

BCM

HEALTHCARE

CHAPLAINS

WHEN LOVE, HOPE, AND PEACE ARE THE BEST MEDICINES.

Baptist Community Ministries (BCM) provides chaplaincy services to local healthcare centers across Greater New Orleans. Full-time healthcare chaplains offer aid and comfort to patients and their loved ones during the most trying times of their lives. They give care and consultation to healthcare professionals as they overcome pain and loss on the job.

Upon request, healthcare chaplains may provide prayer, spiritual conversation, or religious rites. Many times, they are simply asked to be a shoulder to lean on during someone's darkest hour.

BCM CHAPLAIN IN ACTION

At a local pediatric hospital, a young patient was recovering from a bone marrow transplant when he was diagnosed with COVID-19. It was completely unexpected. The patient's mother was continually at his bedside.

To boost their spirits, a BCM chaplain gathered doctors, nurses, and other hospital staff to sing gospel hymns outside of the recovery room. As everyone began to sing, the mother's face lit up. She walked to the door, held her hand up to the glass, and began to sing along with tears streaming down her face. She thanked the BCM chaplain for coordinating this effort and was touched by the outpouring of love and support that everyone showed towards her, the patient, and their family.

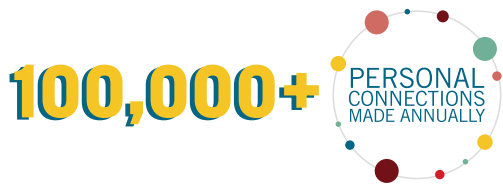


IT TAKES MORE THAN A CALLING. IT TAKES TRAINING.

BCM chaplains offer a ministry of presence and acceptance, respecting all people regardless of religious affiliation.

HEALTHCARE CHAPLAINS:

- Offer a safety net of grace to patients, families, and healthcare workers
- Provide calming reassurance during times of suffering and grief
- Give spiritual care and consultation
- Respect people of all faiths or no faith
- Safeguard confidentiality



TWO CHAPLAINCY PROGRAMS, ONE GOAL: SERVING THE COMMUNITY

BCM provides chaplaincy services to local healthcare facilities. In addition, BCM provides police chaplains to serve all eight districts of the NOPD. Learn more about both of our chaplaincy programs by scanning the QR code:



WHEN SHOULD A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL CALL A CHAPLAIN?



- If a patient or family member needs support during their physical or emotional healing process
- If a patient is near death or has recently passed
- If someone is experiencing depression or having suicidal thoughts
- If someone is in need of counseling



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