Child of God — Citizen of America

This message was preached 24 June 2012 from the pulpit of the historic Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as “One Citizen Under God”... based on 2 Chronicles 7:11-14. This sermon, along with over 450 other titles, is available on DVDs.

There are slogans (sayings) that we've all heard or read at some time or another ... concerning our nation. Let me sight a few:

America, love it or leave it.
My country, right or wrong.
Better dead, than red.
Power to the people.

Personally, I prefer statements (rather than slogans) that are especially applicable to the focus of my message. Alexis de Tocqueville said it best when he realized even at the very beginning of our national life: “America is great because America is good. If America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.” Thomas Jefferson explained: “Patriotism is not a short and frenzied burst of emotion, but the long and steady dedication of a lifetime.”

The question before us is this: Where is the balance between being a child of God and a citizen of America? Can we be soldiers of the cross and disciples of Christ, and yet still pledge our allegiance to the flag of the United States of America? What exactly are our responsibilities as Christian citizens?

Let me answer one of those questions straight up: Yes, we can be soldiers of the cross and pledge allegiance to the flag. In fact, as Christian citizens we should pledge allegiance ... because God's instructions to us are — to submit ourselves to every God-ordained institution; one of which God established is civil government ... for our benefit ... in order to restrain evil and promote good.

Well, today, I would like us to examine the five God-given responsibilities of Christian citizenship.

I. We are to PRAY.
2 Chronicles 7:14 reads, “... and (if) My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

The most important thing we can do as Christian citizens ... on behalf of our country ... is to pray. Mary, Queen of Scotland, once said: “I fear John Knox’s prayers more than an army of ten thousand men.” Unfortunately, that does not describe the intensity and fervency of many Christian’s prayer life.

It reminded me of the story of two men who were walking together. The first challenged the other: “If you’re so religious, let’s hear you quote the Lord’s Prayer. I bet you $10 you can’t do it.” The second responded: “Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. And if I die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.” The first man pulled out his wallet and fished out a $10 bill, muttering: “Wow! I really didn’t think you could actually do it!”

Did you 'catch' what 2 Chronicles 7:14 is saying? — It means the healing of our nation will come from God, and as the result of His answer to the prayers of believers within the country! So, we're to pray. But how shall we pray? What should be our focus? What kinds of prayers shall we pray?

A. Declaring our dependence upon God.
Again, 2 Chronicles 7:14 reads – “and (if) My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray...”

- We’re to humble ourselves, recognizing that the very preservation of America is in the hands of God.

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President’s Corner

I am sure most of you know the character, Eddie Haskell. He was one of the stars of Leave it to Beaver. A well-known comedy from yester year, that appeared on television. I got to thinking of Eddie recently and to some of the things he said and did. You could always rely on Eddie to say the right thing, or should I say, butter up Mrs. Cleaver with the intent of looking good in her eyes. This was his way of covering up his real agenda and staying in the good books with Beaver’s parents. Well there are a lot of Eddie Haskell’s in this world today. It has even crept into the church. As you know the Word of God is preached at times by ministers that are like Eddie. They preach what the congregation wants to hear. On the surface it makes the minister sound like a warm and understanding person which in turn, allows members of the congregation to sway from the true Word of God and still feel like they are good Christians. As I meet new people at the Chapel I quite often hear that they are excited to hear that at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel does not have an Eddie Haskell telling the congregation what they want to hear. Instead they feel that they are being reminded of the true words as they were written in the Bible. Let’s keep in mind that, as we meet people in our daily lives, we can share with them the reasons for being a member of the Chapel, and then invite them to visit us on Sundays to listen to a sermon that does not include Eddie’s agenda.

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The Chapel Foundation will host a special service of Remembrance & Healing for Vietnam War Era veterans and family members.

The U.S. Department of Defense has designated 2015 as the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War inkeeping with the buildup of forces in Vietnam which began in 1965. Independent of other groups remembering the Vietnam War this year, this congregation will host this event on Sunday, 2 August (11:00 a.m.). This is a service for Vietnam War Era veterans conducted by Vietnam War Era veterans which will focus on providing the path to the healing power of God. We invite all Vietnam War era Veterans and family members to share in this special worship service.

Memories of the horrors of war seldom fade, and time is not the great healer that everyone likes to say it is. But God, in His mercy, heals, restores and brings peace to all who come to Him. Therefore, the congregation of the Chapel Foundation and our Senior Chaplain, Ken Beale, invite you, your family and your fellow veterans to this very special service.

— Michael Wallman,
Associate Chaplain

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We’re to recognize that there’s really only one true ‘super power’... and it’s not America, it’s God. We’re to recognize that every country and civilization that ever believed it was ‘above God’ fell; but God has never fallen.

B. Declaring our submission to God.
2 Chronicles 7:14 goes on to say — "... and seek My face ..."
- Notice: we’re to seek His face, not His hands.
- Our goal is not to receive from Him, but to seek to please Him.
- We’re to come before Him and worship Him, adore Him, acknowledge His superiority and divinity.

C. Confessing and repenting of our sins against God.
2 Chronicles 7:14 goes further yet — "... and turn from their wicked ways ..."
- We need to repent of our personal sins as individual citizen believers.
- But we as a nation also need to repent of our national sins before we should ever expect God’s blessing.
The context of 2 Chronicles 7:11-14 is that Solomon had requested that the temple (he had just finished building for God) would be a place where the nation could come and pray to God ... and that He would hear their prayers of confession and repentance.

In those verses preceding verse 14, God is explaining that He might choose to send pestilence or calamity on Israel ... due to the sinfulness of the people. We know it was due to Israel’s sinfulness; because as soon as they repented of their sin and turned to total dependence upon God, God healed the nation.

Whose responsibility do you suppose it is to pray for America’s spiritual awakening and its return to the faith of our fathers? Whose responsibility do you suppose it is to call our nation to repentance? Whose responsibility do you suppose it is to ‘model’ good citizenship and moral, conscientious, and responsible living? Of course, in all of these cases, it comes back to those who proclaim both “My God” and “My country.”

D. Interceding on behalf of others.
2 Chronicles 7:14 tells us that (if) we do all this — "... then I (God) will heal their land.”

We’re to pray for the spiritual awakening of our nation ... that our nation will return to recognizing God as the Lord of our land.

We’re to pray for wisdom on the part of the elected leaders of our nation. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 reads — “First of all, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.”

Yes, we need to stand opposed to corruption; but if Christians spent as much time praying for our nation’s leaders as they do criticizing them, our nation would be much better off, and some mistakes can be avoided.

II. We are to PLAY.
1 Peter 2:13-14 says this — “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by Him for the punishment of evil doers and the praise of those who do right.”

In the vernacular this means we’re to ‘play by the rules’ of the land; obey the law; respect the ‘system’ that’s in place. Yes, if there are laws that violate the Scripture’s instructions to us, then we’re to obey God. However, that doesn’t include paying taxes, and doesn’t mean we can disobey laws simply because we don’t like them.

Looking at Romans 13:1 we read, — “Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.” Remember, when Paul wrote these words, the evil emperor Nero was on the throne. So, we’re not free to violate laws because we’re Christians, thinking that somehow makes us exempt. Practically speaking: If you get pulled over and are given a speeding ticket by a patrolman for driving 50-miles per hour in a school zone, you’re not being persecuted as a Christian. Instead, you’re simply facing the consequences of a citizen. That’s a big difference.

To state the principle again: We’re to ‘play by the rules,’ obey the law, and respect the system that’s in place.

III. We are to PAY.
In Matthew 22:21 we read — “...Then He (Jesus) said to them, ‘Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s.’” Or how about these words in Romans 13:6-7 — “For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.”

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A man on vacation was strolling along outside his hotel in Acapulco, enjoying the sunny Mexican weather. Suddenly, he was attracted by the screams of a woman kneeling in front of a child. The man knew enough Spanish to determine that the child had swallowed a coin. Seizing the child by the heels, the man held him up, gave him a few shakes, and an American quarter dropped to the sidewalk. The woman cried out, “Oh thank you! You seemed to know just how to get it out of him. Are you a doctor?” The man replied: “No, I’m with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.”

As much as we might not like to hear it, paying our taxes is a very clear-cut responsibility spelled out for us in Scripture. It’s not a new argument or issue at all. The Pharisees knew how much it grated on Jews to have to pay taxes to Rome, so they used that unpopular idea to try to trap Jesus. They asked Jesus if it was right to pay taxes to Caesar, knowing that if Jesus answered ‘yes’ He would be very unpopular with the Jewish people. But, if He answered ‘no’ He would probably be arrested on the spot by Roman soldiers nearby. They thought they had Him trapped. And yet, He’s God … and a whole lot smarter than the Pharisees. He asked them to show Him a coin and asked them whose picture was on it. Of course, the picture was of Caesar; so Jesus told them to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, while still giving to God what belongs only to God. Jesus’ response both diffused the issue and defined it for every believer throughout history:

a) We’re to give to Caesar what is due Caesar (tax dollars in order to ensure the government can function in its God-established role of providing protection, order, and fostering peace rather than allowing chaos).

b) But we’re also to give to God that which is God’s (our heart’s allegiance, our worship, our priority).

So, we need to PRAY, PLAY, and PAY; but the final two responsibilities are also important —

IV. We are to PARTICIPATE.

Jesus said, recorded in Matthew 5:41 — “Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.” Here in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught His disciples (and us) that they can show the Lord’s influence most by ‘working within the system.’ So, if a Roman soldier were to demand them to carry his armor one mile (which was perfectly legal for them to do), they were actually not to refuse to participate, or refuse to abide within the structure and framework of the laws and system of government in the land. In fact, they were to allow the system to provide them with a great opportunity to ‘shine’ for the Lord … by actually carrying the soldier’s gear a second mile. The first mile by order; the second by choice. Not bucking the system, but working within it is a better choice … and a Godly instruction for us.

Since the way our system is set up, leaders are elected and policy is decided by elected officials, therefore —

- We need to be informed voters.
- We need to vote.
- We need to get involved and participate as informed and concerned citizens.
- We need to participate in causes important to us — whether it’s the local school board election, or in national and Presidential elections, we need to participate.
- We need to actually watch the debates, read the candidate’s platforms and know his/her viewpoints.
- We need to view the candidates’ websites.
- We need to be aware of which bills are coming before Congress, and which way would constitute a morally correct vote on that issue.
- We need to know who our Congressmen/women are, and we need to write them periodically regarding our views on specific issues.
- Then, we need to hold them accountable for their votes and actions by participating in the built-in ‘term limits’ provision of our Constitution: it’s called elections.

I like this anonymous quote: “It is impossible for a believer to be a good Christian and a bad citizen at the same time.”

V. We are to PREACH.

Romans 10:13-14 reads — “For whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?” Jesus said of all of us in Matthew 5:14-16 — “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

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There are some (even in our midst) who say you should never mix politics with faith (religion). Well, my friends, they couldn’t be further from the truth! Our faith should be seen in how we participate and what we proclaim as Christian citizens. And notice, we’re Christians first in our allegiance; but we’re also citizens with responsibilities in carrying our load and helping our country.

You see, there really is a higher purpose than merely living the ‘American dream’ — it is proclaiming the Father’s purpose. The very reason the Lord leaves us on earth (after we’re saved) is so we can influence others; proclaim the good news to those who haven’t heard or who haven’t responded to it. We’re to let Jesus ‘shine’ in our lives, in our message, and we’re to bring people from darkness into light ... especially in times like these, when even unsaved Americans recognize that America is on a wrong path, beginning to collapse from within. As Christian citizens we need to rise up and show the way home!

Today I encourage you to examine yourselves and determine how you measure up to truly being one citizen under God:

- Do I know who my Congressmen/women are?
- And, as a Christian citizen, is Jesus shining out in my life?

Let me conclude this message with a story you have probably read or heard before ... but is worth the retelling. It brings home the point I’m trying to make — the difference just ‘one person’ can make. Once upon a time there was an old man who used to go to the ocean to gain inspiration for his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One morning he was walking along the shore; and as he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself. As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man ... who wasn’t dancing, but instead was reaching down at the tide water’s edge, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean. As he got closer he called out, “Good morning! What are you doing?” The young man paused, looked up and replied, “Throwing starfish in the ocean.” The elderly man then asked, “Why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?” “The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don’t throw them in they’ll die,” said the boy. “But, young man, don’t you realize that there are miles and miles of beach ... and starfish all along it. You can’t possibly make a difference!” The young man listened politely; then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said, “It made a difference for that one.”

My friend, you are but one citizen in these United States of America. But I’m here to tell you that you can make a difference ... if you’ll PRAY, PLAY, PAY, PARTICIPATE and PREACH ... which is to assume your God-given responsibilities as a Christian citizen. Will you be that — Child of God-Citizen of America?

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

— Matt Stokes, Chair  
Publicity Committee
Special Patriotic/Veterans Events...

Sun, 5 July 15 — Independence Day — celebrating the 239th birthday of our nation ... culminating in an ice cream social.

Sun, 2 Aug 15 — A Day of Recognition & Reconciliation — honoring our Viet Nam veterans on this 50th anniversary of the war.

Sun, 9 Aug 15 — Purple Heart Sunday — the presenting of a lost Purple Heart medal to a family.


Sun, 13 Sept 15 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 27 Sept 15 — Gold Star Family Day — honoring those parents who have offered up their sons and daughters on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 8 Nov 15 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 6 Dec 15 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors ... with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates ... and join us at 11:00 a.m.

Getting to Know You...

An older gentleman comes to church each and every Sunday carrying a large, well-leaved Bible. He normally sits near the front and will pull out that Bible at the start of the sermon - to follow along with Chaplains Beale and Wallman. That Bible belongs to Charles Andrews or "Chuck" to his friends. Chuck doesn't "thump" his Bible but he makes sure to open it each and every Sunday to "examine the Scriptures with great eagerness" as prescribed in Acts 17. Chuck has attended Fort Snelling Chapel for 4-years and states that he likes "the people, the fellowship and the chaplains." He especially enjoys the Christ centered focus that includes the message of the Cross.

Charles Andrews was born in a howling snow storm in the small farming community of Mantorville, MN — 17-miles west of Rochester. In the early days Mantorville was one of the main stagecoach stops for people traveling east to west. They would stop at the Hubble House for food, rest, and fresh horses. Chuck's mother lived there as a little girl and it was a big treat for her to go to the Hubble House to talk with people coming from the East Coast. The Hubble House still stands today and is one of the finest restaurants in the area.

When his mother went into labor, Chuck's father hooked up the sleigh and drove to town to find Dr. Adams - an 82-year old country doctor. The snow storm was so bad that the horse could not find her way and was led down the road by Chuck's father. The doctor was eventually located and Charles was born on New Year's Eve in 1923. He was the oldest son and second child born to Margaret and Carroll Andrews. Chuck was followed by two brothers and two more sisters for a total of six children in the family.

The depression hit hard in 1929 and farm families all over Southern Minnesota struggled including the Andrews family. Chuck recollected that "there were terrible dust storms" and "bad times" as the crops died out leaving farmers with little to no income. Fortunately, his father was able to get a job through the Works Progress Administration (WPA) working in the quarry, but it did not pay enough to support the family. "People were in a bad way" but it was the efforts of his "dear mother" that ensured the children were fed, clothed and sent to school. One of Chuck's favorite childhood memories was "frying" his mother's homemade bread in "hog fat and spreading it with honey." When Chuck was 12 years old, his mother came to him and said, "Buddy, I don't have enough food to feed you so you need to go out and find a job." Chuck was able to find work with another farmer in the community. He worked as a farm hand 6-full days each week and was given board and room plus 5-dollars per month. Chuck worked in this capacity for 5-years at which point

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he and his older sister Shirley went to St. Paul in search of “better employment opportunities.” The pair quickly found jobs working in two “Five and Dime Stores” - Kresge’s and Woolworth stores and earned enough money between the two of them to send for their mother and younger siblings. Life improved as Chuck’s mother found work as a cook at Miller Hospital and his younger siblings were able to attend school.

However, Chuck’s plans changed with the outbreak of World War II. Chuck and two friends decided to enlist on October 22, 1942 at Fort Snelling Post. At that time, Fort Snelling was used as a recruitment and training depot for soldiers. Chuck enlisted at the height of the induction period and was one of approximately 300,000 men that passed through this post. Chuck and one buddy enlisted in the Army Air Corps while another pal joined up with the 82nd Airborne Division. He boarded a train bound for Big Springs, TX to begin basic training and volunteered to be a flight mechanic with a crew that worked on training bombers. The crews would take - AT11s and C45s on flights throughout the Southwest. Chuck remained stateside until deployed to an American Base located on Trinidad Island, South America.

The American base in Trinidad had an active airfield that supplied B-17s and B-50s for purposes of reconnaissance in the West Indies and Panama Canal. Chuck reported that the air base was also involved in search and rescue operations. He recalled one incident where the air base received a distress signal from an airplane with 5-men on board that was going down in the South American jungle. Chuck’s team hopped into a B-50 and started to search for the downed airplane. Eleven hours later, the crew spotted the crashed airplane and notified the airbase which activated a rescue team to search for survivors. However, upon arrival at the scene the rescue team made a grizzly discovery. Headhunters had reached the plane first and all 5-men were dead. Chuck continued flying missions through the end of WWII and was discharged from active duty on 12/1/1945. After 2-years, he decided to reenlist in the Air Force which had become a separate military service on September 18, 1947. Chuck served until April 1950 for a total of 6-years between the two enlistments and was discharged at the rank of Sergeant.

While in the military, Chuck began to write letters to a girl from home named Judy IntVeld. They continued to correspond throughout the war and were married on July 15, 1949 in Worthington, MN. Chuck referred to his bride as “the most wonderful woman in the universe” and the “mother of three beautiful kids.” The couple made their home in Richfield, at which point Chuck began working for the U.S. Post Office. He worked for the USPS for 12-years and then “took a gamble” on a career change and moved to the restaurant business. Chuck began working for Sweden House International which specialized in the Swedish smorgasbord. During this time, Chuck, known affectionately as the “Flying Chef,” traveled with a crew throughout the Midwest helping to set up new restaurants. He wrote 14 different recipe books that included “Swedish House” favorites along with his signature dishes. At one point, Chuck owned two restaurants in addition to his work for Sweden House International. He eventually retired from this business when the company was bought out by Multi Foods International.

Chuck’s career endeavors took another turn when he became a realtor and ended up working in the field of real estate for 15-years retiring in his mid seventies. Once again the telephone rang and this time Chuck received a call from the Transportation Department in the Bloomington School District asking if he would like to work with special needs children. Chuck always had a heart for special needs children and accepted the offer to work as a transportation aide with the district. He has worked in this capacity for the past 15-years and continues to rise every morning at 4 a.m. in order to arrive at work by 6 a.m.

Faith has always been very important to Chuck. However, it was at the prompting of his older sister, Shirley, that he attended a church service at Temple Baptist Church as she had concerns “Chuck wasn’t right with the Lord.” During the service, the Pastor read Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” and it was as if a light bulb went on in Chuck’s heart. He realized that he was a sinner and that “Jesus is for real and He took my place on the cross at Calvary!” Chuck broke down and started to cry but found himself surrounded by “elders and deacons” who “hugged me and

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prayed for me." It was at this mo-
ment that he came to know Christ
as his personal savior and joined
the church triumphant! Chuck has
been an active member in several
churches and held many positions
including Elder and Sunday
School Superintendent.

Outside of his
faith, family
has been
Chuck's top
priority. His
beloved wife,
Judy, passed
away in 2004
after 55-years
of marriage.

He frequently refers to Judy as
"the joy of my life" and speaks
fondly of his 3-adult children,
5-grandchildren and 1-great-
grandchild. Chuck believes faith
starts in the home and encour-
ages Christians to read their Bible
and pray daily with family mem-
bers. His favorite Bible Verse is
Romans 8:38-39, "For I am con-
vinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, nor
things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other created thing, will be
able to separate us from the love
of God, which is in Christ Jesus
our Lord." This verse is one of the
most comforting promises in all of
Scripture and reminds each one of
us that we are never abandoned
by Christ Jesus despite the hard-
ships that come our way. Christ's
death on the cross is proof of his
unconquerable love and Chuck
rejoices in the certainty of this love
each and every day. Thank you
Chuck for your service to our
country and the example you have
set in your daily walk with Jesus.

— Eva Zom

Benevolent Giving ...
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Statement of Common Faith is congruent with our own.

Doug Lee, CH (BG) Retired, serves as President of the Chaplain Alliance. He served for 30-years as a chaplain on Active Duty and in the Army Reserve and National Guard.

Chaplain Lee just visited us on the last Sunday June.

For a number of years we’ve contributed to Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty.

— 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 2015. Simply contact the Foundation Office at 651/236-7296 ... and provide a name and mailing address.

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Ice Cream Social

Please join your church family at the Chapel for a memorable, patriotic Independence Day Sunday service on the 5th of July. Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service enjoy strawberries and ice cream in the Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see everyone there!

— Your Fellowship Committee

From the Flag-Line

We saw the wonderful service the Chapel had on May 24th while we were in DC. We also saw the articles in both newspapers with the pictures of the Memorial Garden, all the Patriot Guard Riders and our veterans. There is no place in the State that honors Memorial Day like the Chapel. Once again we came home from DC with wonderful memories, profound times with friends and new friends and pictures etched in our minds of so many things regarding our military heroes and meetings at Arlington.

We arrived in DC on Friday afternoon and met our friends at the Ugly Mug across the street from the oldest Marine barracks in the U.S. at 8th and I. We attend the Evening Parade there every year and watch the President’s “own” Marine Band, the Silent Drill Team and the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. The music is awesome with many surprises – I won’t give away and ruin it for those who might get a chance to go. The tickets are free, but you have to order them early in the year around the February timeframe. For some reason, we had VIP tickets this year. To our surprise, Gary Sinese and Joe Montegna were seated right across from us. They do so many outstanding events for our troops. I asked a young Marine Sgt if he would give them each one of my calendars and he did. I always have them in my bag when I go to DC. The weather the whole four days was beautiful, sunny and in the high 70’s low 80’s.

It is said that a picture is worth 1,000 words so along with some pictures I will explain with a few words for each one.

The 4 year old little boy in his Marine dress blues with his dad’s cover visiting his dad at Arlington. Jim Beardsley, a Gold Star dad from MN, stopped to talk to him. Jim asked if he would read the card he made for his daddy, a fallen Marine. Little Christian Jacob still thinks his daddy is coming home. There was nothing written in the card, but Christian read it like there was and said he hoped his daddy would be home soon. The picture of Christian was on the front page of a Washington DC newspaper and on Fox News that morning. This was in Section 60 of Arlington where we spend all of our time.

We were at the grave of Ben Kopp, my friend, Jill Stephens’n’s son. Ben was an Army Ranger who died of wounds, July 18th 2009. While we were there this wonderful former Donut Dollie came and visited with us and told us her amazing stories about service in Vietnam. Unlike when the DD served in WW2 and Korea, they couldn’t bring donuts to Vietnam because of the heat and humidity so they brought cookies along with morale in the combat areas. Of course, I invited her to come and be a guest at the Chapel in the near future.

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from my home town buried at Arlington, meeting a young Navy man re-enlisting at the graves of the fallen Navy SEALs from Extortion 17, sharing a whiskey shot with other Navy men and the Donut Dollie who shared my shot with me. Meeting Marine General John Kelly at our hotel after missing him at Arlington where his son is buried, the beautiful times at great places to eat with new friends and old friends who all honor our military and understand the true meaning of Memorial Day, even on the plane back to MN, the pilot acknowledged the many Gold Star families on our flight and people applauded them, the pilot allowed them to leave the plane before the rest of us.

Looking forward to the trip again next year wondering what surprises God has planned for us.

— Don & Patricia (Boyd) Peerson

Children's Ministry

Jesus said —
"Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14)

And because of these words, we began a Children’s Ministry at our beloved Chapel in September 2014 for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Yes, most of the worshippers are older, but that just makes many of them grandparents. And you have probably all heard the quote, “Build it and they will come.”

We have had varying attendance in this program, but the enthusiasm has never waned. We began with Creation and have worked our way up through Elijah. While teaching about Noah and the Ark I was asked by one chatty boy, “Where did the piranhas live in the Ark?” Good question! I responded that since piranhas are fish, “I think they just swam alongside the Ark.” Kids keep you on your toes.

There is a lot of excitement coming to the Children’s Service in July and August. We will be learning about “heroes”; who they are (and are NOT); who makes heroes; studying some individual heroes; and what we can learn from them. It is generally believed that all heroes share one characteristic — they try to do the right thing no matter what it costs them and no matter how hard it is. Sometimes it costs blood, sweat, and tears. And sometimes more.

Ask the Chapel kids what they have learned about heroes. It just might surprise you.

— Leslie Henschel
Children’s Ministry Coordinator
The 343 veterans from Minnesota and four neighboring states who’ve died fighting global terrorism were the focus of a special worship service Sunday at Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel. Above, World War II veteran Fremont Gruau, 91, saluted as taps was played at the service.

At right, Kathy Henriksen placed a poppy on the cross in a memorial field honoring Sgt. Nicholas M. Dickhut of Rochester, who was 23 when he was killed in Afghanistan in 2012.

Fort Snelling memorial garden honors sacrifices of Iraq, Afghanistan wars
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Sermon: "The Censorship of Clergy"  
Music: Sent Forth  
12:30 p.m. Root Beer Floats | 31  | Mike Wallman's  
B-day | **Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff**  
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50th Anniversary Vietnam War  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sermon: "The Cords of Death Encompassed Me"  
Music: Tim Dahl | 3   | **Chaplain**  
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Purple Heart Sunday  
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Sermon: "Wounded Warrior"  
Music: Lisa Littlejohn | 10  | **Chaplain**  
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Sermon: "It is Finished"  
Music: Wickman Trio | 24  | **Chaplain**  
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**Notes:**
- The schedule includes a variety of events, such as worship services, commitments, and special days like the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.
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