Resolution: Decide or Resolve?

On 1 Jan 2012, this New Year’s message was preached from the pulpit of the historic Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel. This sermon, along with near 500 other titles, is available to order on DVDs.

As we begin this new year, let me ask you something personal: How did last year’s resolutions turn out? Perhaps, over the years, you’ve ceased to decide on a resolution … because often times we only decide and within a matter of days, weeks or months we haven’t changed anything. We have a tendency to make resolutions we don’t keep; resolutions that are vague; and then we wonder why nothing changes.

A boy told his father, “Dad, if three frogs were sitting on a limb that hung over a pool, and one frog decided to jump off into the pool, how many frogs would be left on the limb?” The dad replied, “Two.” “No,” the son replied. “There’s three frogs and one decides to jump, how many are left?” The dad said, “Oh, I get it, if one decides to jump, the others would too. So there are none left.” The boy said, “No dad, the answer is three. The frog only DECIDED to jump.”

Here are some interesting facts about New Year’s resolutions:

- 40-45% of American adults make one or more New Year’s resolutions each year.
- 67% make 3 or more resolutions.
- How many maintained as time goes on?
  - Past 2 weeks: 71%
  - After one month: 64%
  - After 6 months: 46%

Given these stats: What are your New Year’s Resolutions for 2014? What will you resolve to do this new year?

Here is what the pollsters say are the Top 10 resolutions:

1. Get Out of Debt
2. Lose Weight and Get in Shape
3. Quit Smoking
4. Spend More Time with Family
5. Get a Raise or Promotion at Work
6. Find a New Job
7. Take a Vacation
8. Help Others
9. Learn Something New
10. Go Back to School

Well, how about you?

This New Year’s Day, I want to challenge you to make and keep, ONE and only ONE resolution … to RESOLVE to do only ONE thing!

Notice that I said – Resolve. What is resolve? … other than a carpet cleaner.

According to the dictionary, ‘resolve’ is a verb defined this way: to reach a firm decision about; to declare or decide by a formal resolution; to determine; to BE MINDED; to purpose; to come to KNOW, perceive, realize, expressing the definiteness of the realization and the consequent determination of your course of action.

So it’s not just making a resolution or making a decision; RESOLVE happens when there is real change, real transformation.

The Apostle Paul said this in our text here in Philippians 3. He gives us a lot to think about concerning RESOLVE. But specifically in verse 8 (NASB) – “… I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of KNOWING CHRIST Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ …”

There you have it: Only ONE resolution needed; it’s only two words. Did you get it? Here it is – KNOW CHRIST!

I don’t care if you are merely investigating the Christian life! I don’t care if you are a new believer! I don’t care if you’ve been a Christian for fifty years (like myself)! This ought to be your ONE and only resolution!

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President’s Corner

I write this letter with mixed emotions as this will be the last article I write as the President of the Foundation. My term is complete after this year and with all the things that are going on with my work, I have elected not to be nominated for a 2nd three year term. I would like to thank everyone for all the support they have given me the past two years I have served as your President. The Foundation has been blessed to have a great group of folks serving on the Board of Directors as volunteers, and I am thankful I had the opportunity to serve with all of you. I will continue to support all Foundation members, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee in any capacity that I can... as I move to an ex-officio capacity.

The Chapel has gone through several changes this year. It began in January with the worship being relocated to the Ft. Snelling Officers Club for the month while the Chapel was being renovated. Thanks goes to Tim Roberts, the manager at the Officers Club for taking great care of us on the Sunday’s they are normally not open. We have had several new members join us this year and I have seen a large group of individuals who are now volunteering to be on committees and assist in other areas at the Chapel. I would love to recognize them individually, but there are way too many... and I’m likely to miss some very important people. (My mind isn’t what it used to be).

We began Live Streaming our services for those that could not physically attend in person. My thanks to Tom Coulter for taking the reins on this and getting us online. With each service, we continually increase our viewers watching live and also logging in to watch our archived services.

In November, the DNR installed new lighting ... which truly has enhanced the brightness of the Chapel ... and they had the original light fixtures refurbished and reinstalled — keeping the Chapel as close to original condition as possible. The Foundation upgraded the sound system, and for those attending the service on November 24th we could really notice the difference. There was no more humming coming from the large speakers hanging from the ceilings as they were removed and replaced with more up to date speakers.

I would like to thank Marly Wallman for accepting the interim Minister of Music on such short notice when Craig Tennison resigned. Marly has been doing a terrific job filling in and the entire congregation has been truly blessed with her music.

Both Bev and I feel so blessed to be a part of this wonderful Chapel Foundation family and we are looking forward to worshipping with all of you at the Chapel in 2014.

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9 Feb (1:30 p.m.)
21 Dec (1:00 p.m.)

A copy of the 2013 Annual Report will be yours at the 47th Annual Mtg scheduled for Sun 9 Feb 2014 (1:00 p.m.) in the Chapel sanctuary. If you would like a copy ... after this date ... please call the Foundation Office at (651) 286-7296 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send you a copy of this impressive report of last year’s accomplishments.
Paul says that his top priority is to KNOW CHRIST! Everything else pales in comparison. Everything else is garbage; is rubbish! Is that your life resolution? Is that the number ONE thing in your spiritual journey?

Jesus, said, “For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek FIRST His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So don’t worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself.” (Matthew 6:32b-34a)

Think about it: What would happen in 2014 if you were to put God FIRST in every phase of your life? If you gave Him the FIRST minutes of every day? If you gave Him the FIRST day of every week? If you gave Him the FIRST of your income regularly? What would happen in your life if ALL you focused on was KNOWING Him?

Now, some of you might be thinking: Okay, let’s say I RESOLVE to KNOW CHRIST, how then do I keep this resolution? What is my course of action?

Again, turning to our text, Paul segues into his three-fold strategy for keeping our resolutions; for ensuring real resolve.

I. BE OPEN-MINDED ABOUT YOUR PRESENT
Paul says, “… not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect …” (Phil. 3:12)

Paul is being honest before God (and us). Even though he has messed up and stumbled in many areas, he is OPEN-MINDED about his PRESENT condition; his current circumstances. Paul said that he had not yet arrived. He could have compared himself with other people, and if he looked to the left and the right he probably could have come to the conclusion that he had arrived. But Paul didn’t do that; Paul realized that God does not grade on a curve!

Be open-minded about your PRESENT condition; your PRESENT position; your PRESENT situation; your PRESENT circumstances! Don’t try to fool God by saying, “Lord, my number one priority is to KNOW You!” Rather, admit where you are. Be honest with God, yourself and others.

II. BE CLOSE-MINDED ABOUT YOUR PAST
Paul said, “... forgetting what lies behind …” (Phil. 3:13) Paul was close-minded about his past. Remember: Paul had Christians murdered before he became a believer. Paul made it a point to forget about the past.

A lot of you about now are saying to yourself, “I can’t make a spiritual resolution. Not me. You don’t realize what I did this last year or who I was last year.”

Let me tell you something, my friend: Yes, you can! We serve a God who wants us, because of the grace and mercy and forgiveness of Christ, to be closed-minded about our past. Paul was; how about you?

III. BE SINGLE-MINDED ABOUT YOUR FUTURE
Look at our text beginning at verse 13 – “… but ONE THING I DO … reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 3:13-14) Paul was single-minded about his future. He said, “This ONE thing I do…” Not these forty things I dabble in; not my Top Ten! “This ONE thing I do…”

You see, real change takes place from the inside out; not from the outside in! We have got to get serious about our ONE spiritual resolution … to KNOW CHRIST!

We don’t know what 2014 holds for us; but we do know who holds the future!

Do you want God to do some mighty things in your life in 2014? If so, then you need to understand what Paul was talking about here in Philippians 3 when he said that his number ONE objective was to KNOW CHRIST. My friend: Forget the past with its failure; admit your present situation; and press on toward the future where God has called you. Every day is a new beginning with God.

Future failure can often be avoided by building HOLY HABITS into your life. How can you move beyond just making vague resolutions and begin creating real solutions for your life? You do it by working on the CORE issues of your life instead of just making cosmetic changes. You have to go beyond the symptoms to the source of your problems.

• Unmanageable debt may only be a symptom of GREED and ENTITLEMENT.
• Losing weight may only be a symptom of the core issue of a lack of SELF-CONTROL in your life — around which there may be many other symptoms.
• Controlling your drinking may only be a symptom of the fact that you are looking for something to deaden the pain and the disappointments in your life … instead of
finding your COMFORT and STRENGTH in the Lord.
- Controlling your anger may only be a symptom of a deeper need you have to let go and let God CONTROL your life and situations.

In this way, we get properly focused on the CORE issues, rather than the presenting problem.

Here is what I believe Christ Jesus would have me say to you this day ... if He were here in the flesh: Welcome to a New Year; an unspoiled, yet-to-be-written page in your book of time. This is your next chance at the art of living; your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months. All that you sought and didn’t find is revealed in God’s Word; waiting for you to search it ... with more determination and RESOLVE! All the good that you tried for and didn’t achieve is Christ’s to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires. All that you dreamed, but didn’t dare to do; all that you hoped but did not will; all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these merely slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong RESOLVE! KNOWING CHRIST is your opportunity to renew your allegiance to the Heavenly Father who said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

My friend:
- You might be broke, out of shape, unattractive, in poor health and lucky to have graduated from the sixth grade; but you are in touch with things that matter to God!
- You are investing your life in eternity.
- You have real joy because you understand your importance and your significance to God.
- You have accepted life for what it is and stopped demanding it be something different.
- You have learned to forgive.
- You have learned how to love imperfect people and live in an imperfect world.
- You have grown in your relationship with God through reading and meditating on His Word.
- You talk to Him on a daily basis.
- There is real joy in your life, and a peace that your present circumstances cannot take away, because your life is inseparably linked to the eternal God who holds your life in His hands.
- You trust Him.
- You are conscious of His presence throughout the day.
- You want to do His will because of a love for Him that has completely possessed your heart.
- You worship Him!
- You have surrendered every area of your life to His Lordship.
- You have RESOLVED to KNOW CHRIST!

On this first day of 2014, may you (hereby) take the FIRST step in your RESOLVE to KNOW CHRIST, by remembering His unconditional and sacrificial love that He poured out on you when He climbed on that Cross of Calvary ... where His body was broken for you, and His blood was poured out for the forgiveness of your sins.

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Postscript
Four times per year, The Clarion Call accompanies the mailings of The Snelling Spirit in reaching over three thousand households. This seasonal publication is independently funded and is not resourced by offerings presented to the Chapel Foundation. It is the work of my heart and mind, and does not express the positions of the Chapel Foundation. The cost per issue is about $750 ... which covers the printing, folding and assembly ... along with an additional 1,000 copies for wider distribution from the Chapel. I do not receive any compensation. Because I will not mail an issue without having the funding for it in advance, I’m asking you to prayerful consider contributing to this much need presentation of the Biblical worldview ... addressing our current controversies. If you are so inclined, please send your checks payable to “F.S.M.C.F.” ... clearly designated for The Clarion Call. Thank you.

In the Event of Inclement Weather
If on a Sunday morning it is significantly snowing ... or tremendously cold ... or the winds are resulting in drifting conditions, please call our Foundation office at 651/286-7296 for an announcement of worship cancellation. In this way we will attempt to inform you of Chapel closings.
The Story of the Immortal Four Chaplains

A convoy of three ships and three escorting Coast Guard cutters passed through ‘torpedo alley’ some 100-miles off the coast of Greenland at about 1 a.m. on February 3, 1943. The German submarine (U-223) fired three torpedoes, one of which hit the mid-section of the USAT Dorchester — a U.S. Army troopship with more than 900 men on board. Ammonia and oil were everywhere in the fast-sinking vessel and upon the freezing North Atlantic sea.

The four Chaplains on board, two Protestant pastors, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi, were among the first on deck, calming the men and handing out life jackets. When they ran out, they took off their own and placed them on waiting soldiers without regard to faith or race. Approximately 18-minutes from the explosion, the ship went down. They were the last to be seen by witnesses; they were standing arm-in-arm on the hull of the ship, each praying in his own way for the care of the men. Almost 700 died, making it the third largest loss at sea of its kind for the U.S. during WW2. The Coast Guard Cutter Tampa was able to escort the other freighters to Greenland. Meanwhile the cutters Comanche and Escanaba, disobeying orders to continue the search for the German U-Boat stopped to rescue 230 men from the frigid waters that night.

The four Chaplains were Father John Washington, Catholic; Reverend Clark Poling, Dutch Reformed; Rabbi Alexander Goode, Jewish; and Reverend George Fox, Methodist. These four Chaplains were later honored by the U.S. Congress and Presidents. They were recognized for their selfless acts of courage, compassion and faith. According to the First Sergeant on the ship, “They were always together, they carried their faith together.” They demonstrated throughout the voyage and in their last moments, interfaith compassion in their relationship with the men and with each other. In 1960, Congress created a special Congressional Medal of Valor, never to be repeated again, and gave it to the next-of-kin of the “Four Chaplains.”

Each year on the first Sunday of February, the Chapel Foundation remembers the Four Chaplains at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The historic Chapel also has a weekly reminder in a stained glass window to their memory.

We hope you will join us!

— Submitted by Iain Hodge, Worship Committee Chair
Getting to Know You...

I gotta tell you something about John Butler.

John was born on April 12th of 1941 in Slayton, MN. His mother passed away when he was only six months old and John ended up being raised by his grandmother and older sister. John’s father remarried and John didn’t see him but every year or two. Besides this family situation, John says that he thinks he “was a pretty normal guy” who played baseball and hockey with the neighborhood kids and wrestled in high school and college. When asked what he liked to do when he was young, he promptly exclaimed “sleep!” In fact, perhaps he liked to sleep just a little too much because he flunked the first grade due to the fact that he would skip school, going “in the front and out the back.”

When he was eighteen, John heard the Marines advertisement to “build men” and thought “hey, I could use some building!” So, he joined up in December of 1959. After his time in the military, he became a Stillwater prison guard. However, he was fired after three months because he talked to the prisoners too much. This isn’t exactly surprising for anyone who knows John! John says that he got along with the prisoners better than the other guards. During this time John said that he was a “rebel without a cause.” He attended St. Paul Bible College in 1962 and would ride up on his motorcycle wearing black leather; he remarked that the people at the college would stay away from him.

For the next twenty five years, John gained experience in a wide variety of jobs. He worked in lumber yards, drove trucks and school buses, built and remodeled houses, served as a first aid ambulance attendant, and owned his own tree trimming business for twenty years. During this time, John really wanted to be a cop.

However, ‘providence’ had a different plan because every time that he would make an attempt something would go wrong- he didn’t have enough education, he applied too late, he was not tall enough. Looking back, John doesn’t know that he would have been fit for it anyways because he doesn’t care for high pressure situations and was “never much for wanting to kill somebody.” The last seventeen years of his working career, he worked for the Post Office.

John never married nor had children. He remarks that he “always thought that women were kinda cute,” but he never met the right one.

These days John is very politically active. You can always expect to find him at a Tea Party, a rally at the capitol, or the 56 Club. He is a firm believer in reading and understanding both the Bible and the U.S. Constitution as the means to save our country. John started attending the Chapel because of the strong military emphasis and friendly and caring people.

John is one of the Chapel’s newest members and if you haven’t taken the chance to talk to him yet, you definitely should because he has a lot to say and much to offer.

— Submitted by: Megan Michaelis

Chapel Services Streamed—LIVE on the Internet

Chapel services livestreaming views continue to increase. There is a link to access at the Foundation website or at http://new.livestream.com/accounts/3709164

Tune in every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (Central Time) wherever you have internet/wireless access. Past services are archived there for later viewing as well.

You may also ‘Like’ the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation on Facebook to view news of upcoming events in your newsfeed.

— Submitted by Tom Coulter
Publicity Committee Chair
From the Flag Line

Exciting news — We have started having a 'guest' flag holder one Sunday every month. Someone who loves God and country from the Twin Cities will join us from 10:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. They will stay for the service in special seating and be introduced to the congregation with a bio read about them.

In October, we had a young US Marine in his dress blues join us as the Foundation remembered the 30th anniversary of the deadly Beirut, Lebanon barracks bombing. Several relatives of two of the Marines attended the Chapel service the morning of 20 Oct. Families of 1st Lt. John Thomas Downing and Cpl. John A. Olson joined us to honor their son and brother.

In November, US Army Captain Pete Hegseth was our guest for our Veterans Day service. Pete had never attended the Chapel before and was quite impressed. You might see Pete on the Fox News Channel as he is a military analyst and is on Fox at least once a week from New York.

In December, Navy ROTC cadets were present for Pearl Harbor Remembrance on 8 Dec.

If you have any ideas for future 'guest' flag holders, please notify Don or Patricia Peerson.

Once again, the MN Patriot Guard riders came through to help with a beautiful ceremony at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the Beirut, Lebanon barracks bombing on 23 Oct. Although cold and windy, we were honored not only with the presence of the Patriot Guard, but also the Foundation's Associate Chaplain Mike offering the invocation; Foundation member, Richard Geis organizing and reading the program; the Marine Color Guard; Jenny Willard singing the National Anthem and America the Beautiful; a member of the 34th Infantry Red Bull band rendering Taps; and Bill Gillcrest playing Amazing Grace on his bagpipe. The picture (below) shows what a solemn and poignant ceremony it was. Cedar crosses were kindly made by Sue Hustings, who owns the Highland Nursery, and were laid at each of the three gravesites.

At Arlington National Cemetery, the Beirut, Lebanon, Marine heroes are buried in Section 59 under a cedar tree from Lebanon. They are remembered under the banner, "They Came in Peace."

Minnesota lost five Marines in the barracks bombing. Four died in the bombing and one took his life six days later to be with his friends. They were 1st Lt. John Thomas Downing, Mpls; LCPL John J. Tishmack, Mpls; LCPL Thomas G. Lamb, Coon Rapids; Cpl. John A Olson, Sabin; and LCPL Kevin P. Custard, Virginia. We were able to find relatives of both CPL. Olson and 1st Lt. Downing. They were present at the Chapel and the ceremony at the cemetery. This was so meaningful to them; they felt they had already been forgotten.

It was so satisfying to see 1st Lt. Downing's mother present at both the Chapel and the cemetery and know that her son was honored and not forgotten after all these years. As far as we know, she might be the only parent out of the five still alive.

Although, the Minnesota Fallen Heroes Remembered calendar has so far honored our fallen since 9/11 and the War on Terror, the five Marines from MN who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Beirut will be honored in the 2015 calendar since this was the first act of terror on our troops. The two families have agreed to help with stories and pictures they have saved from the event. The Marine commander at that time, Retired Marine Col. Timothy Geraghys, has said he would be honored to write the tribute. Downing, Lamb and Tishmack are buried at Fort Snelling National, Olson in Sabin, MN, and Custard, we are not sure of.

The Flag Line looks forward to greeting everyone, each Sunday. We are the ONLY church that honors our military every Sunday and "Where the Veteran is Remembered."

— Don & Patricia Peerson
Benevolent Giving

On November 14, Rev. Glen Bloomstrom, a 30-year-career U.S. Army veteran and chaplain (Colonel) along with his wife Ruth were guests at the Fort Snelling Chapel. They presented a study regarding the present day suicide occurrence in our general community population and among our veterans.

Twenty-two (22) veterans, our national warriors and heroes, choose to commit suicide each day! This is a startling number. What can we do to help keep our veterans healthy and alive? An open and directly honest talk about suicide can make a difference. Keeping people safe from suicide can be something that each member of our community can learn.

SafeTALK is an acronym to help remember and recall the steps in helping people who are contemplating suicide.

SAFE - Suicide Alertness For Everyone

Everyone can be helpful in identifying people who may be considering suicide. These steps teach how to identify people with thoughts of suicide and connect them with first aid resources.

TALK - Tell, Ask, Listen, KeepSafe

Tell. Most people who are thinking of suicide want help to stay alive. They ‘invite’ help from others in noticeable ways; they tell others by withdrawing, being moody, misusing drugs and alcohol; they may speak of feelings of being alone, burdened, without an escape, without purpose, having a sense of desperation, feeling numb, ashamed or hopeless, having been abused or rejected. With these signs, people tell that they may be contemplating suicide. Trust your own instincts ... which can alert you to changes that may indicate times of increased risk.

Ask. The best way to find out if someone is thinking of suicide is to ask directly. When someone is showing these signs, they are sometimes thinking about suicide. Ask, “Are you thinking about suicide?” Asking this question directly is the best way to help.

Listen. “Let’s talk about this. I am listening. This is important.” Listen to this person. Hear the individual openly talk about their situation.

KeepSafe. “We need extra help. I want to connect you with someone who can help you KeepSafe.” Take the person (the next step) to get help from a trained suicide first aid intervention caregiver: 911, Crisis Connection 612-379-6363, suicide prevention center 612-873-2222.

Chaplain Bloomstrom is beginning this pilot program, here in Minnesota, of community training in suicide prevention ... particularly for military chaplains, emergency responders, and other community organizations and members. It will prepare anyone to identify people with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Most people with thoughts of suicide, either directly or indirectly, invite help to stay alive. Alert helping people learn how to identify and work with these opportunities to protect life.

This project is supported in part by our Benevolence. In 2013, we gave $500 to ‘kick start’ this initiative in MN.

— Submitted by Richard Geis, Benevolence Committee Chair

This congregation tithes (10%) from its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ministry ... that is in keeping with our purpose ... please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support in 2014. Simply call the Foundation Office at 851/286-7296 ... and provide a name and mailing address.
Intergenerational Christian Education Classes

(8 September 2013 — 18 May 2014)

Every Sunday morning our congregation hosts a Christian Education hour beginning at 9:45 a.m. at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel. This year we have decided to present a series of short subjects and Bible studies. Our first series, was a creative presentation of the "Trial and Testimony of the Early Church." Our purpose was to draw lessons from the early believers on living in a world that is openly hostile to Christ.

Our second study, "The Nature of Biblical Prophecy," concluded on November 24. This series was a necessary sequel to the lessons of the Early Church, as it focused on the Bible and how, in practical terms, it speaks to our need to remain faithful even as we contemplate an uncertain future. In December we focused on the "Book of Revelation." We outlined this powerful book and explored the meaning of its purpose and its impact on the Early Church. Like our own US Constitution we cannot understand or appreciate this great work unless we know why it was written in the first place.

We will continue this emphasis of providing short three-to-six week classes on various prophetic passages and books to better grasp God’s purpose in providing such valuable insights to His people. In January we will explore the "Book of Daniel" and in February the "Prophecies of Ezekiel" will be examined. Later courses will include New Testament prophecies as well as a look into the significant material of other Old Testament prophets.

Everyone is invited to come and share and learn and in some cases to help the discussion. There are refreshments and fellowship with each class, and we welcome children and adults. Bring your Bibles and let's get into it together.

— Rev. Michael Wallman, Associate Chaplain

Mission Outreach …

— Submitted by Connie Payette, Fellowship Committee Chair

Operation Christmas Child: A record-high collection of 220 shoe boxes and $1,040.00 toward shipping to boys & girls world-wide through the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

Remembering Our Deployed Troops: Members of the Chapel Foundation, along with the financial support of AM-VETS Post #1 of Mendota, assembled 30 Christmas stockings bearing the names of thirty soldiers along with other goodies for shipping to a MN Army National Guard unit in Afghanistan. Additionally, 1,010 Christmas cards were sent to four chaplains who distributed them to soldiers as they performed their ministry of presence.

Talents for Bibles: Be it baking, knitting, or candle making, our talents raised $400 for the American Bible Society!

Christmas Cards: Many dozen cards were 'plucked' from a Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall to mail cards to our cherished home-bound members and friends.
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This is a non-denominational Christian church founded in 1967. We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at this historic Chapel.

The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial — a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state — a shrine to commemorate those who have died for their country. Weekly Sunday worship is sponsored by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation and is not subsidized by the state.

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