



**Banner Good Samaritan**  
Medical Center

## *Spiritual Care*



Caring for the emotional and spiritual needs of patients, their families, visitors and employees is the main goal of the Spiritual Care department at

Banner Good Samaritan. Our team of full-time Chaplains and Chaplain students can be reached by calling (602) 839-4324, and are available 24 hours a day by asking the nursing unit or hospital operator.

The Spiritual Care staff realizes that people may be either religious or spiritual or both. Those that identify themselves as religious usually are affiliated with a specific faith group and participate in a faith community. Those that are spiritual may not consider themselves religious yet find ways to attend to their spirit. Anyone who is searching for meaning and purpose along with values to guide their life can be considered spiritual. Spiritual Care can address both the religious and spiritual needs of others.

Chaplains are available 24 hours a day to address the spiritual and emotional needs of patients, families and staff. They can be considered 'professional listeners' who listen and offer support in a way that is comfortable to the person seeking assistance and solace. If asked, they can assist people in using or finding spiritual resources that are meaningful to the person that can assist the healing process. Chaplains are open to all beliefs and never impose their own religious perspective on others. For routine visits, patients can ask their nurse to request a "Spiritual Consult" while in the hospital.

### **Worship Opportunities**

Sunday Worship services are available for all patients, family and staff in the George P. Kokalis Chapel, located on the first floor of Banner Good Samaritan. Currently, Christian services are offered on Sundays at 9 a.m. and Catholic Mass is conducted on Sundays at 1 p.m. These services can be viewed on the hospital TV system on Channel 21.

A complete listing of services including holidays is posted outside of the Chapel's main doors.

### **Educational Programs**

A major teaching hospital, Banner Good Samaritan also hosts a graduate theological program. Chaplain Interns and Chaplain Residents enroll in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) to train in a clinical setting as a requirement to become a Board Certified Chaplain.



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