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Our Mission:

Partnering with client companies to provide care, counsel and crisis management services to their employees from a Christian perspective.

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Frost on the Pumpkins

The current economy has had a “chilling” effect on the business world and we have felt their pain. As businesses cut back or have closed, we have laid off chaplains, reduced compensation packages and cut our budget wherever possible.

Autumn brings another kind of chill, but also a good deal of cheer. The arrival of frost and fall weather sets the stage not only for color tours and hunting seasons but more importantly for the wonderful holidays of Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. By the time you read this

you may be preparing for the former and shopping for the latter.

I think God is in favor of holidays, especially those that recognize His goodness and grace. Remember that He prescribed several week-long holidays for his chosen people in the Old



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Labor Day Race a Big Success!

We expected it to be smaller!
We were wrong!!

Despite the economy, and maybe because of beautiful weather and a growing positive reputation, the Cadillac Festival of Races (which we have co-sponsored for the past few years with Northern Michigan Christian School) drew more competitors than last year (over 220 runners, not counting the children's races).

The day went off without a single snag and a great time was had by all. By working together with lots of volunteers from the Junior and senior classes of NMCS (who are raising dollars for a class mission trip to the Dominican Republic) we were able to split nearly \$6000 of net income from this great event!

In this race everyone wins!
Our thanks to all who helped make it happen!

Advancing the Mission

THE NEXT CHAPLAIN

Have you ever wondered where chaplains come from?

Sometimes, so do we!

Each time we begin a new service location or need to add staff in current locations we wonder where the next chaplain/associate will come from. Amazingly, once we put the word out that we are looking for a person with

ministry skills and/or ordination, with a desire to help and counsel employees in the workplace (and sometimes even before we put the word out) that “right” person shows up.

Sometimes they are pastors of a local church with a little time to spare. Sometimes they are chaplains at a local hospital. Sometimes they are individuals with a counseling or social work background who want to bring their skills

into a more spiritual context.

Sometimes we seek them out and sometimes they find us — by word of mouth or by connecting with our web site (www.workplacechaplains.us)

Right now we are looking for potential new chaplains or associates (non-ordained staff) in the Holland area as we contemplate some new client opportunities there. If you or someone you know

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Encouraging the Ranks of the Un- and Under-Employed

Another event that we co-sponsored in the last month was a workshop that we are called "Navigating through Tough Times."

This was a half day event on Sept. 23 in the Student Center at Baker College in Cadillac, MI (our co-sponsor) which include information on how to best work with the state unemployment procedures, how to work with lenders to preserve your mortgage and credit scores, how to save money on

groceries and other necessities, how to take advantage of educational opportunities to prepare for future employment, and how the temporary employment services may help you find your next job.

The event was not as well attended as we had hoped, but those who came let us know that they truly appreciated this attempt to make their lives easier and the community resource representatives welcomed the opportunity to display and talk about what they had to offer.

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Testament.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas this year I hope that we will allow them to remind us all of God's great gifts to us and His continuing promise of peace on earth and goodwill to all men.

May we make them occasions to celebrate family, share with those in need, and to thank God for His wondrous love and grace.



Ron Klimp
Executive Director

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has an interest in becoming a workplace chaplain or associate, our web site contains lots of information that could be helpful in understanding what we do and an email link to let us know of your or their interest. We'd love to talk to you or them about this

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Please consider us in advance as we rapidly approach the year end and consider how God may have you help us to invest His resources into His kingdom.

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unique opportunity to serve God in the workplace.

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Notes from our Chaplains and Clients

"The Lord has been very good to us and allowed us to see much progress with some of these clients. One was on the brink of suicide when we first met him about 3 years ago and this fall he asked us to marry him and his fiancée. What a great blessing to see them both doing well and making great strides in their lives. Another was extremely unhappy in her life and was going down a very dangerous and unacceptable path. She rededicated her life to the Lord and He has made all the difference in her outlook. She's making excellent progress and continues to come to work with a sunny disposition that is a wonderful reflection of God's love in her life. She still faces some difficult issues but her whole perspective has changed for the better. Praise God!"

(Deborah Winn)



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