a vital aspect of Church outreach in this time. Thank God for Chaplains!



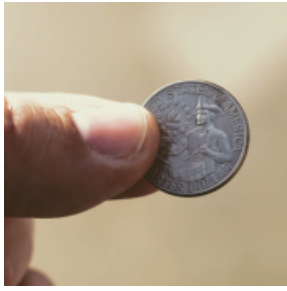
## Chaplain of the Year

Help us select the 2022 Chaplain of the Year.

The person will be selected from the Chaplains of the Month from 2022. Please click on the link below to select one person who you believe should be the Chaplain of the Year.

What are you waiting for? You may now vote on the Chaplain of the Year!

[Chaplain of the Year](#)



## Quarterly Reports

The first Quarterly Report of the year is due April 1-5. I've been told this is NOT where you get to talk about your 1970-S stamped Washington quarter, but you DO get to report on your ministry! Click the red button to fill it out today.

[Quarterly Report](#)

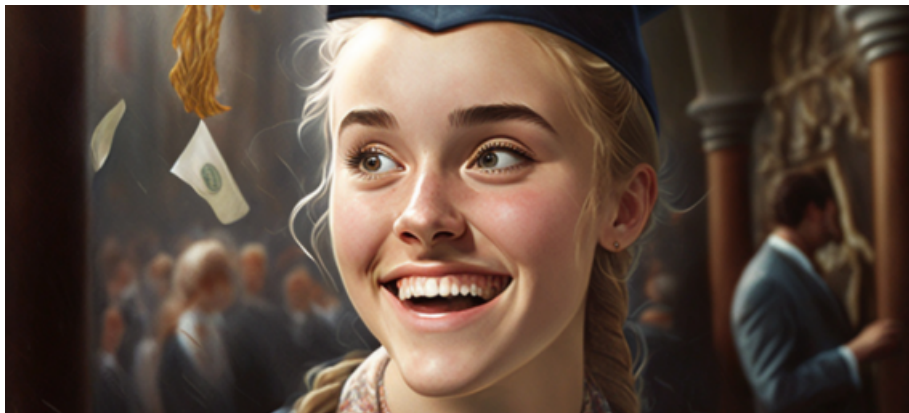


## Chaplaincy Prayer Wall

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.

If you click the button and you are not 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 Chaplain Prayer Requests.

[Prayer Wall](#)



## 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

YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL WITH MORE INFORMATION.

July 31-Aug 1 at the Hyatt in Columbus, Ohio. These are the two days before General Council.

[Register for the Chaplaincy Conference](#)



## 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**

Conducting marriage retreats and services for pastors and chaplains in Cuba from March 25-April 3.



### **Chaplain Denley**

Spoke at Northpoint College and visited chaplains in Haverhill and Somerville, Massachusetts, from March 11-16.



### **Chaplain Taylor**

Visited chaplains in Austin, Texas, from March 15-16. Attended the CPSP Conference in San Francisco, California, from March 24-29.



### **Chaplain Odean**

Visited chaplains in Georgia from March 12-21.



### **Chaplain Williamson**

Attended a men's meeting in Waxahachie, Texas, on March 7. Met with pastors about chaplaincy in Frisco, Texas, on March 14. Visited chaplains in Grapevine, Texas, on March 23.

## **2023 Major Events**

**April  
7**

### **National Offices Closed for Good Friday**

Springfield, Missouri

May  
16-18

## Commission on Chaplains

Springfield, Missouri

July 31  
- Aug 1

## Chaplaincy Training Conference

Columbus, Ohio

Oct  
6-9

## National Faith & Blue Weekend

[Download the Save the Date Flyer](#)

Nov  
6-8

## Commission on Chaplains

Springfield, Missouri



### Significant Achievements:

Kenneth Hancock was NAVAC Board Certified on 3/13/23.

Jonathan Williams was selected for Army Active Duty on 3/13/23.

Justin Nichols was selected for Army Reserves on 3/13/23.

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**We celebrate with these chaplain!**

*"Chaplain Jerry and Julie have served faithfully for 17 years in the Oregon District. I respect their diligence and perseverance to depend on the Holy Spirit's leading and directing in their ministry. The name of their ministry is ZAOfit3, from the Greek word live/abide/sojourn, which not only describes who they are as Chaplains, but also who they are as people. Their ministry focuses on serving athletes in their community and personal training for fellow ministers. This year, they will be participating in the Boston Marathon not only for the accomplishment, but also an opportunity to impact people for Christ."*

John Williamson

**Chaplain of the Month**



## Chaplain Jerry Mullins

### MINISTRY TRAJECTORY

When my wife, Julie, and I resigned our position as youth pastors in 2014, we thought we knew the direction of our ministry. That ministry was three-fold: 1) minister to the running community; 2) help pastors reclaim their health; 3) team-up with churches for workshops on the importance of our physical health. God had called us to it, but we knew it would be tough. We had lots of ideas about what the ministry would be like and the kind of support we would receive. **We were wrong about all of it.**

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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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