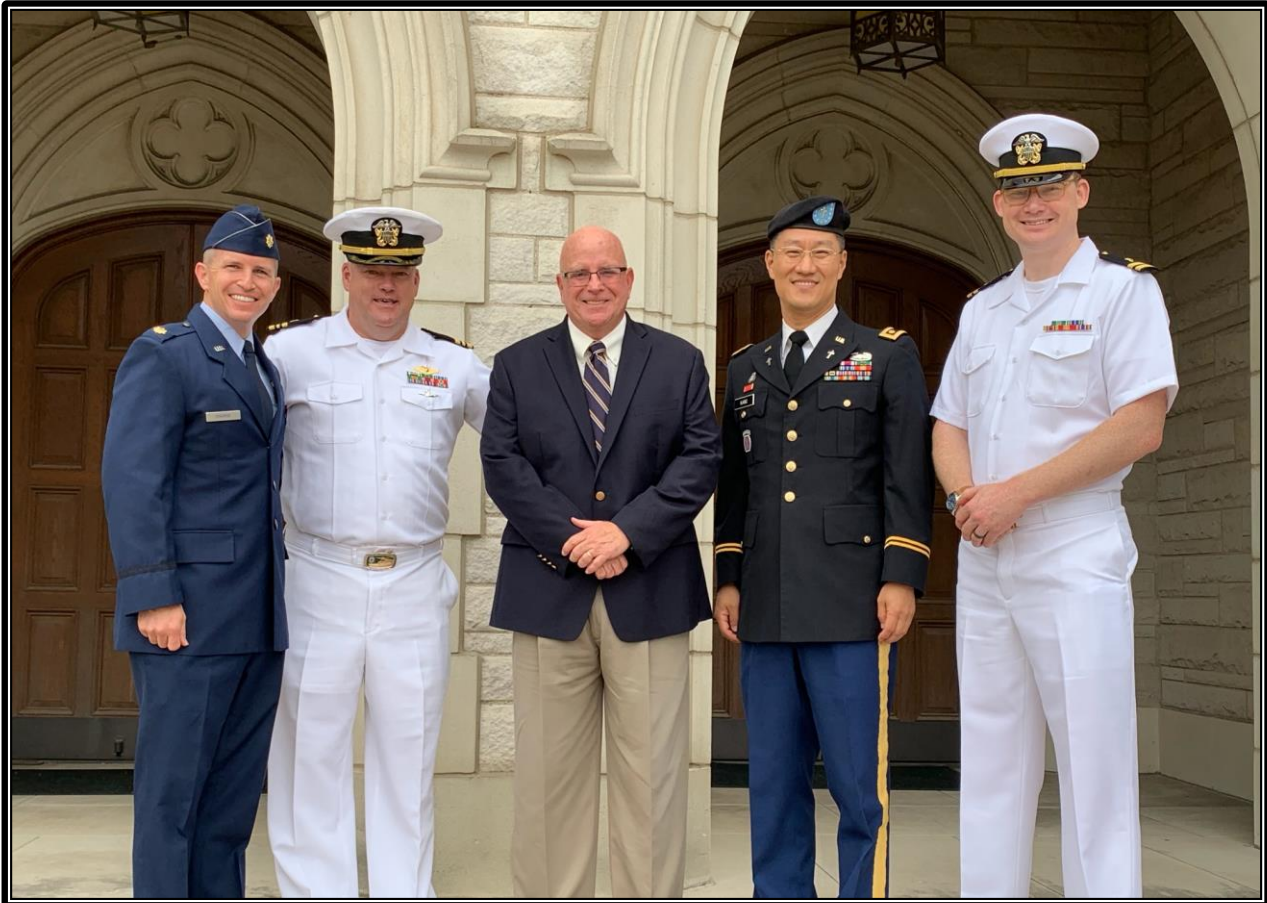


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Psalm 91: 1-2



Dear Chaplain Family,

I hope and pray you are safe and secure during the trying times of this pandemic. This virus (COVID-19) has impacted our world and most of us are being told to stay in our homes and “shelter in place.” Last week, I received a wonderful devotional from a dear friend who had written to his congregation on Psalm 91:1-2. The title of his devotional was “Shelter in Grace.” His words impacted me as I reflected on how we can find true refuge and shelter in God’s amazing grace as we continue to daily shelter in place. I have included his devotional in this Guardian issue (page 4) and would encourage you to read and meditate upon it during these stressful times.

As you read through this edition of the Guardian, you will see that many of our Chaplains submitted their ministry reports prior to the beginning of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Since their reports arrived, many of them have contacted us and asked for additional prayer as they are on the front lines providing pastoral care to those impacted by this pandemic. A number of our Hospital Chaplains are in the center of this battle, providing ministry to hospital staff, patients, family members and daily proclaiming the love, grace, comfort, and peace of the Gospel. You will read an article in this edition from Chaplain Chris Brown who is serving in a hospital in Charleston, SC. His ministry and those of others, like that of Chaplain John Johnston in Seattle, is inspiring. These Warriors for Christ certainly need your continued prayers and support as do their family members and all of our Chaplains.

As churches and chapels have suspended regular worship services and implemented live streaming services, it is encouraging to read how Christ is using our Chaplains and this platform to spread the gospel. The worship numbers are increasing weekly as so many tune-in to listen or watch our Chaplains share the comfort and grace of our Savior. Many have shared stories about how God has used this crisis to draw those who are seeking to find the peace that passes all understanding.

Last quarter, I was so excited and encouraged to share what an amazing 2019 we had as we endorsed a record number of chaplains and had our PRCC Chaplains assigned to the Naval Academy, West Point, and the Air Force Academy. I’m also excited to share with you that one of our Chaplains graduated



from the grueling United States Army Ranger Course and received the coveted Ranger Tab. What an accomplishment! This course is considered by many to be the most physically and emotionally demanding course within the Army. Chaplain (CPT) Jeff Shames graduated in late March and Chaplain (CPT) Bo Waldo is enrolled in this current Ranger class. We are so proud of their service and sacrifice and pray God uses their accomplishment to further His kingdom in their future Ranger assignments.

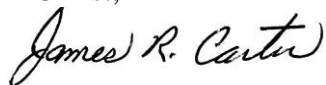
You will also notice that we have added a few more articles and pictures in this edition of the Guardian. Our new chaplain video has also been released on our website. Through these outlets, it is our desire that you will be able to learn more about our Chaplains and the incredible ministry that is taking place in their areas. For example, we have our very first Sport's Chaplain as well as a Corporate Chaplain. It is so exciting to see God opening more doors and expanding this mission field. We also just finished our first quarter (Jan-Mar) where we've endorsed more military chaplains in one quarter than we have in our entire history. God is hearing your prayers and I hope we can continue to flood our military with these Christ-centered Chaplains to bring grace and renewal to our land through your support. Pray for our military chaplains and especially those who are deployed during this time. You will see their names listed in this edition.

To continue this type of momentum we need your prayers and support. Even in the midst of this pandemic, God can expand our ministry and I believe He will do just that. Your prayer and financial support allows us to continue to pastorally care for our chaplains and cover them in times of religious liberty challenges. We know that we daily fight a battle against the pressure of the world and your support allows us to ensure our Chaplains boldly proclaim the grace and truth of the gospel.

Finally, during this week of Easter, I want to take a minute to remind you of the victory that is ours over the grave and over our current circumstances because of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. These are difficult times filled with uncertainty and often anxiety, but we serve a sovereign King who already knows the outcome. I encourage you to reflect on Paul's words in Romans 8 – "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." We are more than conquerors in Christ, and we will overcome through His grace.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. Please know we are thankful for each one of you in these challenging times.

In Christ,



Dr. James R. Carter
PRCC Executive Director & Endorser
Chaplain Ministries Coordinator – Mission to North America



Mike, Jim, and Mack at Chiefs of Chaplains Meeting at Pentagon



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Shelter in Grace
Psalm 91 Part 1
Rev. Dr. Mark Raeburn Johnston

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of
the Almighty. ² I will say of the LORD,
"He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."
Psalm 91:1-2

In times of danger and uncertainty, where can we go for sanctuary?

In our present crisis, a virus identified as COVID-19, or Coronavirus, has become a life-threatening pandemic impacting and terrorizing the entire world.

In the United States, schools have been closed, restaurants shuttered, and residents of nursing homes quarantined from receiving outside visitors. Every institution in society has adjusted to this new reality. Churches have suspended services, the economy has suffered, hospitals are strained and the government is limiting personal travel.

People are being told to 'shelter in place' by remaining in their homes for an unforeseen period of time. This is a desperate attempt by public officials to limit the spread of this deadly virus. While we 'shelter in place' I want to also suggest that we '*shelter in grace*.'

We *shelter in grace* when we turn to the Lord and call upon His Name, when we seek God's mercies and restorative love. When we *shelter in grace* we are acknowledging that our 'help comes from the Lord, the One who made heaven and earth.' As the opening verses of the 121st Psalm puts it; "I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence comes my help? ² My help *comes* from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth."

In similar fashion, the 91st Psalm speaks of God's protection upon all who trust in Him. That protection comes when we 'dwell' in the secret place of the Most High. As verse 1 says; "He that *dwells* in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Written by King David, this Psalm may reflect his experience with King Saul who sought to kill him. Saul became increasingly envious of David, the shepherd boy who slew the giant, and planned the young man's death. In First Samuel chapter 19, verse 2, we read of Saul's son and David's close friend, Jonathon, warning David; "Saul my father seeks to kill you: now take heed until the morning, and *abide in a secret place*, and hide yourself."

David was hunted by an evil and insane king that wanted to kill him. It seemed that there was no place in the entire land where David might escape the wrath of the king. But as the Psalm indicates, David found a secret place where he could hide from these dangers and stand in the presence of God!

Through faith we can *shelter in grace*, the secret place that allows us fellowship with God. The secret place is where the weary rest, where our burden is light and our yoke made easy. It's where the Lord Himself is found, standing by to protect *all* who trust in Him!

When we *shelter in grace*, we discover the faithful covering of the Almighty who assures our hearts with confidence and with a 'peace that passes understanding' (Philippians chapter 4, verse 7).

In John's Gospel, we read of Nathaniel's first encounter with Jesus of Nazareth. When Nathaniel was first told about Jesus, he replied, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John chapter 1, verses 44-51).

Nathaniel expressed the common sentiment that the village of Nazareth was a back-water town with very little to offer. But Nathaniel's sarcasm turned to worship and joy when Jesus revealed he had seen Nathaniel under a certain fig tree, *a secret place*, where Nathaniel communed with God! Nathaniel's 'secret place' was a place of prayer, of seeking God and being found by God.

Nathaniel discovered that something better than good had come from Nazareth. Grace had arrived from heaven. The prophesied, promised God and Savior had finally come into our world to redeem humanity from despair and death. With Jesus, we *shelter in grace* by placing our trust in Him.

God searches for all who seek Him, and our seeking often occurs in those private spaces and places where our prayers and petitions are reverently made.

Often, it's in the secret place that our trust in God is forged, and God's grace is realized.

In a small room in the Capitol building, just off the main rotunda, is a secret place for Congressional members to pray.

Closed to the public, it has a stained-glass window with an etching of George Washington kneeling in prayer, and the words, "Preserve me O God, for in thee do I put my trust." Our national leadership has a secret place where they can meet with God!

In this time of global tribulation, let's '*shelter in grace*' by locating a private place where we can pray and meet with the Lord. It's no secret that God wants to meet with you!

CURRENTLY DEPLOYED

Ki (Paul) Kim to Middle East
Rob Cox to Kuwait
Seth Dunn to Europe
Nathan Hays to Korea
Joshua Jackson to Iraq
Inhwan Noh to Kuwait

Peter Lee aboard 26 MEU
Matt Schilling to Japan
Jeff Shames to Kuwait
Michael Howard to South Korea
Johan Baik to South Korea
Jonathan Craig to Navy Region Japan.

CHANGE IN CHAPLAIN ASSIGNMENTS

Terry Fox transferred from the ANG to the USAFR
Lane Cramer from the National War College, DC to Fort Jackson, SC
Tim Faichney from JBLM, WA to Fort Belvoir, VA
Steven Walton change in reserve assignment to 1189th Transportation Surface Brigade, North Charleston, SC
Doyle Allen from Oceanside, CA to USGC Aviation Training Center, Mobile AL
Sam Bratt to his first AD Army assignment at Fort Hood, TX
Buster Williams from Hawaii to Camp Pendleton, CA
Phillip Jeon from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to Fort Knox, KY.
Jonathan Secrest from Fort Leavenworth, KS to Fort Drum, NY
Conner Armstrong to his first AD Army assignment at Fort Rucker, AL
John Carter from Arlington National Cemetery, MD to Naval Station Great Lakes, IL.
Eric Leetch from JBLM to Fort Campbell, KY
Danny Cho from Japan to Great Lakes, IL
Robert Nay from Red Stone Arsenal, AL to Fort George Meade, MD
Michael Howard from South Korea to Scott Air Force Base, IL

CHAPLAINS RECENTLY RECOGNIZED

Chaplain Jeff Shames successfully completed Ranger school and was awarded the coveted Ranger tab.
Chaplain Tim Brooks was one of three chaplains recognized by the chief of chaplains office with the Order of Saint Martin of Tours award for his work in developing a morale assessment advisement tool (MAAT) for the US Army.

RECENTLY PROMOTED

Terry Fox to Lt. Col
Jay Outen to LTC
Stephen Scott to LCDR
James Bond promotable to Major
Steven Shin to COL
John Um to LCDR

RETIRING CHAPLAINS

Glen Gresham

NEW CHAPLAINS OR CANDIDATES

Han Sik Cheung, USA, Fort Hood, TX
Daniel Yoon, USA, Fort Jackson, SC and then to Fort Riley, KY
Sam Bratt, USA,
Curt Straeter, Chaplain Candidate, ARNG, Colorado National Guard
Billy Cervený, Chaplain for Nashville Professional Soccer Club
Patrick Morgan, Law Enforcement-Janesville, WI
Isaac Lee, USA

RESOURCES NEEDED BY CHAPLAINS

Sebastian Kim, EMAIL: kobugui@gmail.com

We need books on premarital resources and biblical marriage in general.

Caleb Miller, EMAIL: caleb.j.miller39.mil@mail.mil

Any books or resources on caring for divorcees or those who are dealing with an unfaithful spouse.” .

Conner Armstrong, EMAIL: connergarmstrong@gmail.com

I need to build up a giveaway library. If anyone is tossing some old Reformed books, toss them my way.

Seth Dunn, EMAIL: getrdunn@comcast.net

Any solidly reformed pamphlets that summarize Christian doctrine well those would be a blessing. Topics like what it means to put faith in Christ, what is a reformed Church, etc.

The coronavirus is really impacting non-profit ministries
Gifts to the PRCC are much-needed and may be made online at
<https://www.egsnetwork.com/gift2/?giftid=4F122058856E4D1>

Or checks payable to Chaplain Ministries may be mailed to:
MNA, P.O. Box 890233, Charlotte, NC. 28289-0233
Thank you for your gifts and prayers

Would you please consider including Chaplain Ministries in your will?

“Mary” was a very faithful Guardian Prayer Warrior for many years. On one issue of the Guardian Gary had problems with the printer and was not able to get “Mary” her Guardian by the first of the month. “Mary” called Gary to find out why her Guardian did not arrive? *“I pray for a Chaplain every morning during my devotional, and I really do miss not having my Guardian”*. Gary explained the printer issue, verified her address and assured her the Guardian was “in the mail” to her. She called Gary two days later to let him know her Guardian did arrive in the mail. “Mary” explained to Gary that she was a widow and could not afford to send any monetary gifts to Chaplain Ministries, but she did pray for our Chaplains faithfully.

We got word from family that “Mary” went to be with the Lord, and how blessed we were when her estate sent us a gift!

We periodically do receive gifts from estates, and what a blessing they are! If you are reading this, you are likely a Guardian Prayer Warrior yourself. **THANK YOU for praying for our Chaplains, their families, their ministries, and for those they serve.** If you are blessed to be able to include Christian ministries in your will, please consider including our Chaplains in that list.

Thank you for your consideration.

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

The military has its own language, and to make it even more challenging, each of the branches of service has its own language, particularly when it comes to their acronyms. If you come across an acronym in a chaplain report, you might want to check this Glossary to see if it is translated here. If you don't find it here, and want to know what the acronym means, send an email to the Chaplain! If there is one that you recommend we add to this Glossary, tell us at ChaplainMinistries@pcanet.org

Miscellaneous:

PRCC = Presbyterian & Reformed Commission
on Chaplains and Military Personnel
APF = Appropriated Funds
BN = Battalion
BDE = Brigade
BRAC = Base Realignment and Closure
CAV = Cavalry
CGSC = Command and General Staff College
CH = Chaplain
CHBOLC=Army Chaplain Basic Officer Course
CO = Company or Commanding Officer
CPE = Clinical Pastoral Education
DADT = Don't Ask Don't Tell
DIV = Division
DMZ = Demilitarized Zone
DoD = Department of Defense
FCI = Federal Correctional Institution
HHD = Headquarters Detachment
IED = Improvised Explosive Device
ILE = Intermediate Level Education course
A Leadership Course
IRR = Individual Ready Reserve
KIA = Killed in Action
MP = Military Police
NAF = Non-Appropriated Funds
NTC = National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, CA
OEF = Operation Enduring Freedom
OTS = Officer Training School
PCS = Permanent Change of Station (moving!)
POWC = Protestant Women of the Church
PT = Physical Training
RMT = Religious Ministry Team
ROK = Republic of Korea
RP = Religious Professional (Armed Chaplain's
Assistant)
SPMAGTF = Special Purpose Marine Air-
Ground Task Force
TDY = Temporary Duty Assignment
UMT = Unit Ministry Team
XO = Executive Officer

Air Force

USAF = Air Force Active Duty
USAFR = Air Force Reserve
ANG = Air National Guard
AFB = Air Force Base
Lt = Lieutenant
Capt = Captain
Maj = Major
Lt Col = Lieutenant Colonel
Col = Colonel

Army

USA = Army Active Duty
USAR = Army Reserve
ARNG = Army National Guard
(LT) = Lieutenant
(CPT) = Captain
(MAJ) = Major
(LTC) = Lieutenant Colonel
(COL) = Colonel
UMT = Unit Ministry Team

Navy

USN = Navy Active Duty
USNR = Navy Reserve
CHC = Chaplain Corps
LTJG = Lieutenant Junior Grade
LT = Lieutenant
LCDR = Lieutenant Commander
CDR = Commander
CAPT = Captain
NAS = Naval Air Station
COMDESRON = Commander, Destroyer
Squadron

Marines – Chaplains retain their Navy Ranks

MEF = Marine Expeditionary Force
MAG = Marine Air Group

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1 Friday CH (MAJ) Shannon Philio, USA, 593rd Expeditionary Sustainment Command, JBLM, WA (PCA - Grace) I have spent a lot of time in counseling these last few months. Chaplains are covered by privileged confidentiality, so many Soldiers, whether believers or not, come to the Chaplain to talk. Most of the conversations focus on relational or occupational concerns. The evil one, world, and flesh are constantly attacking Soldiers' emotional resiliency with arrows of despair and hopelessness. The result is we counsel many Soldiers struggling with thoughts of suicide. Since I've been in this unit, we've seen three suicides. We've also seen many Soldiers struggling with religious accommodation issues whether such issues pertain to worship, diet, medical, or appearance. I have met with many such Soldiers. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Continue to pray for military troopers struggling with depression and thoughts of suicide. Pray we Chaplains sustain our own salt and light so we are ready to help others when called upon. Pray the Lord breaks forth the rainy clouds of the Pacific Northwest to shine forth His love, grace, and salvation to a part of our country that is rebelling against His Lordship and Saviorship.

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2-3 Weekend Edition CH Jim Midberry, Acts Retirement-Life Communities, Fort Washington, PA (PCA - New Jersey) Life here has changed as has everyone's life with the advent of the Coronavirus. Acts Corporation has closed all Acts Communities to family and visitors, and we who are working here are doing everything we can to support family and residents. As a Chaplain I am only able to conduct 2 out of my 6 weekly events - no group ministry to our assisted living and nursing units; all meals are provided for all residents in their rooms (delivery if requested); no group activity with more than 10 individuals - and then the 6 ft rule applies. I am only providing 1 Worship Service on Sunday's - and is done remotely via our in-house TV system. Chaplain visits to residents are limited - mostly as requested. On a personal note my wife, Lavonne, also works

as a staff Physical Therapist in another long care facility and both of us are in Montgomery County - which was initially earmarked as the center of the virus in PA. So, we are both continuing to work - taking all precautions. Neither of our facilities have anyone listed with Coronavirus, for which we are grateful to the Lord. Our youngest daughter works at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia as a Nurse, working and caring for patients w/and w/out the virus. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Keep us all in your prayers as we work in the places the Lord has positioned us, asking that He guard us daily and helps us to continue to minister his mercy and grace in this time of stress in this region of the country. I am finding many within Fort Washington Estates that have realized a greater awareness of their need for a relationship with the Lord. Pray with me that their interest does not pass once this pandemic is stayed.

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4 Monday CH Clint Stockton, Andrews Fire Dept, Andrews, SC, Andrews, SC (PCA - Pee Dee) I am still volunteering with the Town of Andrews Volunteer Fire Department and the head Chaplain of the volunteer Chaplains at Tideland Health Hospital at Georgetown, SC. This last quarter I have prayed with several families who lost family members. Esther and I are still praying to find God's Plan for our future; perhaps a small or medium size church as pastor, but I am also open to assistant pastor, seniors pastoral care pastor (including hospital and home visits) or even a Chaplain position with Fire, Police, or Hospital, somewhere in the South East. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Esther and I covet your prayerful concerns for us. We are truly ready and willing to go anywhere God sends us. Like Isaiah said: "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."'" Isaiah 6:8

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5 Tuesday CH (LCDR) Johan Baik, USAR NR Religious Support - MEF, Bell Gardens, CA, Bell Gardens, CA (PCA - Korean Southwest) I am currently mobilized to South Korea to the only US Marine Corps base in the peninsula. Due to the COVID-19 virus, we have halted all future military exercises until further notice. We are confined to base as well. The last reserve training unit 1st Battalion 25th Marines has returned to Okinawa after spending some time with us. With them was Chaplain Nathan Hays, a fellow PCA Chaplain. At the time of the writing of this report (early March), over 5,000 Korean people have been infected. There are 30 people in the city of Pohang and the numbers are still rising. No Marines or Sailors have yet been infected. Please pray for our health and safety during this epidemic. Since we are a small base in a remote location, we do not have all the varieties of amenities a regular base enjoys. Every Marine and Sailor are here on unaccompanied tour. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray we would remain focused in the midst of no upcoming missions. Please also keep my family back home in Southern California in your prayers. **EMAIL: combatchaplain@hotmail.com**

6 Wednesday CH (LCDR) Nathan Hays, deployed to the Pacific (PCA - Southern New England) I am currently with the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines out of the New England area. We have been mobilized for nearly a year now to the West Coast and now to the Pacific for the past 6 months. We have been spending these final months restricted to navigating COVID-19. I have seen a significant increase in counseling sessions over the past several weeks with the majority of them being marriage and family. Though we are close to being home, we are at the peak of being emotionally distant from our loved ones and spouses back home. A majority of my efforts have been delivering our redeployment/homecoming briefs. We will now be facing additional unique challenges beyond a traditional deployment phase reintegration. I continue to provide small Bible Studies and will likely continue to do that through an app going forward as all of our Chapel services have been suspended. Additionally, I was able to spend some very refreshing time with another PCA Chaplain mobilized to this region as well! **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for the safety of our

Marines and Sailors here as well families back home and for opportunities to share the Gospel through marriage and family counseling. **EMAIL: nathan.m.hays@navy.mil**

7 Thursday CH (CPT) Ed Rogland, Pennsylvania ARNG & Butler VA Medical Center, Butler & Mount Pleasant, PA (PCA - Missouri) This past October my fellow protestant Chaplain at the VA retired, and I have been covering almost all areas of ministry here since. This includes manning the on-call duty phone 24/7. However, at the end of January we were able to interview and hire a new fulltime Chaplain. He is wrapping up a training program and is scheduled to take up his duties the Monday after Easter. I look forward to his arrival. After our new Chaplain arrives, I'll be having foot/ankle surgery which the surgeon said may not fix the problem. If that's the case I may be medically retired. Your prayers about that would be appreciated. I mentioned a Soldier in my National Guard unit that was injured during annual training in a previous report. As an update he is still at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, however it looks as if he will make a complete recovery and he desires to return to our unit once released. Thank you all for your prayers for his healing. Finally, there have been a strange increase of cancer in members and former members of our unit, all of whom deployed with us in 2016-17. Our leadership is documenting all these cases and submitting to those to their leadership. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for endurance as we at the VA continue to labor without a second fulltime Chaplain (only two fulltime Chaplains are authorized). Pray that the Spirit prepares the incoming Chaplain for the work here at the Butler VA and that he and I may work well together as a team, and That I may be used by the Holy Spirit in an effective way as I minister to the Veterans here. Prayers for the Soldiers who have been affected by cancer in the past couple years and who are in various stages of recovery. **EMAIL: edward.a.rogland.mil@mail.mil**

8 Friday CH (MAJ) Andrew Spriensma, USA, BN Chaplain, Fort Campbell, KY (URCNA - Classis Central U.S.) We are thankful to the Lord that we are at the end of an 18-month counseling program at Webster University, Fort Bragg, NC. This May, I graduate from the program and we move in June to become the Family Life Chaplain for Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. It has been a blessing to see God at work in the lives of those whom I counsel. We also have been greatly blessed by the communion of saints during our short stay here in Fayetteville. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for our family as we prepare to move and for the ministry that awaits us there.

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9-10 Weekend Edition CH Scott Wilson, Spring House Estates Retirement Community, Lower Gwynedd, PA (PCA - Eastern Pennsylvania) Sunday morning worship average attendance during the last quarter has increased, sometimes reaching the low 70's. We have begun a new weekly Bible study for staff on the book of Philippians. Attendees range widely in their religious backgrounds. Please pray for increased interest for those attending, or perhaps that I would improve in presenting more engaging lessons. The present format includes weekly homework and may be more challenging than staff had anticipated. We continue our Thursday Bible study series for residents, Dust to Glory, which covers the entire Bible. A Roman Catholic attendee enjoys it so much he has purchased his own copy so he can review the entire series on his own. I also continue to meet with a Jewish resident who has asked to study the New Testament portion of this same series as he has never been familiar with it. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that I will patiently help him with things that are hard for him to receive. We have also begun a men's quartet that will sing occasionally. In a community that is predominantly female, we hope this will attract more of our male population to our Sunday worship service.

Please pray for the upcoming Maundy Thursday and Easter services when we get a few visitors.

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11 Monday CH (CPT) Conner Armstrong, USA, Lowe Army Heliport, Fort Rucker, AL (PCA - Tennessee Valley) I've just finished in-processing with my Active Duty Army unit, so everything is just beginning. I'm starting a weekly Bible study on Fridays, planning a couple retreats focused on gratitude, and getting certified for marriage workshops in the next month. My wife, Amy, has been connecting with other families in our neighborhood on post, where most fathers are flight students and gone most of the day. The harvest is plentiful. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for me to know His best priorities for me: There are many opportunities to serve, but what is the wisest way to jump in? At the end of this school year, we'll go back to homeschooling. With three kids at home too young for school, Amy's concerned our home will just be too crazy. **EMAIL: connergarmstrong@gmail.com**

12 Tuesday CH (CPT) Kenneth Conklin, USA, 5-25 Field Artillery Regiment, Fort Polk, LA (PCA - Missouri) I'm sure this is happening all over the place with other chaplains and UMTs, but here at Ft. Polk, among the craziness of the current situation, the Traditional Protestant Service is run by two Reformed PRCC chaplains, myself and Sebastian Kim. The deputy garrison chaplain is CH (LTC) Ken Godwin, another PRCC chaplain (and former Brigade Chaplain of mine). Many Army chapels have switched to live-streaming "virtual" services. We are no different in this time. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for all of our military chaplains as we "learn on the fly" how to best be used by God to glorify Christ and advance His Kingdom in our unique venues during this health crisis.

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13 Wednesday CAPT David Todd, CHC, USN, 2D Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC (PCA - South Coast) As we move through the uncertainties caused by CoVID-19, our 24 Religious Ministry Teams continue to provide essential spiritual and religious ministry to 20,000 Marines, Sailors and their families of 2d Marine Division. We are using a monthly Community of Interest to mentor and encourage personal spiritual renewal and growth. The requirement for social distancing has created the interest in small group

commitment and accountability. As the summer months are usually times of PCS moves, we are focusing on reaching out to new reports and their families. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for our 24 Chaplains and 28 Religious Program Specialists and their families. Pray for wisdom, insight and discernment in how best to equip our Chaplains for their work and encourage them in their labors. Pray for my family, my wife of 36 years and my 9 children from age 12 to 30, that they might grow in their walk with the Lord.

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14 Thursday LT Doyle Allen, CHC, USN, Aviation Training Center, Mobile, AL (PCA - Tennessee Valley) The gracious unfolding of God's loving and sovereign plan (and a late change in orders) has brought me to Mobile, AL, to serve as the first Command Chaplain in the 50-year history of the Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center. I am humbled and honored to serve such great pilots and guardians. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for wisdom as I learn to honor and proclaim the beauty and glory of Christ in a new context, and for patience as I await my family's arrival after the end of the school year in June.

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15 Friday CH (1LT) Ervid Reyes, Robinson Creek Home Health and Hospice, Austin, TX (PCA - South Texas) My unit recently received a new Brigade Chaplain as my direct supervisor and new Religious Affairs Specialist (formerly called Chaplain's Assistant). We are working out how our UMT will operate in our unit and provide ministry to our Soldiers and Families. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for Trish and me as we transition into married life. Pray for us to love and serve each other well. Many of our family trips (birthdays and vacations) were cancelled or postponed due to the Coronavirus, please pray for alternative ways for us to celebrate our family members.

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16-17 Weekend Edition CH John Johnston, Western State Hospital, Lakewood, WA (PCA - Pacific Northwest) There has been a total of three patients and three staff that have tested positive for the coronavirus as of 4:20 pm, Tuesday, March 24, 2020. One patient and one staff person are almost finished with their 14 days at WSH. Two patients are in a regular hospital dealing with the 14 days, and two Staff are at their home doing the 14 days. All hospital staff have to report to one of three areas to be subject to required screening of their temperature and answering the required questions or else they are sent home without pay. As many as possible, Staff are working part time or full time out of their homes by computer and/or cell phones. The chaplaincy at WSH has made a request to use our own personal computers, with WSH hook up, and WSH cell phones to work out of our homes. I think the other chaplain might be able to do this with his own laptop, but I only have a desktop computer and will likely not be able to work out of my home till, down the road, WSH can provide me a laptop. I am pleased that my supervisor is being proactive in working with the Chaplaincy to work out a system to work from home as much as possible. Even with no computer, things can be done at home to work my job, as needed. The WSH Chaplaincy is having some success in this new way of doing ministry under difficult circumstances. I was successful in doing Sunday Worship Services by phone dealing with 10 to 15 wards and dealing with individual patients, one by one, one the phone doing 3 to 5 minute mini sermons. Some were longer, but it went well, taking prayer requests, praying with them along with a brief scripture reading and devotion with a final benediction. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Obviously, I covet all of your prayers as we all adjust to this providence of God in all our lives.

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18 Monday CH Ty Keys, Florida Dept. of Corrections, Lancaster Unit, Trenton, FL (PCA - North Florida) I am still recovering from heart bypass surgery that I had on December 2. I have only two more physical therapy sessions. The sessions are going well. Cindy and I have been back to work at Lancaster CI. Everything is going well there but different due to the coronavirus

restrictions. My daughter Hannah is home from college but still taking classes. She graduates this spring, but the graduation ceremony has been canceled. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that I continue to get better from the surgery and find ways to keep up with my exercise routine and the changes I have made with my diet. Hannah's graduation will still be a celebration without graduation. Please pray that my family and I are kept safe from the coronavirus epidemic, especially at UF Health, where I work as a PRN Chaplain.

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19 Tuesday CH (LTC) Collin Grossruck, USA, 17th Fires Brigade, JBLM, Tacoma, WA (PCA - Pacific Northwest) Praise God for a remarkable Chaplain Assistant and many inspiring young Chaplains to serve with. This summer I will move from Brigade to Garrison where I will have an expanded role in serving congregational needs. This summer also brings a likely follow-up surgery for our daughter's lower back. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** We appreciate all who stand with us in prayer for our daughter's resilience and witness as a public school student, for our chapels - we seek growth through faithful outreach to young families, for ourselves - for the peace and patience of Christ as we care for two elders following the passing of two this winter.

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20 Wednesday Ch Maj Chad Montgomery, USAF, JB Andrews National Guard Readiness Center, JB Andrews, MD (PCA - South Texas) Is "ministry" in an "administrative job" a cop-out or a myth? Now that I am primarily in an administrative position, I am thinking about this more. Without administrators, many of our church attendees cannot live out their faith during the week at their respective jobs. I am currently a "sender" rather than a "go-er". My job is to prepare and deploy Air National Guard Chaplains to locations around the country and the globe. Highlights include encouraging at times timid Chaplains, training inexperienced Chaplains, and doing the paperwork so that the right Chaplain can get to their location to minister well. In the past I heard (rarely) a Chaplain remark on Chaplain administration jobs - "that's not why I

joined...that's for other Chaplains to do." Well, I realize now the importance of being faithful wherever we are called. How did that Chaplain who was "not called" to a staff job get to his deployment, unless someone (often another a Chaplain) did the paperwork (God using 'means') to get him there? **PRAYER REQUESTS:** I have been experiencing extreme nerve pain for months now. We are not sure if it is related to my most recent deployment or not. I am seeking healing, but not actively praying for it (long story). Pray for my family to experience connection. Moving around has its pro's and con's. One of the con's is uprooting and not having long-term relationships nearby.

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21 Thursday LCDR Jason Gregory, CHC, USN, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD (PCA - Tennessee Valley) As with the rest of society, COVID-19 has impacted the Naval Academy. All classes are now online (my wife is teaching Physics to the Midshipmen virtually) and the Midshipmen are currently not at the Academy. We have moved our Chapel services online as well and are adapting to this ever-changing reality. But God does not change! **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for our Midshipmen, our Chapel services (especially as we approach Easter), and my family as we learn to teach our small children at home while navigating teleworking.

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22 Friday CH Eric Dye, Erie VAMC Chaplain, Erie, PA (PCA - Palmetto) We held a Warrior to Soulmate relationship skills seminar this past April 24-25. It was our fourth at this location. I continue to lead an every other week Bible Study group with Long Term Care Veteran Patients, and I enjoy semi-regular preaching opportunities at one of our local PCA Congregations where the Pastor retired in August. I am in charge for planning the Easter Services at the Medical Center: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for a scheduled MRI for my lower back which is causing discomfort and significant weakness in my right leg - injured while on active duty, and for connections with local pastors to provide outreach to minority veterans who do not receive any

medical care at the local VA facility. Pray also for the Pastoral Candidate called by our local congregation - to complete his Ordination Exams, sell their house and move to Erie to begin his work at Faith Reformed Church, PCA in Erie, PA.

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23-24 Weekend Edition CH Christopher Brown, MUSC Hospital, 169 Ashley Ave., Charleston, SC (PCA - Lowcountry) Ministry continues at MUSC as we all ride out the COVID-19 outbreak. As I write this today (3/28/20) MUSC has thankfully not been overwhelmed, though as a big-city hospital we are certainly on the 'front lines', and as in most hospitals in the U.S. there are concerns about supplies. Because of limited family visitation, I've spent a lot of time this week



visiting and providing support to staff, especially in the ER. Last Sunday I was asked to sit in on the ER shift change meeting and to

offer prayer and a word of encouragement--this was the first time in my 13 years at MUSC that I've been asked to do that. I also rallied my church (Redeemer PCA, Charleston) to write thank you cards for the ER staff, and the nurses and doctors really appreciated them. Never has the hope of Christ, and the 'ministry of presence', been more important in hospital ministry." **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for God to open doors to bring Gospel hope to the patients and staff at MUSC, and for me to have the physical and spiritual strength I need to minister in this challenging time

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25 Monday CH (CPT) Timothy Brooks, USA, 2-501 Aviation Battalion, Fort Bliss, TX (ARPC - Second Presbytery) God has blessed us beyond measure and comprehension. I have been blessed to work for two years with a team tasked with creating a morale assessment advisement tool (MAAT). I was one of three Chaplains recognized today by the chief of Chaplains office. We received the Order of Saint Martin of Tours for our work in developing (MAAT). **PRAYER**

REQUESTS: Praise be to God that the MAAT is now being shared with Chaplains across the Army. I ask that you all pray for us as we prepare to move to Fort Bragg this summer. Pray for safety in travel, wisdom as I transition to a new job, peace for the children as they transition to new schools and meet new friends, for my wife (Beth) as she seeks employment.

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26 Tuesday CH Jim Tyson, City of York & York City Police Department, York, PA (PCA - Susquehanna Valley) January started as a quiet month giving hope that we might experience a peaceful quarter in terms of violent crime. Unfortunately, by month's end we had a non-fatal shooting and, as of writing this report, we've had three more non-fatal shootings and two homicides. As part of my ministry I continue to go to and personally talk with the individuals at highest risk to commit as well as be victims of violent crime. In addition, I'm working to develop street outreach workers who have credibility within the street community to address these at-risk individuals and disrupt the violence. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray that I might find community members who have credibility and respect in their communities who are called to be involved. Please pray for our officers and their families and for the peace of our city!

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27 Wednesday CH (CPT) Lee Sak (Isaac) Lee, USA, Battalion Chaplain, Fort Carson, CO (KAPC, Philadelphia Presbytery) Greetings from the mountain post. Our family have been here for over 6 months now and we are enjoying our first ministry in the Army Chaplaincy. Currently, our main focus is on the upcoming deployment. We are prepping and training to execute the mission. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for me as I prepare to do ministry downrange. Pray for my wife and 2 daughters to cope well during deployment. Pray for all Soldiers in my unit.

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28 Thursday CH Andrew Moody, San Antonio Reformed Church, San Antonio, TX (OPC - Presbytery of the Southwest) My part time work with PRCC Counselor Richard Boyd supporting the Navy Chaplain at Fort Sam continues to go well. I have the opportunity to counsel Sailors who are going through a wide range of different experiences. The door is often open to share the hope of Christ with them, and I believe I have seen the Lord convert people in this process. Most of the Sailors we counsel are 18-19 years old and come to us directly from basic training. They are here for a 14-week program to become hospital corpsmen. Many people we only see once during a crisis. Others will come in more regularly for follow-up. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** However, we pray the Lord will use our humble efforts to encourage His people and call the lost and suffering to true hope and joy in Christ.
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29 Friday CH Jeff Woods, UAB Hospital, Birmingham, AL (PCA - Evangel) I continue to serve in the Emergency Department (ED) at UAB Hospital. My ministry continues to focus on the trauma patients and their families. There are actually brief periods that we receive only a few patients on my 8-hour shift, but the majority of the time there are double digit numbers of patients and families arriving. I have recently been assigned to a committee studying the efficiency and effectiveness of the ED in an effort to make improvements in the care provided. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** My prayer request is that the Lord will grant me favor with my fellow committee members and that I be given wisdom, discernment and the right words to say in our meetings so that the patients will be properly cared for.
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30-31 Weekend Edition CH Chris Jennings, Northeast Georgia Health System, Gainesville, GA (PCA - Georgia Foothills) Your prayers for my ministry are needed now more than ever! God has blessed my ministry and since December 23, 2019 I have been serving as the Director of Pastoral Care at Northeast Georgia Health System based in Gainesville, Georgia, about a 45-minute drive north of Atlanta. We are a 4-hospital campus, 700-bed system that is currently fighting

(as everyone is) the Coronavirus and all that has come with it. We have 5 staff Chaplains including a Chaplain Educator (ACPE), 4 Chaplain residents, interns, 23 contract Chaplains who serve night and weekend and about 30 Volunteer Chaplains. We are blessed with a wealth of talented pastoral care providers to serve the emotional and spiritual needs of our community in this crisis. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for my leadership over our department. Please pray for wisdom in leading our team through this crisis, for my leadership as I seek to put a proposal in front of our senior leadership to begin an ethics consultation service. Pray also for strength for my wife, Nicole, as she leads seven children at home (Samuel, Thomas and Caroline – 12, Matthew and Claire – 9, Jack and Amelia – 5).

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1 Monday CDR Scott Cauble, CHC, USN, USS Nimitz, Bremerton, WA (PCA - Ohio Valley) It has been a productive and fulfilling two years onboard the USS NIMITZ, but my time is rapidly coming to a close. In the coming days I will bid farewell to my team and set my sights on the next assignment in Hawaii. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for my team and me as we work together to prepare the crew for deployment. Please pray for my family as we move yet once again and take up residence in a new location.
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2 Tuesday CH Douglas Perkins, St. Francis Hospital/Compassionate Care Hospice, Wilmington, DE (PCA - Heritage) As a bi-vocational presbytery evangelist, I'm trying to balance my "tent-making" role (hospice Chaplain) with my "church-planting" role (really a re-launch due to Gospel revitalization of an aging congregation). By the time you're reading this, our church plant (Gospel Church for All Nations) will have done ground-breaking for new facility as part of its "2020 vision". Intercession for us is appreciated because my shepherding role is part-time; the church cannot afford me to be full-time...but God is providing (including health

insurance) via my hospice-Chaplain job!
PRAYER REQUESTS: That I would "cherish & nourish" my wife Pam who has been extremely patient with me as I fall short of this. I love her so much, thus my heart has been heavy recently due to the death of her mom; her dad's serious car accident; & her own serious medical challenges. Pray also for us as parents who continue to help shepherd the hearts of our twin daughters, transitioning into their careers but still at home.
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3 Wednesday CH (COL) Bob Nay, USA, U.S. Army Security and Assistance Command, Red Stone Arsenal, AL (PCA - Philadelphia) During the summer of 2020 we will move to Fort Meade, Maryland. I will be the Command Chaplain for the Defense Information Security Agency (DISA). DISA serves as the lead agency for the security of all communication within the Department of Defense and the White House. We are grateful for everyone at Redstone Arsenal, AL and we will miss them dearly. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for a smooth transition for our entire family. Our youngest will go off to college, and our son will graduate college and get married (to a godly woman) and report to the Military Police Officer Basic Course, then to active duty.
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4 Thursday ENS Caleb Mckillop, SOAR Columbia, Columbia, SC (PCA - Tennessee Valley) In a few months, I will be halfway through the M.Div. Chaplaincy program at Columbia International University. I'm staying busy with two different ministry opportunities in the Columbia and Sumter areas. I have been serving as a Protestant Youth Director at Shaw AFB in Sumter for about a year now, and my ministry partner (an ordained Christian and Missionary Alliance pastor in the Army Chaplain Candidate Program) and I have planned and executed several events for the Air Force families that attend our youth group on base. In Columbia, I am about to launch a college and career ministry at Cornerstone PCA for students going to school and working, as well as for college-age folks who are working full-time. While I'm in seminary, I am enrolled in the Navy Chaplain Candidate Program, and my next steps include attending Officer

Development School in Newport, RI (dates are to be determined). After graduating from ODS, I will report to Chaplain School, also in Newport.
PRAYER REQUESTS: Pray that I would avoid the pitfall of allowing my academic study to make me feel spiritually dry as I read the Bible to do well in a class rather than to be continually transformed by it. Pray also that I would continually surrender my entire life and being over to the Lord for Him to use me for His purposes in His timing.
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5 Friday Ch Lt Col Glenn Gresham, USAF, HQ AFSPC/HC, Peterson AFB, CO (PCA - Central Florida) Thank you for all of you who pray for Elena and me and our family and ministry so faithfully! We are greatly encouraged by it! Elena and I decided it is time to retire and will enter retirement this June. It is a busy time as I continue to do my job and also begin the retirement process. There continue to be opportunities to counsel folks in our building, to encourage fellow believers and to represent the Chaplain Corps in various meetings and venues. Thanks to all of you who have taken time to write and express your encouragement and prayers for me and my family. We are looking forward to doing some traveling this summer and then move to the South to be nearer family. We are truly grateful to God for giving us the privilege of ministering in the Air Force for 23 years. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** We are truly grateful for you who have so faithfully prayed and reached out to us! Thank you for continuing to pray us through this retirement transition.
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6-7 Weekend Edition CH Stephen Payson, Four Diamonds Chaplain for Pediatric Oncology, Hershey, PA (OPC - Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania) I continue to be a minister in good standing in the Presbytery of Central Pennsylvania of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Moreover, I continue to labor in hospital Chaplaincy, working as the Chaplain for Pediatric Oncology at Penn State Health Children's Hospital. As I write, I am currently working from home under the present circumstances of the COVID-19 virus that has caused our hospital's pastoral services department to work remotely from home, as much as possible.

As the number of COVID-19 patients continues to increase at our medical center, a good deal of my work has shifted to providing staff care amid the crisis, which has included some personal counseling of frontline nursing staff over the phone. At the same time, I'm also reaching out to patients and their families as they negotiate the pandemic and the potentially devastating consequences of contracting the disease while immunocompromised. Thankfully, to date, we have not had to face such a situation with any of our young cancer patients. That said, 2020 has been a very difficult year thus far with five of our patients succumbing to their respective diseases within the span of a month (Jan-Feb), including three deaths occurring successively within a single week. The blessing is that, after four years spent in pediatric oncology, I have gotten to know most of these patients and their families well and have been able to provide meaningful pastoral care at the end of life, as well as in the midst of ongoing care for these bereaved families. Even as I share in this profound sorrow as a caregiver, I continue to find solace in the grace, comfort, and peace given to me in the Gospel of Christ. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray that the Lord would grant me continued strength, courage, tenderness, and compassion as I minister the comfort of the Gospel to the bereaved families that God has placed under my care through the hospital, as well as in the church. Pray, as well, that the Lord would stay my heart upon his truth and keep me sincere and steadfast in my relationship with him.

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8 Monday CH (LCDR) Jon Craig, NOSC Tallahassee, Tallahassee, FL (PCA - Gulf Coast) I am currently assigned to Navy Region Japan. Please pray for the ministry that will result from the Corona Virus outbreak in Japan. I support the major Navy chapel communities throughout Japan and expect my summer will be impacted by this outbreak. I am also completing my first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at the local hospital in Tallahassee and am enjoying the growth the program offers. I look forward to using the new insights and methods to improve Gospel ministry. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for wisdom in how to minister in the aftermath of the outbreak. Should the outbreak continue please

pray for health during travel and while in country. Pray that I will know which new billet is best to select for our family in the coming months.

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9 Tuesday CH (CPT) Sebastian Kim, USA, 710th BSB, Fort Polk, LA (PCA - Southern New England) We are currently expecting the arrival of our new family member by the end of June. Saemi is pregnant with a boy. The Lord has been gracious to us. On another note, we are also preparing for my father's last moments and hope he will be able to see his newest grandson before he passes away. We are currently going through many changes. I finally got an assistant and she has been very helpful. Our team of Chaplains is also going to change drastically in the next months, including my chain of command. We currently have three PRCC Chaplains among us here at Polk. We figured out how to use funds for ministry and we are currently about to start Bible studies. Our unit has a big diversity of religions, but we are excited to have the opportunity to speak about the Gospel with them. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for the Lord to give my wife a safe delivery and my father to continue to trust in the Lord during his moments of fragility. Pray also that the new changes on staff and Chaplains may bring opportunities to augment the means to bring the Gospel to the Soldiers.

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10 Wednesday CH Brent England, Supervisory Chaplain, USP Atwater, Atwater, CA (PCA - Southern New England) New staff and new leadership make 2020 seem like a year of hopefulness at USP Atwater. Our new warden is supportive of chapel programming, and our department expects to be fully staffed at the end of March. Our warden is interested to hear us and see what ideas we have for effective ministry in the coming months. I plan to start a new believers discipleship class, based on testimonies of recent conversions, so please pray that this class bears much fruit for God's glory. A few inmates have also spoken recently about how sermons have impacted them for the better, and they're sharing the good news with others, which is an encouragement to the body of believers here. Finally, we also plan to host weekly prayer

meetings for interested staff. It will be interesting to see what comes of it. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Many thanks to you for your prayers!!
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11 Thursday CH (CPT) Brent Sadler, USA, Fort Bliss, TX (PCA - Covenant) I am the Squadron Chaplain assigned to 6th Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment in the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team in the 1st Armored Division. My ministry will take place during three field exercises this year, two 26-mile ruck marches, another spur ride, a move of our unit's location on Fort Bliss, a change of Commander, and settling into my second year in the unit. Our family attends Chapel together as well, but also attends Las Tierras Community Church (PCA) once chapel ministries are completed on Sundays. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for Salvador who recently professed the faith. Pray for our unit's cohesion and the field services I will do this summer during exercises.
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12 Friday CH (MAJ) Ron Eastes, USA, 52nd Ordnance Group (EOD), Fort Campbell, KY (ARPC - First Presbytery) The organization I support has moving pieces all over the globe and at six CONUS installations. The battalion Chaplains assigned to subordinate units do most of the heavy lifting when it comes to travel. The religious support that I directly provide is primarily in the form of pastoral counseling, marriage retreats, and supervision at the garrison Chaplain Family Life Center. This next quarter will include several marriage retreats as well as command-funded trainings for Soldiers and Families. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for wisdom as we consider and await the Lord's direction in our future role in the Army Chaplain Corps. Pray for our marriage and family.
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13-14 Weekend Edition 2LT Sam Bratt, Westwood Presbyterian Church: RYM, Dothan, AL (PCA - Southeast Alabama) In early February, I received the phone call that I have been selected for Active Duty Chaplaincy and it was both exciting and humbling! We have been pursuing this call for the past five years, and

it is a delight to receive an "official" confirmation. I then found out in early March that we are slotted for Ft. Hood, Texas, where I will join a Cavalry Reconnaissance Battalion. I say "slotted" because the Army can still change your location until you receive official orders, but there is a good chance we will be going to Ft. Hood. When I receive written orders from the Army, then we will know where we are "officially" moving. Due to Covid 19, all travel for military personnel has been stopped. People on deployment are not able to return home at this time, and those moving to a new duty location have to wait for the dust to clear. All Army Reserve Battle Assemblies (weekend drill) have been canceled through April. I imagine this could continue and will be evaluated on a continuing basis. In terms of moving into Chaplaincy, we have not received any updates about locations or report dates and expect there to be some downtime until we do. My anticipated report date for Ft. Hood was 15 July 2020. In the meantime, we are praying for: our next steps this summer, continuing to be present where God has placed us in Dothan, and finding JOY in the slowed pace of life we currently find ourselves in. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** We would love for you to join with us in prayer for these things and are looking forward to hearing the ways we can be praying specifically for you.

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15 Monday CH (CPT) Seth Dunn, USA, deployed to Europe (PCA - Heritage) God is graciously and sweetly providing for me and my family while I am in Europe. I am learning the ropes of Active Duty ministry and am loving it, including the growing pains. God is really blessing my relationship with my wife and son even from this distance. Seeing the Lord at work. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for my family: my in-laws are graciously helping with the baby, but my wife is basically a single Mom right now. Pray for her stamina and joy in this season. Pray for us that God would continue to bless our marriage as we are away and for when we reunite. Please pray I would be as gentle as a dove and as shrewd as a serpent, taking every opportunity to wisely make Christ known. Pray that my Soldiers come to realize their need for Christ and embrace Him as

He is presented in Scripture and not in their own biases.

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16 Tuesday 2LT Benjamin Kieffer, USAR Chaplain Candidate, 10th Psy Ops BN, Jefferson Barracks, MO (PCA - Missouri) I have recently been moved to the 10th Psy Ops BN at Jefferson Barracks. It looks like I will be there to gain experience until the end of my time as a Chaplain candidate. As of right now I am scheduled to graduate from seminary in May, we will have our son in June, and Lord willing I will be prepared to be ordained in October. Once ordination is complete, we are hoping to be accepted for active duty in the Army. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for our family as we welcome our second son in June, that God would give Shelby a healthy delivery and smooth recovery. Please pray for my studies as I prepare for licensure and ordination exams. Please pray that God would use me well to care for the Soldiers and families of the 10th Psy Ops BN.

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17 Wednesday CH (CPT) Steve Walton, 1189th Transportation Surface Brigade, North Charleston, SC (PCA - Southeast Alabama) Praise the Lord for providing a new assignment in the Army Reserve. I am taking up duties as a Brigade Chaplain. This will entail pastoral duties at my brigade as well as supervisory responsibility over Chaplains at our constituent battalions. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray that I would develop good relationships in my new unit, building trust with my commander, colleagues, and subordinate Chaplains. Pray that my new and expanding Chaplain responsibilities would not deter my civilian pastoral ministry. Please pray that the Lord would bless our son, Branch, in his Coast Guard career, and that both of our sons would walk steadfastly with the Lord.

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18 Thursday 1LT Jason Oh, 620th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, St. Louis, MO (KAPC - Midwest Presbytery) By God's grace, it is my fourth year of Covenant Theological Seminary, and I will graduate in May 2020. After graduation, if it is God's will, then I will pursue an

Active Army Chaplain in Christ. I serve in the 620th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) in St Louis, MO, and my unit currently focuses on missions for any national emergency. I will continue to rely on God and go wherever He calls me. Praise the LORD! **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Prayer for Soldiers and Families to find the purpose for their lives in Christ. Pray for me to be filled with spiritual wisdom and strength so that I may accomplish the mission God has given me. Pray for my family to be filled with the knowledge of God's will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding so that we may rejoice always in Him and glorify His holy name alone.

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19 Friday CH (CPT) Caleb Miller, USA, 100th Brigade Support Battalion, Fort Sill, OK (PCA - Missouri) After a series of field exercises the tempo at my unit is slowing down for a few moments and just in time for the birth of our second child, Mae. My team has done a few events for single Soldiers, a weekly Bible Study that was growing, hit a set-back as all regular attenders PCSed. We have settled in at the Gospel service and the congregation there has been warm and welcoming. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for the recovery of my wife after a long pregnancy and difficult delivery. She is still healthy, but we are in the Lord's hands. Pray that the Bible Study would be re-established. I have had some encouraging discussions with more than a few Soldiers who seem interested in studies on small groups, accountability and humility. Pray also that the Lord would continue to prove His faithfulness in some of the more difficult counseling situations.

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20-21 Weekend Edition LT Matt Schilling, CHC, USN, Deployed to Japan (PCA - Grace) At the end of June, I will detach from 2d Marine Logistics Group (2d MLG) at Camp Lejeune, NC and will report to the Combined Arms Training Center at Camp Fuji, Japan for a 12-month unaccompanied assignment. 2d MLG was my first duty station, and it has been a great experience from which I have learned much about ministering to Marines and Sailors. While I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that await me in Japan, a year is a long time to be away from my

family who will be scattered throughout the US! My role at Camp Fuji will probably feel more like being a pastor again as I will lead weekly worship services at the chapel, provide counseling and training to the Marines there, promote various volunteer service opportunities, and support those service members who visit the area for large scale training. Our daughter Katie recently joined the Coast Guard, our son Martin recently finished high school and may also enlist in the armed services, and Katrina will be adjusting to an "empty nest" while I am on the other side of the world! **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray that I would do now all that is necessary to ensure that the Chaplain following me in my current unit will be "set up for success," allowing for a smooth transition here and continued care for my Marines. Pray that I would likewise be prepared in every way for an effective and fruitful ministry in Japan. Finally, please for wisdom, grace and fortitude for my family as we navigate the changes and challenges of our lives.

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22 Monday CH (COL) Chip Huey Jr., USA, Command Chaplain 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA (PCA - Grace) I continue to serve as the Command Chaplain for Third Infantry Division and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield. I am responsible for oversight, coordination, and synchronization of all religious support/ministry in the Division and non-divisional units across Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Really that just means that I make sure our Chaplains and Chaplain assistants work and play well and effectively together and that they are resourced. I get to serve all those Chaplains and assistants; it's a privilege. I also get to preach monthly on average, and Kristin and I get to lead a small group Bible Study. Kristin is very involved in spouse leadership and ministry. Folks are finding out what I and the kids have long known: she's a "get-it-done" kind of leader. I just try to stay out of her way. Isa is back home with us. Sam is preparing to launch to college next August, and Ethan/Nathan/Seth are suffering thru school and playing soccer. We are very grateful to the Lord for His kind providence. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray that God will spread His Gospel and build up and network Christians throughout 3rd ID

and our tenant units. Please pray that God will continually revive and strengthen our Chaplains and their families. Please pray that God will work His sanctification in the Huey family and lead us into the future.

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23 Tuesday CH Bruce Farrant, Chaplain at Asbury Place Maryville, Maryville, TN (PCA - Tennessee Valley) On January 1st, 2020, Linda had sudden, profound hearing loss. We were referred to Dr. Clifford Johnson an ENT in Knoxville. After much testing, Linda has had to resign her receptionist job, devastating for her and folks at Asbury. It also meant a sudden loss of income for us. Dr. Johnson is writing a referral letter to a physician's group at Vanderbilt who specializes in cochlear implants, which is going to be Linda's only hope of regaining any of her hearing. The last two months have been very stressful for us to say the least. Please pray that the wait time to get an appointment with the physicians' group is short, that Linda will qualify for an implant. Pray that the Lord provides for what will be several trips back and forth to Nashville, that when the surgery happens, she would heal well, that she would respond well to the hearing therapy required to retrain her brain. Please also pray that Our Heavenly Father gives us great grace in the process. I work at a Methodist retirement center. With all that is going on in the Methodist Church, there are some sharp divisions happening between some of our residents. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for a "Unity of Spirit" among Asbury Place Vesper's Congregation and that Christ and His Kingdom would be their focus.

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24 Wednesday CH (MAJ) Aaron Swartz, USA, USACHCS Homiletics SME, Fort Jackson, SC (ARPC - Catawba Presbytery) Due to my ongoing health concerns and challenges, and the inability to continue in the military, I am prayerfully seeking divine guidance for the next chapter of my life. Hopefully, with a diagnosis and treatment regime, I will be able to get back into the classroom and teach preaching. I continue to look for ways that the Lord will use my gifts for His glory. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please continue to

pray that a diagnosis will be determined, and treatment will alleviate my symptoms. Also, that my attitude and focus will be on serving the church outside the military in whatever capacity that will advance the Gospel. Pray that I will remain positive to those individuals who God providentially places in my midst.

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25 Thursday CH Christopher Brown, MUSC Hospital, 169 Ashley Ave., Charleston, SC (PCA - Lowcountry) Hospital ministry is often a kind of counseling ministry, meaning Chaplains must be ready to give counsel and to answer patient's and families' questions about God, faith, the Bible, sickness, and suffering. I was recently called to visit a patient who wanted prayer and support. As we were talking, she suddenly asked me "Do you believe in once saved-always saved?" I talked with her about eternal security and the perseverance of the saints, read John 6:35-40 with her, and explained why true believers in Christ will never lose their salvation. Sometimes the questions are hard, but it is a blessing to help patients and families understand more about Christ and the hope we have in Him. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** MUSC recently opened its new children's hospital, which means now MUSC is actually four hospitals within a two-city block area. Our staff is being stretched as we cover all units and floors. Pray for my department as we seek to provide spiritual support to all these areas. **EMAIL:** brownchd@muscd.edu

26 Friday CH (LTC) Kenny Honken, First Army Headquarters, Rock Island Arsenal, IL (OPC - Presbytery of the Midwest) We expect to be adding a new Staff Chaplain to my department in mid-March. Training Chaplains in the BOP requires the better part of a year. If you include mandatory training events in Denver, CO, it can take up to five years. Additionally, in my new Army Reserve assignment, God has provided many new opportunities for service. This brings with it both the stress of decision-making and the joy of being useful to the organization and Christ's Kingdom. Lastly, the amount of inmate turnover at my institution has reached over 75% since I started here, so that comes with the challenge and joy of catechizing new women in the faith.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for our new staff Chaplain, that his work with us would be both rewarding and fruitful. Please ask the LORD to give my wife and I wisdom in making decisions regarding my military service. Please pray the LORD of the harvest would make me fit for ministering to all of the women who are new to our institution.

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27-28 Weekend Edition CH (CPT) Luke Heibel, USA, 2nd Bn, 66 MIB (T), INSCOM, CMR 467, Germany (PCA - Tennessee Valley) My how plans have changed! Our unit was prepared to support a massive exercise in Europe - only to have the world flipped upside down by COVID-19. All plans have significantly changed. Ministry has evolved rapidly. Our Chapel services have moved online, raising many pastoral and theological questions. In response to these changes I have created an online bible study, have begun doing some counseling online, and am thinking through how to combine digital battle-field circulation with wise, in-person follow ups. Our Brigade UMT is thinking through how to provide grief support on a large scale and to engage other problems occasioned by the pandemic. I send out weekly devotionals and strive to be encouraging, thoughtful and provocative without giving offense. Ultimately, I am seeking to serve the unit, advise command and support the Garrison UMT through the challenges. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for wisdom in how to provide creative, timely support to my unit, command and other chaplains, and for favor with my command and Soldiers - as there are significant challenges to integration in this current unit. Pray also for my family, as we deal with challenges of frequent separation, transience, and constant change and for wisdom, courage and conviction to be creatively persuasive with the Gospel as I serve among people who live as if they don't need God.

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29 Monday CH Eric Baile, Vitus Healthcare, Festus, MO (PCA - Missouri) I have recently started to work as a hospice Chaplain for another hospice company. This new position mostly entails visits to hospice patients but also includes some bereavement visits to patient families as well. While the change is a bit of a challenge given the productivity expectations, I enjoy working with this new demographic. I also look forward to opportunities to minister the Gospel to those near the end of life as well as others with whom I interact in this new position. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray that the Lord will continue to be my strength and my sufficiency as I make this transition. Please pray that I would build strong relationships with, and be a faithful witness to, patients, families, and my fellow coworkers, so that the Lord would use me to minister his Gospel to many.

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30 Tuesday CH (MAJ) Michael Oliver, USA, 116th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Gordon, GA (PCA - Nashville) Well, I thought I was moving to Fort Hood in the summer of 2020, but I am moving to Fort Stewart . . . my third time there. I will be the Resource Manager for Fort Stewart's Religious Support Office, and I am beyond excited about this opportunity! **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that I will be effective in my ministry as the Fort Stewart Religious Support Office's Resource Manager and pray that I will have a positive impact on all that I encounter.

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1 Wednesday CH (CPT) Jonathan Secrest, USA, 705 MPs, Fort Leavenworth, KS (PCA - Calvary) I am now on orders to report to Fort Drum 01July2020 to take a position as a Battalion Chaplain in the Combat Aviation Brigade with the 10th Mountain Division. We recently received a welcome visit of two old friends from our Calvary Presbytery, Archie and Glenda Moore. They came to see how our ministry was faring and to bring back a report to the Presbytery. Our ministry has been doing well. We are looking forward to seeing

what comes next as we transition to working with combat aviators in July. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for our son Nathan, for wisdom and discernment as he proceeds on his own. Please pray for our MPs as we transition to closing down our ministry here in preparation for departure.

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2 Thursday CH (COL) Steve Shin, USA, Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA (KAPC - Southern California Presbytery) By God's grace, I completed my ministry at the Madigan Army Medical Center and arrived to a new assignment in Japan. I am serving as the U.S. Army Japan Command Chaplain and looking forward to executing the Chief of Chaplains priorities: Recruit, Lead-educate and develop UMTs, Align, Revitalize-Army communities with excellent Religious Support. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** We request continued prayer for Justin, Joshua and Joanna to be godly men and woman, honoring the Lord in all their endeavors, for Joyce to have peace with our PCS and being separated from the boys, and for me, I ask for wisdom, discernment, and stamina to sprint to the finish line at the end of the six years remaining years before arrive at my mandatory retirement date.

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3 Friday CH Phil Hollstein III, Providence Hospital, Mobile, AL (OPC - Presbytery of the South) Things at the hospital are steady, as I continue to make many short-term relationships every day. I try to meet with every new patient on my floors and determine then what further ministry needs they have. Sometimes my greatest ministry is with family, especially when a patient is incapacitated. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for continued opportunities to share Christ with patients and staff, and that I will be a good witness wherever I am. Also please pray for my continued work towards credentialing (Board Certification), which is a long, tedious process.

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4-5 Weekend Edition CH (CPT) Joshua Jackson, USA, Deployed to Iraq (OPC - Presbytery of the Midwest) Greetings from Kuwait. I am ever grateful for the privilege of submitting this report concerning my ministry as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army, providing the ministry of the Gospel and religious support to members of the U.S. Army. My Battalion consists of over 600 Soldiers stationed at Ft. Bliss, TX. Currently we are deployed in support of Air and Missile Defense operations in the CENTCOM Area of Responsibility. Before we deployed, I had ample opportunity to provide counseling support to my Soldiers, particularly on matters of resiliency, strong relationships and marriages, and anxiety regarding the deployment. I was also privileged with the opportunity to provide 13 couples a marriage retreat that helped them develop better understanding of one another's particular needs while increasing communication and intimacy in their marriages. I also served on the pastoral team for the Liturgical service at Center Chapel One, Ft. Bliss. Since deploying, I have been providing daily counseling services to my Soldiers throughout the country and am partnering with the Camp Buehring Unit Ministry Team to support Chapel Services and Bible Studies. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** I would greatly appreciate your prayers, not only for myself but also for the men and women serving here with me. Many are far from their friends and loved ones for the first time and are beginning to feel the stress of deployment and separation; even our senior officers and non-commissioned officers are having their resiliency tested. Pray for the Lord's richest mercies and peace to be with us. Stephanie and our children are back at Ft. Bliss and well—Elizabeth (6), Hannah (4), and Adelaide (2). Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

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6 Monday CH Dick Fisher, Assistant Pastor for Visitation, Chattanooga, TN (PCA - Tennessee Valley) My wife is recovering well but slowly from Guillain Barre Syndrome (ascending paralysis) which was diagnosed March 5, 2019. She uses a wheelchair and with support she is able to stand a couple minutes. Thank you for continuing to pray for her complete recovery. I minister to the sick and shut ins mainly of our

congregation. July 6 - 8, I am scheduled to help teach in our adult VBS. The opportunities to explain the Gospel with the You Last Forever paradigm continue as well. May the Spanish version of the YLF booklet be printed by the time you read this. I also serve as a volunteer Hospital chaplain. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that Karen will fully recover from Guillain Barre Syndrome and be able to walk again. Pray for my focus to be on doing the Lord's will as I care for Karen at home, serve as an assistant pastor, and direct You Last Forever Ministries.

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7 Tuesday CH Allan Harmening, BJC Parkland Hospice, Farmington, MO (PCA - Missouri) I am prayerfully continuing to work 28-52 hours per week as a hospice Chaplain. The remainder of my time is spent as an evangelist for a Mission Church plant in Farmington MO. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for strength and endurance for the callings into which God has placed me, that I will continually be bold in standing for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that God powerfully grow his church plant here as well as around the world.

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8 Wednesday CH Kyle Schmidt, Grace/Comfort Hospice, St. Louis, MO (PCA - Missouri) I continue to serve as Chaplain at Comfort Hospice in the St. Louis region. My family and I are blessed to be able to attend Grace and Peace Fellowship where we worship and participate in a weekly prayer group. We have seen the Lord's faithfulness to our family during a season of multiple losses in our family and in our church family. Working in hospice I am continually reminded of the temporal nature of life and I draw great comfort from His Word and the people He leads me to who remind me of His faithful presence with His saints. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for stamina against attacks from the evil one. Pray for my family and wisdom for me to balance my roles in our ministry and church life alongside my Chaplaincy obligations.

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9 Thursday CH (CPT) Daniel Yoon, USA (KAPC - California Presbytery) I am halfway finished with Chaplain Basic Officer's Training at Fort Jackson (CHBOLC). So far, I have learned that Chaplaincy comes with both privilege and duty. I am so honored to serve God and country. Yet, the call comes with responsibilities. I have come to appreciate all the sacrifices and hard work that Chaplains in the past have done. We have an amazing legacy to cultivate and sustain, so that we can pass it onto the next generation of Chaplains! Our CHBOLC banquet is scheduled for April 9th. We have two other PRCC Chaplains who are graduating as well, CH Yi and CH Park. I will now be reporting at Fort Riley, KS. This will be my first duty station where I will begin Chaplain ministry. My future ministry will evolve around the Aviation Combat Unit. I'm looking forward to ministering to the Soldiers and family members. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that I will be able to finish CHBOLC well. Pray that my wife and two children find hope and trust in God while they are separated from me. Pray that I will be able to find a mentor and a group of Chaplains with whom I can work to serve His purpose.

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10 Friday CH Bee Kirk, St. Joseph's Hospital, Tampa, FL (PCA - Southwest Florida) Things are somewhat unsettled in my department. The director was fired and there is an interim director. A new manager position is open, and I am trying to get the interim director to agree that she should consider me for the opening. My work is going well as I visit more than 600 patients each month. Jesus has blessed me, richly. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for Mercedes, my wife. She has unexplained pain in her left leg, and we need answers. Pray for my career. Is Jesus calling me into Chaplaincy management or into his church as an executive pastor? Pray for Him to make His plan for me and my ministry clear.

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11-12 Weekend Edition Ch Lt Col Mike Howard, USAF, Maintenance and Mission Support Groups, South Korea (PCA - Northern California) I've just passed 8 months of a one-year "remote" tour at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. It has been an amazing time of taking

care of the 2,800 members of the "Wolf Pack" and I'll be sad to leave. But of course it's also a challenge to be away from loved ones for so long. Fortunately Shannon was able to fly into Seoul shortly after Christmas and we were able to spend some quality time together until she flew back to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. We're able to communicate often and we're currently working our way through Tim and Kathy Keller's book *The Meaning of Marriage*. So thankful for Shannon and it's a great joy to learn and grow with her through 28 years of marriage. We've also learned of our next (and probably final) assignment. After three weeks of "reunion time" in June in Europe, we will head to Scott Air Force Base, Illinois (just across the River from St. Louis) in mid-July. After 26 years away from family, we'll finally be close to our parents & family in Missouri and Tennessee. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Praise God for a joyful time with a great chapel team here at Kunsan. Praise God for returning us close to family. Pray for all the "logistics" of re-assignment from Germany/Korea back to the U.S. (with our precious dog!). Pray for a healthy reunion with Shannon in June/July.

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13 Monday CH (CPT) Jason Glover, ARNG, Arkansas (PCA - Covenant) We continue to struggle with mental health in the Arkansas National Guard. We've had two suicides this year already and the ripple effects are being felt. It is certainly a different Army than the one I enlisted in 21 years ago. Despite this, families are being ministered to and the Gospel is being preached. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for healthy morale of our ranks and wisdom for our leaders. On a personal note I'm working through a transfer from the Army to the Airforce and would ask for prayer regarding that.

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14 Tuesday CH (CPT) Rich Baldwin, 701st MP BN, Fort Leonard Wood, MO (PCA - Platte Valley) It has been a privilege to walk alongside these young Soldiers and minister to them during their training. The Lord is moving here as I've heard numbers of maybe 10,000 young Soldiers have surrendered their lives to Jesus over the past four years. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for the

trainee population at Fort Leonard Wood. Many of them do not have emotional resiliency to withstand the time we're living in. Pray for my drill sergeants. With all the stop movements and PCS cancellations many are having to extend under the hat (linger time in a very challenging role). Pray for the all the families of military members. "Stop moves" mean difficulty/impossibility for going to funerals of loved ones.

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15 Wednesday CH (CPT) Ben Hoemann, USA, 3BN, Fort Bliss, TX (PCA - Missouri) Katie and I have settled back into normal life rhythms and garrison ministry. Much of my unit leadership has changed, bringing the normal transitions after deployment, but it's also brought many new opportunities for ministry within the unit. We've integrated into the chapel community, where I've already started preaching and helped to cast a vision for our particular chapel. Our tempo will pick up over the summer months, but we're excited to see where it leads. Katie transitions to her actual doctoral project this fall; she's excited to finish next May! We're grateful for your prayers and support! **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that healthy, strong relationships would thrive among Ben and the new unit leadership. Pray for perseverance and strength as Katie finishes the final year of her studies.

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16 Thursday CH Lynell Friesen, HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital, Sheboygan, WI (PCA - Wisconsin) Because we are a small community hospital and a part of a larger hospital system, our Spiritual Care colleagues are thinly spread throughout five hospitals around the larger Green Bay area. So, at times our hospital has to share Chaplains with the larger hospitals which impacts greatly on the time and quality of spiritual care we can offer our patients. The longer I remain here the more individuals request a godly Chaplain to disciple and pray with them during their trauma and hospitalization. In addition to my ministry at the hospital, I am serving as the Pastor of Visitation at our local church. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray with us for my children's godliness and faithfulness that they will be drawn to a closer and deeper relationship with God and their Savior. Pray also that my work in the hospital

will be used to draw seniors in the community back to worship. I am also discipling them and returning them to the Word of God which has been missing in their lives for some time. Pray also that God would use my work in the hospital not only to bring His children back to communion with Him but also to see men and women, boys and girls put their faith in Jesus Christ.

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17 Friday CH (MAJ) Chris Bryan, HHD, JFHQ, Missouri National Guard, Jefferson City, MO (PCA - Missouri) After a year of serving in the deputy role at the state Chaplain's office I am both humbled and grateful. Humbled by the sheer size of the task and the challenge of serving as a traditional Guardsman, two days a month. I can see what I could do if I had more time, and I can see how much there is for me to learn! Grateful to work with godly men and women and to have such a gracious and supportive State Chaplain. This year will bring another state partnership trip to Panama and more training from USACHCS at Ft. Jackson, SC. I am also exploring options at various seminaries to pursue a D.Min. God is faithful! This past year both my wife, Cris, and I have struggled with health difficulties. Last January, I was diagnosed with sciatica, and have been training hard to be able to run again. Cris tore her Achilles tendon and had surgery (twice!) She is recovering well this time. We are VERY thankful to have such good health insurance (Tricare), because we never imagined we would need it this much. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray that we would continue to trust God and not to worry or grumble.

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18 – 19 Weekend Edition LT Matt Heathman, CHC, USN, Chaplain in Japan (ARPC - Mississippi Valley Presbytery) Greetings from Japan. We are doing well, and the kids are well adjusted to being "back home." Life and work are busy; the kids are plugged into various activities and Leah is homeschooling the kids. Ministry is going



well; we have started and strengthened a number of programs of late. Over the past few months we have grown our youth program, even partnering with a nearby base to have a joint youth retreat; started a women's group, with a planned retreat upcoming; starting a new family night at church; growing our worship team; gaining new attenders at our services; beginning two monthly fellowships; increasing community outreach – both to those on base and off base; restarting couples date night; and taking our department's teaching skills throughout commands on base. We have strengthened the ties between our five chapel communities on base and are working together to glorify God through our combined ministry. As we look forward, we have future plans on the horizon, including more retreats and outings, hosting a mission's conference, and hosting a women's symposium for female service members.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please continue to pray for our family and God working through the ministry here. There is a mess at the chapel here, beginning with poor decisions several years ago. I ask for your prayers as we work through the difficulties and clean up the mess. Please also pray for our upcoming VBS, Women's Symposium, and Missions Conference. The command Chaplain here is due to rotate this summer and his replacement is not due to arrive until the fall, leaving us with only two Chaplains on the entire base for 3 months. Please pray for us while we are down a Chaplain. We are actively trying to get approval to get someone out here temporarily to help fill the gap. Thank you for your prayers; God bless you.

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20 Monday CH Benson Bottoms, Gentiva Hospice, Athens, GA (PCA - Georgia Foothills)

I am now doing Chaplaincy as well as bereavement ministry. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that God will continue to use me in and through this work. Pray also for my children's salvation and growth in grace.

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21 Tuesday CH (LTC) Jay Outen, USA (PCA - Covenant) I have come to the end of my two-year assignment as the Deputy Division Chaplain in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). This assignment has challenged my administrative abilities but has also been rewarding in giving me a fuller perspective of the Army and of the needs of Soldiers and their Families. My family and I will now transition to Ft. Bragg, NC. This will not be an easy move. We have spent a total of eight years here at Ft. Campbell and have made many friends. However, Ft. Bragg is a familiar place for us, and we look forward to reconnecting with friends from our previous time there. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for our transition to Ft. Campbell, especially for our youngest daughter Sadie. She will miss her Senior year of High School here in Clarksville. Please pray for our oldest son Reeves. Reeves is a Freshman Jazz Studies major at the University of Louisville. His studies and schedule are especially challenging. We give thanks that our oldest daughter will graduate from Clemson University in May. Pray for her transition into full time adulting. Thank the Lord with us for my promotion to LTC in December.

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22 Wednesday 2LT Sam Bratt, Westwood Presbyterian Church: RYM, Dothan, AL (PCA - Southeast Alabama)

I have been in the Chaplain Candidate Program for the past three years, and I was selected for Active Duty Chaplaincy this past February! Our report date to Fort Hood, TX is 15 July. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for us as we transition to Active Duty. There is a lot of new things taking place as we expect our second child this fall. Please also specifically pray for my wife and our second child during the pregnancy/birth process. Pray for relationships as we get involved in ministry at a new location, that we might have believers surround and support us during this time.

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23 Thursday LCDR Buster Williams, CHC, USN, Command Chaplain, Marine Corps Base, HI (PCA - Northwest Georgia) We are PCSing from Aloha and paradise in Hawaii to Camp Pendleton, CA where I will be working at the base chapel and supporting the Amphibious Assault

School. Christa continues to work hard at taking care of Annie (6) and Auggie (3) at home with Annie finishing up kindergarten. Annie loves to read and loves her brother! Auggie is into everything and loves to talk even when no one is listening! Buster has been busy trying to close out work at MAG-24 and get everything ready for the big move back across the Pacific in April/May.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for grace during our PCS move which military families all know can be extra stressful times (housing, new church/chapel, school, new bosses and teammates, etc. Pray for a strong finish here at MAG-24 and a smooth and favorable start in the ministry at Pendleton. Pray for the Marines of MAG-24 and Pendleton to be open to the Gospel as we continue to share the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

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24 Friday CH (MAJ) Philip Jeon, USA, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD (PCA - Potomac) I just finished up four years of ministry at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and arrived at 4th CAV BDE, 1st Army-Division East, Fort Knox, KY. The primary job description at Fort Knox is to prepare National Guard Units for future deployment missions. Although we have made many Army required PCS moves, it never gets easier as we adjust to the new location with new friends and surroundings.

PRAYER REQUESTS: We are praying for great schools for our high school and middle school children, great teachers and friends, a good home to live in and awesome ministry impact in the new Fort Knox/Elizabethtown community. Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

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25-26 Weekend Edition CH (1LT) Mike Moon, Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Pastor, Lansdale, PA (KAPC - Philadelphia Presbytery) I was sworn in on December 19, 2019 as a new USAR Chaplain and accessed on January 29, 2020. I have only been on one drill so far. I felt very much a fish out of water and was quite nervous and anxious, since I didn't know what I needed to prepare for. However, the HHC commander was quite accommodating, the XO

was very friendly, and the unit was welcoming. I lead my first unit religious services on that Sunday. I was under the weather, but by the grace of God, I made it through the service without losing my voice completely. I am grateful to our God that He empowered me to deliver the Gospel to these Soldiers. It was well received by both command staff and Soldiers.

PRAYER REQUESTS: First, after speaking with my Battalion Commander, I found out that my unit is quite diverse, including an all lesbian platoon and the first openly transgender Soldier in the Army. My commander himself is also openly gay. While I consider myself generally a gracious and open person, I am concerned how this will limit my ability to minister, especially since my experience up till now has only been in the church and mission context. I pray for grace to be gracious to all sinners regardless of their failing, love to treat everyone equally, and courage to stand for Truth when I need to. Second, our unit has historically struggled with suicide, more so than the Army national average. Please pray that I can effectively shine the hope of the Gospel to those who have lost all hope on earth, and to do so in Truth with love, not watering down the Gospel but still respecting each Soldier's personal convictions and still abiding by the standards of the Army. Third, I will be attending CHBOLC this year, and there is much conversation among the Soldiers about the new Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT). While I am confident that I will push my body to its limits to meet these standards, I am afraid I may not have the awareness not to push myself beyond my limits, as I have historically done. I have had arthroscopic surgery to repair my ACL on my left knee which reduces my ability to run effectively. I pray that I will be able to train without injuring myself, and that I will be able to pass the ACFT. Fourth, this has been a lot of transition for my family. We are planning on having our second child but are also trying to time it in such a way as to allow me to be there for his/her birth. We are transitioning out of the pastoral calling I have served for the last 4 ½ years, since the session has decided that the lead pastor cannot miss so many Sundays. We are attempting to sell our home and have moved in with my parents until we figure out our new housing situation. I will also be looking into a new full-time position after returning from

CHBOLC. With so many parts of our lives in flux, it has been quite stressful for us all. Please pray that our love for God and each other would grow more under these circumstances, that we would turn to each other and not against each other, and that we would trust in God when the future seems uncertain.

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27 Monday CH (MAJ) Light Shin, USA, Vicenza, Italy (PCA - Korean Eastern) We are transitioning from Italy to our next duty assignment this summer. Two years in Italy have been busy but truly enjoyable. Even the recent outbreak of coronavirus has provided an incredible opportunity to serve and love our community. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for our transition back to the states and that God would reset and recharge our hearts to serve and love our new community well.

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28 Tuesday CDR John Carter, CHC, USN, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA (OPC - Presbytery of Southern California) This summer will be one of transition for us. We're moving in June from the DC area to the Chicago area where I have orders to report for duty as the Installation Chaplain at Naval Station Great Lakes. I anticipate this to be my final duty station before retirement. Ministry as the Officer in Charge of the Navy & Marine Corps Activity at Arlington National Cemetery has been incredible and very rewarding over the last few years. I'm going to miss ministry here in this very special place and with an amazing team of servants. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** I'm exploring options for PhD study in the Chicago area. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School is on my short list. Please pray for guidance here. I'm looking for a program that I can begin while still in uniform and complete in residence after I separate from military service in early '22.

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29 Wednesday CH (MAJ) Eric Leetch, USA, 8th Bridge Engineering Battalion, Fort Hood, TX (PCA - Susquehanna Valley) The Leetch family is currently finishing PCS leave, setting up our new home, and quickly learning our way

around Fort Campbell. It was not easy saying goodbye to the many saints on JBLM who have blessed us in countless ways over the last four years. However, those memories are also an encouragement to consider what the Lord has in store for us in the months ahead here at our new home. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** I consistently ask for prayers for Karen and her labors in homeschooling our four children. I want to thank the many of you who have done so, because the Lord continues to answer them. The kids are growing in grace and Karen's level of resilience remains high. Please continue to pray for more of the same as we covet your intercession during the busy days ahead.

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30 Thursday LT Danny Cho, CHC, USN, Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL (KAPC - North America Presbytery) My wife, Jiyoung, and our twins, Emma and Ethan, have completed our permanent change of station from Sasebo, Japan to Great Lakes, Illinois, where I will be serving as one of several Chaplains at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, the only Boot Camp for the US Navy. It's a unique opportunity and one that I am very excited about. We're also happy to be back in the States after a season overseas. This new assignment will be very busy with much demand placed on counseling and teaching. We're eager to get settled and have found a local PCA church to attend. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for my family's adjustment to life back in the states, to the cold weather of the North, and that we'll get settled into our local church. Please pray for my own adjustment to a new command, that by God's grace I will be welcomed and build rapport quickly both with the staff and the recruits. Please pray for my command, RTC Great Lakes, for these many recruits and the leaders who lead them.

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31 Friday CH (CPT) Jeffrey Shames, USA, deployed to Middle East (OPC - Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario) Just this past February we celebrated our one-year anniversary with the Army. Our experience has been great so far, but the biggest news is that I just graduated Ranger School (March 6th). It was definitely the most

difficult physical exercise I have ever done, and it gave me the opportunity to learn a lot about myself, grow, and learn how people function in desperate situations. It was also an extremely fertile ground for ministry, and I felt like the Lord was confirming His call on me to these people daily. Altogether, Ranger School amounted to about a 5-month separation from my family, and that too, was hard, but we all grew a lot through this experience and we're super-happy to be back together. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** As for prayer requests, please continue to keep our family and marriage in prayer, everyone going through Ranger School, my unit which is deployed right now, and my family and I again as I will ship out to join them in a couple weeks.

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1 Saturday CH (CPT) Andy Pyrch, USA, US Army / 4ID, Fort Carson, CO (PCA - Rocky Mountain) I am just now getting into the swing of things at my unit. I am organizing a prayer group. I have been encouraged by the professing Christians that I have met so far, including some OPC and PCA Soldiers. I am also trying to plan a midweek Bible Study that would grow into a worship service when we return from deployment. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for the Soldiers with which I come into contact. I have had a number of opportunities to share the Gospel, but pray that I would be faithful. Pray for safety and focus for our upcoming deployment.

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2 Sunday CH Ross Haverhals Jr., Federal Correctional Institution Sandstone, Sandstone, MN (PCA - Siouxlands) The Lord has continued to bless the ministry at FCI Sandstone. Over the last couple of months, we've led a study on sexuality and the Bible. This has been very fruitful in clarifying the understanding of Jesus coming in grace and truth and how our identity in Christ changes everything. Several men from different religious groups, who currently do not adhere to a Biblical understanding of sexuality, attended the classes and have begun to explore Christianity

"eyes wide open". **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for these men. Please pray for our Christian inmate leaders, for wisdom and courage and maturity. Please pray that the Lord sustains my fellow Chaplain and myself in this environment.

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3 Monday CDR Scott Cauble, CHC, USN, USS Nimitz, Bremerton, WA (PCA - Ohio Valley)

My time onboard the USS NIMITZ is rapidly coming to a close. It has been a productive and fulfilling two years on the carrier. In the coming days I will bid farewell to my team and set my sights on my next assignment in Hawaii. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for my team and me as we work together to prepare the crew for deployment. Please pray for my family as we move yet once again and take up residence in a new location.

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4 Tuesday LT Peter Lee, CHC, USN, deployed aboard the 26 MEU (PCA - Korean Southeastern) Thank you for all the prayer support! It has been three months since we deployed. The Lord has been very faithful in providing opportunities of ministry each day. There is still a lot of unknowns, but we are trusting His sovereignty and His provision. Marines and Sailors are doing great things for our nation and its people. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please continue to pray for the Marines and Sailors on the 26 MEU (the name of the ship I am deployed on). Pray for me to have wisdom to counsel and care for the Marines and Sailors during the deployment, for the Lord to provide comfort upon the families of the Marines and Sailors, and for my wife and kids to be healthy and well, and for our kids to grow in Faith in Christ.

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5 Wednesday CH (MAJ) Mike Keifman, USA, Combined Arms Sustainment Command (CASCOM), Fort Lee, VA (ARPC - Virginia Presbytery) I have been at Fort Lee for two- and one-half years now. I have transitioned to the Garrison and am working as the Pastoral Coordinator for Fort Lee. I have been engaged in worship services, Bible Studies, and special religious programs for the post. **PRAYER**

REQUESTS: Thank you for all of your prayers. Please continue to pray for all of the Chaplains at Fort Lee, for our families and for the Soldiers we serve.

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6 Thursday LT Cornelius Johnson, CHC, USN, MARSOC, 1st Raider Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA (OPC - Presbytery of New Jersey) Things at 1st Raider Battalion continues to go well. I have been doing quite a bit of marriage counseling and also have opportunities to mentor several young marines. One Marine who recently attempted to kill himself now comes to see me regularly and we have been going through the Psalms together. I have also had several opportunities to preach at the boot camp chapel which averages about 400 to 500 Marines weekly. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Continue to keep my family in your prayers and pray that I would be a more Godly husband, father, and Chaplain. Pray that God would bless my ministry at the battalion and that some would come to Christ. Pray also that He would bless the preaching of the Word.

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7 Friday CH (CPT) Joseph Hatcher, USA, 503D MP BN, Fort Bragg, NC (PCA - Fellowship) This past January we had our fourth child, Emma Josephine Hatcher. Mother and baby are doing great and the rest of us are as well. Life in the military is always busy and change is the only constant. In the face of this I am able to continue to provide weekly spiritual nourishment through our battalion Bible Study. Our current series is "Exploring and Understanding the Bible". We are looking at what Scripture is, how we got it, major themes, and how to study it. We recently sponsored an airborne operation in which I was able to teach on how to approach God in times of need (like jumping out of an aircraft) and we will be doing another one in a few months. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray that the Lord would strengthen me in the face of a growing counseling ministry. Pray for the Lord's protection for my paratroopers during the dangers of airborne operations. Pray for our deployed Soldiers and their families. Pray for our family as we become accustomed to being a family of six.

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8 Saturday CH (CPT) Han Sik Cheung, USA, 61st QM, 13 ESC, Fort Hood, TX (PCA - Korean Southwest) My Fort Hood assignment is my first as an Army Chaplain. I am learning from other Chaplains and realizing that I belong to a wonderful Chaplain community. Now I am building a relationship with leaderships and Soldiers in my unit. To build up a good relationship, I make a lot of visitations and circulations to Soldiers. I have realized during my conversations with Soldiers that my unit needs junior NCO leadership training. For the next quarter, I hope to provide that for my unit. Also, I have a plan to conduct a spiritual fitness program and a Prayer Breakfast. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for a well-balanced unit ministry. By July, most of my unit's company commanders will be replaced. Please pray for a smooth transition for each company and me to build-up a good relationship with them. I put my name on the preaching roster for the Traditional Chapel on Fort Hood for the coming May. Please pray for the congregation and me.

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9 Sunday CPT Curtis Straeter, Palmetto Hills Presbyterian Church, Simpsonville, SC (PCA - Calvary) Immense but good changes this year! Graduated seminary, had our firstborn son, moved to Colorado Springs, started my first pastoral position, started a new National Guard position as a Chaplain candidate, and am now applying for Colorado Army National Guard Chaplaincy! **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for all of the adjustments for a new living situation in many respects. Pray for Precious (wife) and Leif (son) in their perseverance and adjustment. Pray for expediency and favor in my Chaplain application process!

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10 Monday LCDR Stephen Scott, CHC, USN, CNSWG 3, Pearl Harbor, HI (PCA - Gulf Coast) Ministry to my units here in Hawaii continues to be very engaging and challenging at times. It is a very busy command with constant movement which causes me to travel a good bit all over the country. But by being engaged with the Sailors and their families on a regular basis brings many opportunities to develop trust, build

relationships and provide counsel to those that are struggling through normal everyday stressors alongside the ever-changing operational schedule. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Thank God with my promotion to LCDR. Pray for families stationed on the island of Oahu. It is a beautiful place to be, but it is also extremely remote, and some families have difficulty not having a strong support structure that they would have had on the Mainland. Pray for our family as we enter into our last year at this command and make arrangements for the next transition.

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11 Tuesday CH (Lt Col) Terry Fox, 908th Airlift Wing, Maxwell AFB, AL (PCA - Southeast Alabama) I transferred from the Tennessee Air National Guard to the Air Force Reserves last June. This reduced my monthly travels by 590 miles (9 hours) round trip. My new unit is now about 20 minutes away from my home. This certainly reduced my travels, but more importantly, it gives me an opportunity to build better relationships with the people in my unit. I can interact with them during the month, something I couldn't do with my Guard unit. Furthermore, I was able to go on orders for 42 days following the deaths of two of our unit members. This gave me a good opportunity to get to know some of the Airmen. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for the friends and families of the two members we lost. Pray also that God would be glorified in my work with the Air Force Reserves. Pray that God gives me opportunities to share the gospel and disciple Airmen. Thank the Lord with me that I was promoted to Lt Col! Finally, pray that God would help me build a strong and viable ministry in my new unit.

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12 Wednesday CH (COL) LJ Creamer, USA, National War College, Fort McNair, DC (ARPC - Northeast Presbytery) I will graduate from the National War College this summer and move to Fort Jackson, SC for my next assignment. I look forward to what the Lord has in store for this next season of ministry. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please continue to pray for our leadership and pray for the Soldiers and Families who will be transitioning this summer to a new assignment.

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13 Thursday CH John Johnston, Western State Hospital, Lakewood, WA (PCA - Pacific Northwest) August 1, 2020 will mark the beginning of my 16th year as a civilian hospital Chaplain at Western State Hospital. It has taken a toll on my body, soul mind and spirit. Not only my own, but that of my wife and two daughters. I am close to retirement. I am seriously thinking of retiring on that date. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** I would covet prayers on the above. I would covet prayers that I would finish up strong and godly for His honor and glory. Finally, I would covet prayers of what God would want me to do in the future and that I would be able to recover from what I have gone through, not only at Western State Hospital, but also 33 good years in the United States Army Reserve and 20 years in private practice and AAMFT Supervision.

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14 Friday CH (COL) Kelly Moore, USA, TRADOC, Fort Eustis, VA (RPCNA - Midwest) Transition is nothing new to military life, and certainly describes life as the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Chaplain. As a major command, TRADOC is heavily engaged in the reset and reform the Army is going through. As in most times of transition, though, it is important to remember the basics. While Chaplains may seek new methods to reach a new generation, it is an ageless message of hope, purpose, and new life! I have the privilege to help promote and encourage this message via our TRADOC Chaplains spread across the country. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that Chaplains will be faithful to their calling and message and not feel the need to compromise with cultural winds. Pray that my Team and I here at TRADOC HQ will be insightful and effective in implementing initiatives to help Chaplains reach Soldiers and their Families.

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15 Saturday CH (LTC) Mark Levine, USA, USACHCS, Fort Jackson, SC (PCA - Missouri) I continue to serve as the Executive Officer of the Training Directorate at the Chaplain School at Ft. Jackson, SC. This is a great place to work mainly because of the great folks I work with. I continue serving a small group of Bible hungry retirees each week by teaching a Bible Study. We are walking

through the Old Testament book-by-book and are thoroughly enjoying getting the "big picture of the Bible" better in grip by seeing the Gospel in every book of Scripture. By God's grace--and your prayers--I completed my DeMint. dissertation on the Puritan View of Meditation on Heaven. Thank you so much for your support in this endeavor. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray that I would be a blessing to those I work with by being a bright and shining light for Christ and His Gospel. Please ask the Lord to continue to bless our Bible study, both numerically and personal growth-wise most importantly. Thank you all who pray for me!

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16 Sunday Ch Capt Jeremy Coenen, USAF, 25th Attack Group, Shaw AFB, SC (PCA - Tennessee Valley) Greetings all from warm and humid South Carolina. My family and I just moved from Alaska and are now stationed at Shaw AFB, near Columbia SC. Thank you all for your prayers during this time of transition. We are continuing to homeschool our boys and they are growing in knowledge and stature. I am just settling into my new role in the Attack Group. The number of Airmen I work with is much smaller, but their needs are greater. Also, this Group has been very welcoming, and they desire to have me around more often as compared to other locations where I have worked. Unlike my last two duty locations, I will not have Sunday worship responsibilities here. This is a welcome change and we look forward to being fed at the local PCA congregation, but also, I will volunteer as needed. **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Please continue to pray for us: Even though I won't have Sunday responsibilities, pray that the Lord glorifies Himself in my ministry day-to-day with the Airmen of this unit. Similarly, as we integrate into a new neighborhood, we would like the Lord to use our home as a lighthouse for His glory. And finally, please pray that the Gospel shines forth within our home.

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17 Monday CH John Cline, SSM Saint Louis University Hospital, St. Louis, MO (PCA - Missouri) We are licensed now as foster parents, awaiting placement. I've been working almost a year now doing part-time overnight shifts at the hospital. I work as the emergency Chaplain at night responding to crisis and death, but also do nightly rounds. This new schedule has been very good for my family and my mental health. I do get tired at night plenty of times and sleeping during the day can be funky. I am grateful for the relationships and friendships I have been able to grow in that time with the hospital staff. I plan to continue this schedule of work into the indefinite future. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please do pray for energy at night as I have to strive to prevent tiredness from consuming my desire to do ministry. Continue to pray for mental health in general. Please also pray for the relationships I have built with staff and that they would bear fruit. Thanks for praying!

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18 Tuesday CH (MAJ) Leonard Siems, USA, USACHCS, Fort Jackson, SC (PCA - Mississippi Valley) My past year has been a very busy year. I became an instructor at the United States Army Chaplain Center and School. I have had the opportunity to instruct the initial Chaplains Basic Officers Leadership Course(CHBOLC), and the Chaplains Captains Career Course (C4). It has been such a pleasure to meet so many Chaplains, both new and old. The next few months will be a challenge as all the courses have been suspended due to the virus. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** That Colleen and I would remain healthy and be able to serve Chaplains as best we can in these circumstances.

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19 Wednesday 2LT Ken Kruckow, Joint Force Headquarters, Lansing, MI (OPC - Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario) Thank you all for your faithful prayers and encouraging notes. Since the last update, I have graduated from seminary and moved to Michigan serving as a Chaplain Candidate at Joint Force Headquarters in Lansing, MI. On the civilian side I'm a full-time pastoral intern in Farmington Hills, MI. Back in November I had a surgery to repair my ongoing

leg injury many of you have prayed for. Now I am nearly back to full strength and happy to report your prayers have been effectual. For the future, I'm signed up for Chaplain school in September when my internship ends at the church and praying for God's direction on what will be next.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Give the Lord praise with me for healing of my injured leg and ask Him with me to grant me wisdom for future ministry decisions. Pray also for my family life to find a healthy "new normal" post-seminary.

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20 Thursday CH Randy Williams, Memphis VA Medical Center, Memphis, TN (PCA - Covenant) I am fully immersed with mental health as a part of the PTSD treatment team. Besides the Moral Injury group, I'm also leading groups teaching forgiveness which opens doors for 1-to-1 counseling where veterans have been harmed by a church or Christian leader in the past. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for God's continued blessing of our Moral Injury groups, new areas, such as forgiveness groups, and that healing would take place where spiritual abuse has occurred.

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21 Friday CDR Cristiano DeSousa, CHC, USN, Marine Corps University, Quantico, VA (PCA - South Florida) I minister to Marines and service members from other military services and allied countries at Marine Corps University. The past year has been a time of ministry consolidation into a professional and academic environment. Students come for a year for professional development and training which impacts their personal, family and spiritual lives. I am engaging in meeting their religious needs, including offering three weekly bible studies. I also partner with others on ethics-related teaching and writing projects. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for Aimee and me as we raise our son, Giovanni, whose adoption was finalized last June 2019. Now we ask for your prayers as we prepare to go overseas in the summer of 2021. Pray for strength and perseverance as we do all the overseas screening paperwork.

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22 Saturday CH Don Johnson, CovenantCare at Home, St. Charles, IL (PCA - Chicago Metro) I minister to people with life-limiting illnesses in Chicago's western suburbs. I serve alongside other staff who have a variety of callings and faith backgrounds. I try to be alert to spoken and unspoken joys and sorrows of patients and staff alike. I listen for the story behind the story as I cling to and then freely offer the grace and hope of the Gospel. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Praise God for His kind grace leading me to a calling that brings the hope of the Gospel into some of life's most poignant and difficult moments. Pray that God would enable me to be present and to speak hope in a way that resonates with the true needs of the moment.

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23 Sunday CH Bob Needham, King's County Sheriff Chaplain, Hanford, CA (OPC - Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada) I have experienced ill health for the last two+ years, double spinal stenosis surgery last March, post-surgery setbacks, worsening of my Parkinson's symptoms and several other physical challenges. Therefore, my ministry with the Kings County Sheriff's Department for the last three years has been limited to a regular once a week Tuesday morning visit to the Headquarters, which has been rewarding, and the occasional late night or early morning call to assist Sheriff Deputies dealing with a fatal accident or an unexpected residential death. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Thank you for praying for my health and ministry to the department.

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24 Monday CH (MAJ) Timothy Fary, USA, Family Life Chaplain FBGA, Fort Benning, GA (PCA - Western Carolina) My mom and Sarah's parents are now in assisted living here in Columbus. My mom is in memory care (late stage vascular dementia) and although Sarah's mom has Alzheimer's disease, she is able to remain outside of memory care because she is in the same room as my father-in-law. Fort Benning is no longer a training center for family life Chaplains. Time was, there would be a family life Chaplain and numerous students studying counseling in the program that would see clients. My current

situation of being the only one available is complicated by many meetings, administrative duties, and other things that keep me out of the counseling room. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Given the above please pray that I strike a balance with my priorities. I would also pray for peace and rest for Sarah. She gets the lion share of the day to day with my mom and her folks. You might also pray for our parents that they would finish well as ones for whom Christ died.

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25 Tuesday CH Brent Easton, Lourdes Hospital/Hospice, Paducah, KY (PCA - Illiana)

One of our 56-year-old female hospice patients recently died from ALS. Her disease had progressed where she could only speak a few words. The Bible on her nightstand, a gift from friends who had affixed their signatures, opened up communication about the Lord with me. Even in her final hours I was called to read Scripture, pray and sing to calm her down. Her confession and faith in Christ were expressed literally in a few words and in the great peace that the Holy Spirit gave her in great fits of pain. I was asked to officiate her funeral. What a great joy and honor. I see 70-80 patients in a 16 counties area each month. Many are "routine" visits, but the above story is an example of why I do what I do. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray the Lord gives me more of these opportunities!

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26 Wednesday CH Brett Vebber, Birmingham Children's of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, AL (PCA - Evangel) Chaplain work at Children's of Alabama is going well. Youth continue to struggle with meaning in life and thoughts of suicide. I am currently doing research by asking patients as they leave the hospital to see how many discovered new meanings in life while they were here verses, they just learned to cope.

Pray for my health with CF-lung and CHF-heart. I am going to South Africa to help a dear friend and minister age 80 to set up his long-term care. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray for his health as he is struggling intensely.

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27 Thursday Ch Maj Chris Reeder, USAF, Deputy Wing Chaplain, 72 ABW/HC, Tinker AFB, OK (ARPC - Florida Presbytery) Our Father continues to be working at Tinker Air Force Base in small but significant ways. Please continue to pray for the health of our Chapel Team. As mentioned in my previous report, in September 2019 we found out that I was not selected for Lt Col. However, due to a possible error in my records we were looking to see if I was eligible for a Special Selection Board. I am happy to report that I have been selected for a Special Selection Board. I do not yet know the date, but this is a positive step. Thank you for your prayers and their assistance getting us to this point. Also as previously reported, in September 2019 my wife Jennifer and I experienced a failed adoption. We are continuing to process this devastating loss and seek God's direction regarding the future of our adoption plans. Honestly, right now we just don't know what to do. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please pray for a favorable result on the Lt Col Special Selection Board, for us as we continue to try to recover from the devastating failed adoption, and continue to pray for my studies through Erskine – time management and balance will always be a challenge.

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28 Friday CH Mike Horne, South Carolina State Guard & SC ANG 263rd, Anderson, SC (ARPC - Second Presbytery) I attended a recruiting class to learn procedures for recruiting new applicants. I support and attend to the spiritual and mental needs of our Soldiers and communities and provide spiritual guidance for the 2nd Battalion CO and his staff. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that we find more people to fill our roster for Chaplain Detachment (CDET) and 2nd Battalion.

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29 – 30 Weekend Edition Ch Capt Joey Wright IV, USAF, SOW/HC, Hurlburt Field, FL (PCA - Mississippi Valley) Here at Hurlburt Field, in our Air Park, we have a memorial that quotes Isaiah 6:8 “And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” I am so thankful that God has raised up Air Commandos to follow Him. Today, we just celebrated 14 of our warriors, 12 receiving the Air Medal and 2 being presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross. As their Chaplain, both in Bagram, Afghanistan, during the mission for which these medals were earned, and here at home in the 1st Special Operations Wing, I am humbled to minister to these men and women. Pray that God would continue to open doors and opportunities for ministry. Also, pray for God’s grace and favor as I meet the promotion board for Major this June. We should find out around September or October the results of the board. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pray that God would bring great glory to Christ Jesus through the ministry with the Operations Group. Pray that Summer would continue to have a vibrant ministry at home with our kids, and at the

Church with the ladies. Pray that God would work in our family, continuing to grow us in love for Christ and each other.

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31 Monday LCDR John Um, CHC, USN, Serving the US Coast Guard (PCA - Korean Southeastern) I have worked to promote a culture of respect at Sector Columbia River (CR), where empathetic leadership is key in prevention of stress and suicidal behaviors. I provided ten sessions of Leadership Book Review Club for Leadership Diversity Advice Council, resulting in helping Sector CR leaders to build trust and courage in workplaces. Praise God for sending many Coast Guard attendees to this important and invaluable program. **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Our daughter Grace has graduated elementary school. Please pray for my older daughter as she prepares to enter high school in September. We are nearing our time for requesting orders for my next duty station. Please pray that God would lead us to the perfect place where we can serve Him well. Thank you for your great support!

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