

## FEATURE

# God - alive and well; looking to expand flock at base chapel

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God loves everyone, and is offering a sense of fulfillment, according to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Dull, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing chaplain.

Dull and Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Newton have some new plans, programs and ideas to help promote the messages of the Almighty One, including a "Cyber Chaplain."

"The Cyber Chaplain uses technology with interactive video to get the chapel's message out," said Newton. "We can place a link in e-mail and people can go back everyday to hear a new message from the Cyber Chaplain. The Cyber Chaplain helps promote the role of the chaplains, and lets people know we're here. They can also e-mail the Cyber Chaplain and ask questions.

"We're not trying to use the Cyber Chaplain to force our way in on people, but rather walk alongside them," said Newton. "It's also a great referral service for us."

Referrals are nothing new to the chaplains here, according to Dull. They offer counseling services for

moral and spiritual issues from stealing to what kind of worship service to attend.

"Assessments and referrals are big business here," said Dull. "It might mean referring someone to an off-base congregation, if their faith group is not represented here, or even referring someone to Behavioral Science. No matter what you discuss with us, you have the privilege of total confidentiality. We're morally, and legally, bound not to discuss things with anyone else while in the course of practicing our ministry. I have seen the privilege upheld at a courts-martial."

"Airmen, or anyone for that matter, can talk about anything with us," said Newton.

The chaplains also stay busy with worship services, funerals, meetings, sermon writing, bulletin making, luncheons, visits, and tweaking their new building at 107 Arthur Drive, just to name a few things, according to Dull.

"I think one of our sinks is possessed by demons," laughed Dull. "As with any new building, getting things just right takes some time."

The chaplains have spent a lot of their time recently developing a

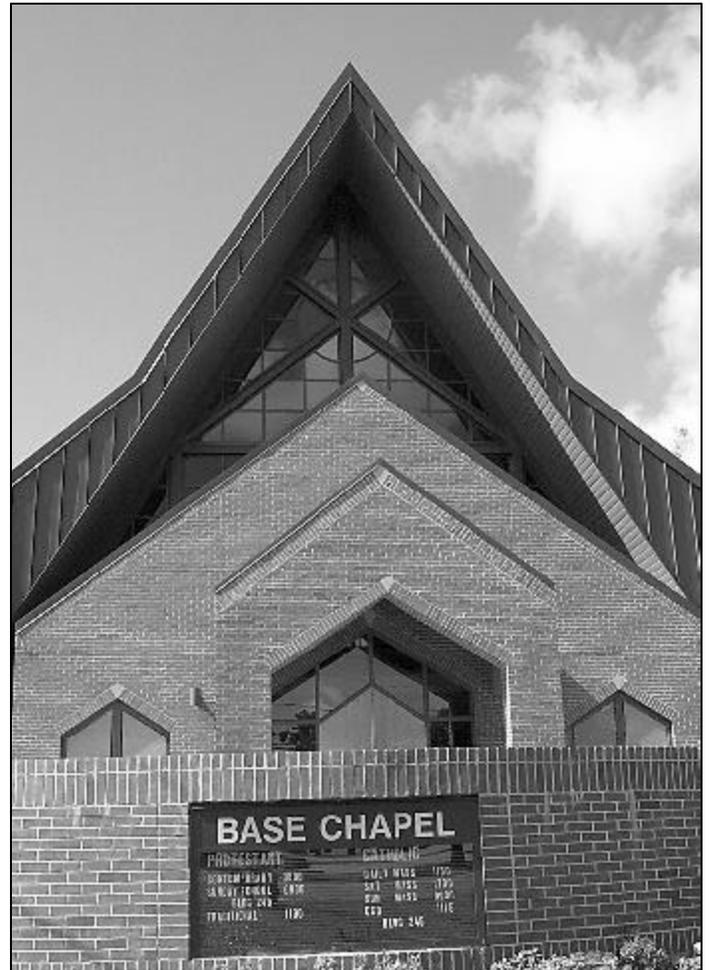
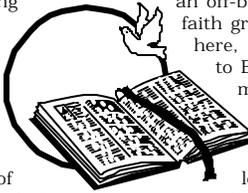


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new service called the Truth Project, said Newton. The project is a contemporary worship service that kicks off Oct. 19, 7 p.m. at the chapel.

"The service is going to have music through a live band, skits, video clips and relevant cultural ties to God's word," said Newton. "It's not as set as a formal service. It's definitely audio-visual driven."

"During the musician recruiting stages of the project, we stirred up a lot of interest in the younger folks," said Newton. "It's a good medium for them to worship at a level where they feel comfortable."

"I don't think it will affect the traditional Protestant services," said Dull. "Our mission is to serve Air Force members and their families. We hope this service will make worship more meaningful for Charleston's younger and single folks."

As for the question of God's presence here, both chaplains agree Charleston AFB is being watched.

"Everyone needs common ground," said Dull. "When we're faced with moral and spiritual dilemmas, who do we turn to? The family of faith isn't monolithic



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**Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Newton, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing chaplain, said the Truth Project will tie relevant cultural issues into God's word.**

anymore. We are a place of acceptance, familiarity and unconditional love for everyone."

The chaplains are always looking for volunteers. From altar servers to musicians, and everything in between, volunteers are essential to the success of chapel programs. For more information about volunteering or any of the services offered at the chapel, call 963-2536, or visit the Cyber Chaplain at [www.charleston.af.mil/chas/437aw/Staff/Chapel/Home.htm](http://www.charleston.af.mil/chas/437aw/Staff/Chapel/Home.htm).



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**Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jeffrey Dull, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing chaplain, views the Cyber Chaplain. The Cyber Chaplain offers instant information and helps promote the role of the chaplains.**