James “Jim” Burns is now available to fire and law enforcement agencies, public safety chaplain groups, churches, funeral homes and businesses with seminars including Stress Management, Customer Services, Leadership, Grief and Crisis support. He can usually accommodate most schedules.

**Understanding Grief, Grief Support and Ministry to the Terminally Ill**

A Ministry of Love – Comforting Those Who Mourn (A 3 hour Study of Grief and how to minister in grief)

Grief Work – Moving Toward Acceptance (8 hour class for chaplains and/or others on how to minister)

Living with Loss during the Holidays (Study of coping with Grief during holidays, birthdays, etc. - (2 hrs.)

Share Your Grief – (A study in Grief including planning for your own funeral- (2 hrs.)

Grief Share Support – Introduction to Grief for Support Group Members (2 hrs. per week for 6 weeks)

Grief: Adjusting to Loss (a grief class focusing on adjusting and moving beyond grief- (3 hrs.)

Be There, Listen, and Love – Caring for the Terminally Ill (class on working with those who are near death – (3 to 4 hrs.) A good in-service class for nursing homes, assisting living, hospice and others.

Death and Funerals – Summary practices of Different Faiths related to death and funeral rites (6 hr.) for chaplains and others who are called upon to minister in death and funerals

**Crisis, Disaster and Stress Response Courses** (for emergency services and others)

Understanding Crisis and Crisis Response - (3 hr.) a great class for chaplains and church leaders

Disaster Response – The Chaplain’s Role – 4-6 hrs.) Types of disasters, how people respond to disasters, how public safety chaplains fit into the overall command system in a mass disaster response plan

Helping Those In Disaster – Lions Alert Program (Lions Club Disaster plan)

Overcoming Trauma – The Process toward Recovery - (2 hrs.)

Managing Stress how to manage stress for emergency workers & others – (2-4 hrs.) Great class of all

Suicide and Violent Death – Understanding, preventing, intervention and ministry to suicide and violent death survivors - a before and after ministry ( 4-6 hours) Good for public safety personnel, chaplains, pastors and others.
**Organization, Communications and Leadership Courses**  
(Fire Departments, Business, Churches, Civic clubs, etc.)

**Human Behavior and Communications** (importance of human communication- 2 hrs.) Good class for all

**The People Factor – Human Behavior Influencing Organizational Behavior** – (4 hrs.) Good for all employees

**The Path to Great Leadership** (being a servant leader and doing what others won’t do- (4 hrs.) All leadership

**Preparing Emotional Retirement for Public Safety Personnel and others** – (about 2 hrs.) For nearing retirement

**Customer Service** – for Service Businesses, sales organization (internal and external customer relations) (2 hrs.)

**Customer Service** – for a church, non-profit organization, etc. (Internal and External customers) (2 hrs.)

**The Velcro Church** – Getting Visitors stick so you can influence them toward Christ – (8 hr. workshop)

**Who Moved My Cheese** – a presentation about change, going past your fears to enjoying your life - (3 hrs.)

**Effective Committee/Ministry Team Orientation** – new committees, ministry teams, chairs, what to do and how to do it effectively (2 hours).

**Effective Church Leadership** – A study on strategic Leadership planning, activating, motivation and evaluation (3 hrs.) A lot like the People Factor and Great Leadership class with perspective on church leadership

**Shepherding the Sheep** – A Pastoral Ministries Training Guide for Church Cell-Group Leaders (4 hrs.)

**Search Committee Orientation** – Things to look for in a candidate (to meet with new search committees) (1 hr)

**Ultimate Freedom** (911 pictures for remembrance and prayer for a 911 Memorial Service) (part of a service)

**Weathering the Storm of a Stroke** – a personal testimony – about 1 hr.)

**Lions Club Presentation** (how a Club can move off a stale-mate and move ahead- 1 hr.)

A Book

**Weathering the Storms of Life – coping with the pain of Emotional Storms** - book written to help people coping with the pain of emotional crises. It is not intended to provide a therapeutic resource, but to provide a greater understanding of the human condition from a Christian perspective, and to encourage people who are going through many of the normal storms of life by holding on to God’s all sufficient grace. Christians are called to minister to each other in times of need. This twenty-one chapter book can be valuable to any Christian who seriously wishes to make a difference in people’s lives. Chapters include: Weathering the Storms of Crisis, Anxiety, Anger, Resentment, Hopelessness, Doubt, Violence and Abuse, Shame, Inadequacy, Prejudice, Misunderstanding, Temptation, Serious Illness, Death, Grief, Care-giving, Divorce, Depression, Stroke, and Storms of whatever. The e-book is suggested as a contribution of $8.00.
Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy  Level 100 Basic Fire Chaplaincy Training, a 16 hour intensive, fundamental training for fire department chaplains.
Jim is a Certified Level IV Instructor (#003) with FFC Chaplain Training Institute

Introduction to FFC Institute Program – (½ hr.)

Foundations of Fire Chaplaincy (an FFC Basic Level 100 Class - 1 ½ hr.)

Beginning a Chaplaincy Program (FFC Basic Level 100 Class - 1 hr.)

Personhood of the Chaplain (an FFC Basic Level 100 Class – 1 ½ hr.)

Chaplain Operations – Chaplain on the Scene (an FFC Basic Level 100 Class- 1 ½ hr.)

Fire Department Funeral Procedures (types, information sheet, etc. – 1 ½ hrs.)

Introduction and Overview of CISM components – Basic Level 100 – 1 ½ hrs.)

Fire Chaplain Ministry to Firefighters (an FFC Basic Level 100 Class -1 hr.)

Fire Chaplain Ministry to Crisis Victims (an FFC Basic Level 100 Class- 1 ½ hrs.)

Firefighter Injury, death and Death Notification (an FFC Basic Level 100 Class- 1 ½ hrs.)

The Chaplain and HIPAA (FFC Basic Level 100 Class- 1 hr.)

Dealing With Difficult Deaths – this workshop from 12-16 hours with a great deal of class interaction, with little lecture. Difficult Deaths will be dealt with including: Infant and Childhood Deaths, Multiple Deaths, Traumatic Deaths, Suicides, Violent and Mutilating Deaths and others. Dealing with Difficult Deaths is an Advanced FFC Training Institute class led by a certified instructor.

Fire and Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Training Courses (short courses for specific areas of fire and law enforcement chaplaincy)

Fire Chaplain Job Description (a short class for new chaplains, 1 hr.)

The Chaplain in the Command System (a short class for new chaplains- 1 ½ hrs.)

Firefighter Funerals and Walk-through for Chaplains (classroom & practical skills- 4 hrs)

Basic Guidelines for FFC Regional Directors (intro for regional directors -1 hr.)

Fire Chaplains – Who We Are and What We Do (a presentation to groups with a birds-eye-view of the public safety chaplaincy- 1 – 1 ½ hr.) Fire chief groups, Fire departments, church groups, service clubs, etc.

Law Enforcement Chaplains - Who We Are and What We Do (intro. 1 hr.)
About the Presenter

Jim is a Louisiana native. Born in Lafayette, LA. Grew up on a farm in rural Vernon Parish, LA; has served 50+ years as pastor and public safety chaplain, serving fire, police, emergency services and coroner’s office; a facilitator of Area-Wide Grief Support Group for several years in the greater Indianapolis area; has developed and presented numerous seminars on fire chaplaincy, disaster response, grief support, and many other ministry related subjects.

He recently retired on October 22, 2015 as Director of Regions in United States, Canada and South America, Germany, Australia and Namibia with the Federation of Fire Chaplains and is now Command Chaplain/Executive Secretary for Louisiana Fire Service Chaplaincy; former Director of the Great Lakes Fire Chaplain and CISM Training Institute in Indianapolis, Indiana; served as a member of the Disaster Response Operations Team for the American Red Cross; served as secretary of Indiana Fire Chaplain Corps.

His experience includes pastor, chaplain, administrator and producer/director of a large outdoor drama; his training has included bachelor's and masters in biblical studies, master of theology, doctor of ministry and PhD in ministry; a master fire chaplain (MFC) certificate (160+ hrs.), certified master level IV instructor from the Federation of Fire Chaplains Training Institute; has fourteen certifications in emergency and support services from FEMA; certificates in group crisis intervention, assisting individuals in crisis, pastoral crisis intervention I and II, and suicide prevention, intervention & postvention from ICISF; sudden death, suicide, grief and trauma loss, and treating grief loss from the Center for Loss and Life Transition; coping with grief, adult complicated mourning, and working with survivors of homicide, suicide, and other violent death from the American Academy of Bereavement; and a weapons of mass destruction preparedness & anti-terrorism certificate from FBI and DEA; and a psychological first aid certificate from ARC. He is author of Weathering the Storms of Life – Coping with the Pain of Emotional Storms written for chaplains, pastors and individuals who are dealing with difficult issues.

Jim has received numerous awards for his leadership and service to the church, the community and his contributions to public safety and chaplaincy. More importantly, Jim has spent most of his adult life helping people work through significant losses in their lives, and perhaps his most important credential is his own agonizing pain and grief resulting from significant loss in his own life. A debilitating stroke in 2009 resulted in him beginning to speak again and learn to read at a first-grade level (one-word-at-a-time) all over again. The significant losses in his life puts him in a unique position to empathize with those going through the grief process and makes him an excellent teacher / trainer for those who are working with people in grief.

Jim is married to Susan Elmore, and together they have five children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Jim and Susan live in Ruston, LA with their daughter Liza, their dog Miss Dolly and two cats, Frances and Gracie Mae.
Suggested Honorarium:
Two-Day Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy (16 hrs.)------------------------ $200.00*
Two-Day Dealing with Difficult Death (12-16 hrs.)---------------------- $200.00*
One-Day Training Class (8 hour) ------------------------------------- $150.00*
One-Day Training Class (2 – 6 hrs.)---------------------------------- $100.00*
One-Day Training Class (1 ½- 2 hrs.)------------------------------ $75.00*
For churches or non-profit organizations  -------------- Love offering*

Trainer’s Expenses:
*In addition, client is responsible for trainer’s travel and hotel expenses. Trainer provides cost of travel expenses or airfare receipts for travel both ways, hotel expense receipts during the training program. If the training location is in Lincoln Parish, LA or immediate surrounding Parishes, no mileage will be expected, and only hotel expenses will be expected if required for a stayover.

*If FFC Certified classes are required, client is responsible to pay FFC for Certificate Fees as follows:
$25.00 per student for Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy class (16 hour class)
$25.00 per student for other FFC classes (12-16 hour class)
$10.00 per student for Course fee from (2 – 8 hours)
From Burns Training/Consulting Certificates have NO Fees.

The client shall make available appropriate meeting venue and auto-visual equipment to the presenter not less than 30 minutes before the first presentation time as checked below:

Equipment made available shall be:
☐ LCD projector (compatible with Windows 10, PowerPoint, CD player)
☐ Tables and chairs for all participants
☐ Chalkboard and chalk or white board with markers
☐ Sound system with mic in venues which are large enough to require such
☐ Other ________________________________________________________

Compensation to Trainer / Consultant

Honorarium in accordance with the above suggested honorarium or agreed upon schedule shall be paid to the trainer at the end of the presentation in US Dollars in the form of check, money order or Cash, unless prior arrangements for invoicing have been made.

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