



The SBC Chaplaincy Code of Conduct and Pledge of Support

The Chaplains Commission of the North American Mission (NAMB) endorses Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Chaplains. NAMB is an agency of the SBC whose messengers over the years have adopted resolutions on a variety of subjects. These range from broad concepts of freedom of religion and the separation of church and state to matters of morality and personal conduct. The Chaplains Commission expects that endorsed chaplains will have as a focus in the midst of their ministry an awareness of and responsiveness to opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. One outcome of the ministry of Southern Baptist chaplains is seeing persons make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, then follow that profession of faith in believer's baptism and affiliation with a local church. Chaplains are expected to live their personal and professional lives with the highest practice of integrity. You will be expected to abide by guidance given to individuals/churches by the SBC, NAMB and/or SBC Chaplaincy Team leaders. If your personal lifestyle impacts your ministry effectiveness or could bring about embarrassment to the cause of Christ, the SBC or SBC Chaplaincy, you may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including withdrawal of endorsement.

By seeking and receiving a SBC Chaplaincy endorsement, you indicate your willingness to abide by the following "Code of Conduct".

CODE OF CONDUCT PLEDGE

- I will conduct myself in a way that reflects positively on Christ and the Southern Baptist Convention.
- If married, other than my spouse or family member, I will not be at a residence alone, have a meal alone, or be in a car alone with anyone of the opposite sex.
- I will be a member in good standing of a Southern Baptist Church.
- I will practice tithing.
- I execute sound judgment in counseling, visiting, communicating and traveling with anyone of the opposite sex in order to guard against any perception of inappropriateness.
- I will not show affection that could be questioned as inappropriate.
- I will abstain from consumption of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs.
- I will not view pornography.
- I will maintain financial integrity.
- I will submit the required Quarterly Chaplaincy Report to the SBC Chaplaincy Team.
- I will covenant to pray for the integrity and spiritual health of my fellow chaplains.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____