

## *Why Chaplain Training and An Approval Process?*

Through a variety means, Christian ministry at racing events has grown rapidly over the past twenty years as thousands of people have emerged to share the message and hope in Christ and to offer encouragement to people in the racing community. Volunteers who are available to serve fans in a variety of ways; those who make themselves available to offer the invocation as part of the pre-race activities; and those who offer prayer and encouragement on a personal basis to the competitors—all of these have begun to appear at racing venues in increasing numbers. In the midst of all this ministry activity, the National Fellowship of Raceway Ministries joins the ranks of those who believe that official training and approval need to be available for those who wish to carry the title of “Chaplain.” Why establish such an approval experience?

- ✓ It provides information and training necessary to perform the chaplain’s task.
- ✓ It provides chaplain information and training from a strongly Biblical, evangelical Christian perspective.
- ✓ It provides credibility by assuring raceway owners, managers and promoters that those who wear the name “Chaplain” have been trained and endorsed by an organization familiar with the unique aspects of racing.
- ✓ It provides a forum for chaplains of the racing community to gather and exchange information and encouragement with other like-minded servants of Christ.
- ✓ It establishes a network of communication and fellowship among those who uniquely are called to serve as chaplains to those who provide and attend motor sports events.

