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The Christian Voter

On 21 October 2007, I preached this sermon (available on DVD). With the forthcoming national election, I encourage you to cast your vote on Tues 6 Nov ... not as a registered republican or democrat or independent ... but as a Christian.

As we say with regard to military correspondence, let me put my bottom line up front – Christians are supposed to get involved with politics ... especially when God's values are at stake. Please understand, I'm not "preaching politics." Neither, will I be preaching about politicians (directly).

This morning, I want to address the voter...and especially, those who claim to be Christian.

Ultimately, politics offers little change; but genuine change comes through changed hearts ... which only occurs as people respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But we still have politics. And our Bibles tell us that God has ordained the system of civil government to protect the innocent, and to maintain proper order.

For our part, the Christian life carries a prophetic voice that calls us to shine light into dark places. Jesus' call for His people to be salt and light to a dying and darkened world covers every aspect of life

(Matthew 5:13-14) ... including how we vote and relate to our government.

- Christians are to be peaceful, law abiding citizens (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-15);
- We are to pray for and honor our government leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3);
- Believers in Christ are to faithfully pay our taxes (Matthew 22:21); and to
- Work for the highest good of all people (Proverbs 3:27; Galatians 6:10).

This includes working to promote godly principles in politics and government (Proverbs 29:2).

How do we do this? This morning we're going to look at five characteristics of a Christian voter.

I. The Christian voter recognizes that God ordains leadership.

Romans 13:1-7 reads, "...*For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God ...*"

As Christians we live in a theocracy ... that is, we follow one God, through one faith, and one baptism. As Americans, we live in a democracy ... actually

more of a representative republic ... where the will of people drive policy. As Christians, we need to be a vital part in defining what it means to be American. But as Americans, we have no power to change the basics of Christianity.

It's God who ordains. Paul goes as far as to call political leaders ministers of God. And even though there are times when our leaders fail short of their biblically mandated call, God still calls the leaders to lead.

- He calls them to speak out for the innocent (Proverbs 31:8);
- To confront sin and moral decay (Proverbs 14:34);
- To defend the poor and oppressed (Isaiah 10:1-2, Psalm 10:2); and to
- Work towards the peace and justice that only comes from God (Psalm 122:6, Genesis 12:3; 27-29).

It shouldn't surprise us then, that in Deuteronomy, we hear Moses tell the people that the leaders should be in God's Holy Word daily.

We, as Christians, are called to be good Americans, to follow and obey our government as long as what we are asked to do does not violate the laws and

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Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

President's Corner

As we are closing in on the end of 2012, I was reflecting on all the wonderful times we have spent together at the Chapel this past year in worship and in celebration. Some of the celebrations that stand out for me were the Easter Brunch, the Memorial Day Remembrance, the Ice Cream Social on Independence Day Sunday, and the Root Beer Floats on Labor Day weekend. The Service that stood out to me the most was the Gold Star Mother's (Family) Day that we had for the first time in the history of the Chapel Foundation on 30 September. Having so many Gold Star Mothers and their families at the Chapel really brings to the forefront those that have given the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.

As I think of all of these services and celebrations, I am reminded that none of it would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of all of our Chapel volunteers, from members of the Chapel to the numerous organizations that support our veterans and active duty members. Without this dedication of their time and resources, none of these celebrations would take place with the professionalism and organization that they do.

As I look ahead to the last couple of months of the year, I look forward to spending time with my family, both personal and Chapel, for the holidays. Thanksgiving is a special day as we get the opportunity to spend time with family members and to give thanks. Christmas gives us all the opportunity to celebrate ... as one ... the birth of Christ. I would like

to take this time to wish everyone a happy holiday season.

Before we get to the holiday celebrations, there is one very important day that comes first. It is everyone's responsibility to go the polls on Election Day and vote for what/who you believe in. This is your opportunity to declare your statement on what you expect from our leaders. Please place 6 November on your calendar to make it to the polls or to submit your absentee ballots.

Thanks for making 2012 a great year for the Ft. Snelling Memorial Chapel.

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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 **651/456-4410** for an announcement of worship cancellation. In this way we will attempt to inform you of Chapel closings.

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16 Dec (1:00 p.m.)

If you would like a copy of the **2011 Annual Report**, please secure one in the Fellowship Hall or call the *Foundation Office* at (651) 456-4410 and leave your name/ mailing address that we may send you a copy of this impressive report.

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commandments of God. (Acts 4:19) God ordains our leadership.

II. The Christian voter gets involved!

James 1:21-22 read, "... *but be doers of the word, and not hearers only ...*"

Many don't want to get involved, but we have plenty of biblical characters that were involved in changing the political environments of their day. Just taking a casual glance at the Old Testament alone, we have people like:

- Joseph (Genesis 41:39-41) ... to whom Pharaoh gave political control of all Egypt.
- Moses (Exodus 5:2-4) ... who faced Pharaoh as a messenger of God and won freedom for God's family.
- Deborah (Judges 5:1-7) ... a prophetess and judge who helped destroy the Lord's enemies.
- Gideon (Judges 6:11-14) ... who became the mighty warrior for God's cause.
- Samuel (I Samuel 3:1-19) ... a prophet and judge who choose Saul as Israel's king.
- David (I Samuel 16:1-13) ... from a fight against Goliath to leading the nation of Israel.
- Nehemiah (Nehemiah 1:1-11) ... stood firm for the rebuilding of the temple.
- Esther (Esther 1-10) ... who for such a time as this saved the whole Jewish nation.
- Daniel (Daniel 1:4-6; 18-21) ... who served the king, while obeying God.

And, of course, in the New Testament, we have a man named Jesus from Nazareth, who was one of the most political characters of His day ... among many others.

Are you getting the picture? A Christian voter gets involved in politics.

III. The Christian voter votes!

Deuteronomy 17:14-15 says, "*When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, 'Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us,' be sure to appoint over you the king the LORD your God chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not a brother Israelite.*"

Exodus 18:21 gives us a good model to follow. "... *select capable men from all the people -- men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain -- and appoint them as officials...*"

This passage show us that civil leaders are to be able men who fear God ... men of truth, hating covetousness (greed).

The Bible describes leadership as being a sacred trust, and placing a person in such a position is a very serious thing. For example, in 1 Timothy 5:22, Paul instructs the young Pastor Timothy to "*Lay hands suddenly on no man (to ordain him into the ministry) neither be partaker of other men's sins.*" In other words, if we hastily put a person into leadership who is not worthy of it, we risk bearing the guilt of that person's sin.

In this case, we "ordain" our leaders by our votes, support, and influence. If we support politicians who support ungodly causes, or promote immoral behavior, God holds us responsible for that.

Our votes do matter. And if we

choose not to vote, then we are choosing to be silent. And if we chose to be silent, then we need to stay that way. There are few things worse ... in my mind ... then someone who has an opinion on everything, but stands up for nothing.

Christian voters need to cast their vote.

IV. The Christian voter understands true freedom!

In John 8:31-32, Jesus said, "*If you continue in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*"

We can never fall into the trap of substituting political involvement for the Gospel message. Politics can never be an instrument of salvation. While we *can* and *should* work for positive change, at their best, those who lead can only offer Band-Aid solutions ... without turning to God and His Word for the answers.

The root of our nation's problems is always spiritual in nature. When it comes to eternal issues, winning people to our political causes is not enough. People can even embrace all of the "Christianized" cultural influences in the world, but without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, they will still be totally lost.

Our true freedom comes from Jesus Christ ... and Jesus Christ alone.

V. The Christian voter keeps the real goal in focus!

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus said, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of*

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**Special
Patriotic/
Veterans
Events . . .**



Sun, 11 Nov 12 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 2 Dec 12 — 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.

**Pearl Harbor
Remembrance
Sunday**

As the Survivors of Pearl Harbor chapters have disbanded ... due to circumstances which are understandable to us ... we at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation will continue to honor and remember this group who were witnesses to this atrocity in American history.

Please join us in our Pearl Harbor Remembrance Service (11:00 a.m.) on 2 December. The Chord Ayres will provide special music in their honor ... as they have for several decades.

This is a chance to meet and thank those survivors who are still with us and faithfully attend this service.

— Kay Tennison
Worship Committee Chair

Veterans Day

Every veteran is special to me; however, this Veterans Day I would like to pay tribute to particular group of veterans who are very special ... even to other veterans. They are the Memorial Rifle Squad at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Snow, sleet, rain, hail and gusty wind, this group stands at attention and renders honors to its fellow veterans from minus 32 degrees to 100 plus ... five days a week.

I have witnessed firsthand the professionalism in their actions. Each service is treated as though it is the only service of the day. Family members take away a special pride that their loved one's service will never be forgotten.

Several members of the Memorial Rifle Squad are also members of this Chapel Foundation. It does not surprise me that many also volunteer their time and talents here as well. I wish I could list each and every one of them. They are indeed a group I am honored and privileged to know and they are my true heroes.

May God bless you ... and thank you!

Join us in worship (11:00 a.m.) on 11 November as we celebrate Veterans Day Sunday; a day to honor all veterans.

— Kay Tennison
Worship Committee Chair

From the Flag Line

It has been obvious that the flag line has been absent and negligent in our duty on Sunday mornings. I offer no excuse, but would like to share with you what some of us have been up to. Besides the usual Patriot Guard missions (covered by John and Pat Lane) and Tribute to the Troops missions (covered by Lyle and Marlene Willock) some of us traveled the roads of North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. Several of us went a motorcycle field trip to Granite Falls MN to visit Jim Johns' glider at the WWII museum. This is a free display that is well worth the 124 mile drive (directly west) on highway 212. We had perfect weather leaving at 07:30. We had no idea that by leaving that early we were able to get to the museum just in time to witness a 90 year old Army Air Corps pilot that was getting out of the cockpit (he did not fly the plane) for the first time since 1945, after, at the age of 22, completing his 50th mission over Italy. It was serendipity as well as God's hand that made this happen. One of the highlights of the fall riding season was the annual Tribute to the Troops ride 7-9 September. We honored the Disel family among others. On 9 September we rode to Camp Ripley to share a meal with soldiers from the Minnesota Red Bulls. The Chapel was also represented again on the Honor Flight. Bob Peterson was one of the WWII veterans that went with us. What a privilege it has been for several of us to have been on flights with so many of our congregation WWII veterans.

God bless America ... and the 1% that protect the remaining 99%.

— Les Hanson

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the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen."

We can never forget that we are Christians *first*, Americans *second*. Since, our ultimate goal is to bring people to a saving knowledge and acceptance of Jesus Christ.

Do you know that prayer is the best thing you can do for politics and politicians? We can pray for the will of God to be acknowledged; we can pray for attention to the needs of the people; we can pray that the plagues that infect us may be removed.

And friends, whichever way this election goes, we are called not

to deny our prayers for the victors. We will lift up the president and the congress, the mayor and the council ... all of our elected officials. And when (not if, but when), they mess up (because they will), and when they get too high-and-mighty; when they forget where they came from; when they forget who it is they are supposed to serve; then we need to pray some more.

Because, if our civilization falls, part of the blame will fall on the people of God who did not listen to God's Word when it said, *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, pray, seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* (2 Chronicles 7:14)

We need to pray for the world's salvation and everyone in it.

The Christian voter keeps the real goal in focus.

As this political season begins to heat up, and the name-calling and back-biting gets worse and worse ... remember *who* you are ... and remember *who's* you are.

As I said, the Christian voter, carries a prophetic voice that calls us to be salt and light.

Don't be silent! Don't be silent!

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Getting to Know You...

It all began in the seventh grade. A boy and a girl were introduced at a Billy Graham crusade. The girl asked the friend who introduced them whether the boy would be back. Linda (the mutual friend) looked at her and simply stated that she could *try* getting his attention, but she had been trying for over a year, with no success. However, the girl *did* get the attention of the boy from the Billy Graham crusade and they began dating the next year. That same boy and that same girl are still together today; we know them as **Mel** and **Leslie Henschel**.

It was in their senior year of high school in 1965 that Leslie and Mel broke up. Leslie went on to

college. Mel went into the U.S. Navy, and was stationed on the *USS Enterprise*. Time passed with no contact between them until Leslie got a call from Mel one day in May 1967. Mel's right leg had been run over by a taxiing jet on the flight deck and he was sent stateside for medical care. Mel was unable to reach his dad by phone. It was finals week for Leslie and she told her teachers that she needed to take all of the exams the next day. She spent 12 hours doing finals, left a note on Mel's father's door, then rushed off to Great Lakes Navy Hospital in Illinois.

When she entered the hospital she saw that the men were

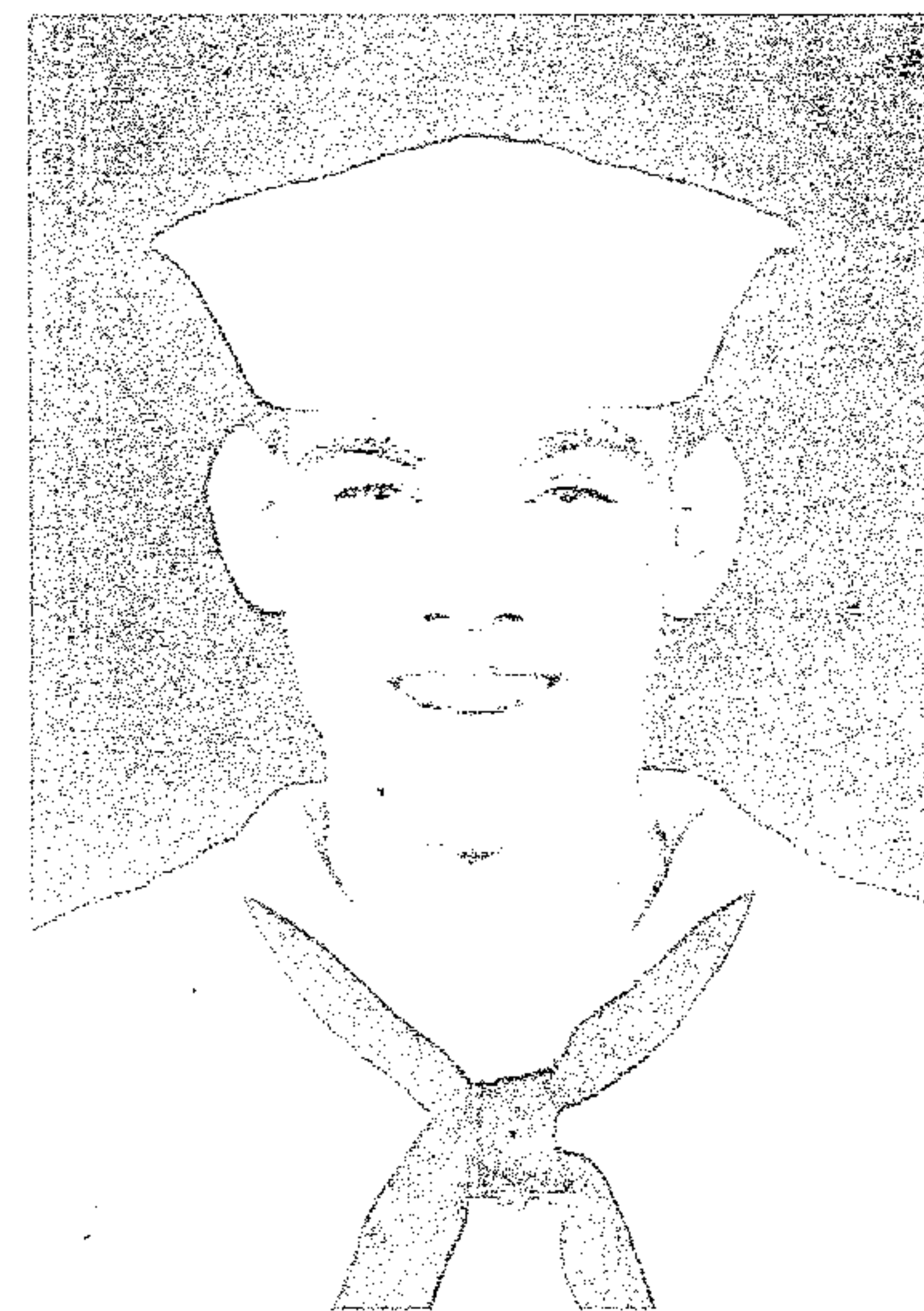


Photo: Mel Henschel of the U.S. Navy in 1965.

packed so closely that they could reach from one bed to the next and touch each other. There was a James Bond movie and men

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Benevolent Giving ...

Generosity during life is a very different thing than generosity in the hour of death; one proceeds from genuine benevolence, the other from pride or fear.

In the last article, I stated that we sent 200 pounds of benevolence to SGM Mark E. Beyerl in Bagram, Afghanistan. I would like to share with you the response I have received —

“ Les, all the packages have arrived. Thank you very much. They're great. I am working with one of the chaplains who travels throughout the country as well as one of poc's (point of contacts) from the postal unit that oversees all of Afghanistan to get pocs from the smaller based units that don't have much in the way of facilities. I don't want all of your hard work to go to the folks at the main bases where the soldiers have access to pxs and other shops. I would prefer that it go to the soldiers who really need it.”

I thought the above statement really applies to the generosity shown by the Fort Snelling

Memorial Chapel Foundation's members. No greater generosity can be demonstrated, in my opinion, than that of the men and woman that have given their lives in all conflicts, as well as those that continue to put themselves in harms way protect us ... and most of all our freedom.

The Benevolence Committee, after careful consideration, granted the following non-profit organizations funds to continue their tasks: Discover Church, American Legion Riders, Bundles of Love Charity, Our Savior's Housing, MN Chapter Officer's Christian Fellowship, Liberty Institute, Daniel Drevnick Memorial Fund, International Christian Literature Distributors and Samaritan's Purse.

God bless all of you ... as well as the 1% that protect the remaining 99%.

— Submitted by Les Hanson,
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 2012. Simply call the *Foundation Office* at 651/456-4410 ... and provide a name and mailing address.

2012 Chapel Directory

The membership directory for the *Foundation* has been updated with all of the corrections received through mid-October. The new directory will be distributed to all members beginning Sunday, 18 November 2012 ... just in time for you to address Christmas cards. You will be able to pick up your copy in the Fellowship Hall.

— Leila Campbell,
Office Manager

Veterans Day

Many, many, years ago...
The world praised this day...
Hoping man had learned...
That peace on earth could stay!

The Armistice was signed...
And joy was all around...
The world could start to heal...
And hope could now abound!

But several wars much later...
And a name change, I must add...
Still finds the world at odds...
And millions of us sad!

The day is now called:
“Veterans Day”...
To honor all who served...
Who gave so much for freedom...
In the protection of that word!

These men and women
did their job...
Back then and now today...
And sacrificed their lives...
So we can have this day!

No one likes to go to war...
Ask any vet you see...
But when it comes to freedom...
They'll die for you and me!

So on “Veterans Day” this year...
A simple “Thanks” will do...
For what they all went through...
Was for you, and you, and you!

— Bob Beskar
Vietnam War Veteran

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were helping each other. One man was holding a cigarette for the next man who had no arms. When Leslie saw Mel lying there looking so grey, she had to exit the room for a few minutes ... but quickly returned to his side. Mel was surprised ... but happy to see Leslie. Because of the accident, Mel underwent extensive skin grafts to his leg. However, this didn't stop his service to his country. Mel went back to the *Enterprise* right after Christmas of that very same year. Mel and Leslie were an item once again.

They got married in August of 1968 and soon after moved to Washington state and then California ... following the *Enterprise*. On January 1, 1969 Mel's ship headed out again for the Tonkin Gulf.

Then, just 2 weeks later, on January 14, 1969, Leslie got another call. This time it was her mother who told her, "Mel is probably fine, but the ship is burning out of control." Leslie stayed glued to the TV the next day watching the news. Later they would learn the explosion was caused by a starting unit on a tow tractor igniting a missile. After dry docking in Hawaii, Mel called Leslie to say he was okay. A total of 27 men were lost and 314 injured in that accident. A neighbor asked Leslie if she was sorry now that she was married as she could have been widowed. Leslie responded yes, she could have been widowed, but she would be *his* widow. Mel's enlistment ended July 21, 1969.

Seven years later, Mel realized that he missed the comradery of the military, and in 1976 he joined the Navy Reserves and became a P3 Flight Engineer. He literally

traveled the world seeing Japan, Spain, Iceland, Norway, The North Pole, France, Chili, Panama, and other sites. One of his most memorable missions happened while in Portugal. There was a parade in which the locals shot off fireworks. He was unsure of the reason, but it had something to do with American soldiers being present. Through it all, Mel proved to be a man of strength and optimism. If anyone asked how Mel was doing, he always responded (and still does) that is was "swell".



Photo: Mel and Leslie Henschel in 1967.

While Mel was away, Leslie was home raising their two daughters, Tamara and Amy. She noted now everything just seemed to stop working as soon as Mel left for the Navy; the car wouldn't go out of first gear, the garage door stuck, the water heater overheated, and soon, and so on. She always managed with the help of family and friends. Leslie taught Sunday school to a disabled boy who broke her glasses and bit her the first time they met. Soon thereafter, she went to work as a personal assistant in the public school. For the next seventeen years she worked at Apple Valley High School with troubled kids. She has since

retired due to residual health conditions, but her disposition for those in trouble has not disappeared.

Leslie continued on this path; raising funds to buy clothes for a boy who wore the same thing every day; buying pop or M&Ms for another boy if he stopped swearing, and meeting after school with a kid who was curious why she was "different" to tell him the plan of salvation. On October 4, 2000, a teenage boy hit Leslie with her car in the school parking lot. He poked his head out the car window and gave an ingenuous "sorry" before tearing off. Leslie's students wanted to know who the driver was so they could go after him, making their love and appreciation of her quite evident. At the time of this incident, the law stated it was illegal to hit property in a parking lot, but said nothing of hitting a person. Leslie got the law changed eventually to include hitting a person. This incident prevented Leslie from being on her feet for extended periods of time and forced her into early retirement. But Leslie will assert that it is a part of God's plan, as she is able to be actively involved in the lives of their three grandchildren.

The oldest of Mel and Leslie's grandchildren is Drew, who, at age 13, can be persuaded to do anything ... if Leslie threatens to kiss him in front of everyone. Then comes Reid, age 9, who more than anything for Christmas wanted a US flag to hang on his bedroom wall ... much to the pride of Mel. Finally, there is Elsie, who, at age five, went up to Red Bulls in a restaurant to say thank you. She then informed

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them plainly that her grandpa was a hero, too.

In addition, Leslie taught English for five years and worked on citizenship papers of a woman from Iran. Leslie still chuckles at the story of when this woman who was asked the question of whether she would bear arms for our country as a necessary question of citizenship. She innocently remarked that it was summer and she already had bar arms. This woman was also abused by her husband. When Leslie found out, she gave the woman a phone number to call the next time that he kicked her, and personally called the husband to say that if anything happened to his wife, they would know where to look - he never hurt her again.

Mel and Leslie both have amazing stories. And to think, their journey together all began over fifty years ago at a Billy Graham crusade as seventh graders.



Photos:
Leslie and Mel
Henschel in
2000.

Their patriotism and dedicated service distinguish them immeasurably. Leslie and Mel have spent their lives in service to others and are an inspirational example of the miracles that simple faith can produce.

Mel's advice to me and my generation is that we must remain eternally vigilant and not be entertained by trivial things for too long, for soon we will wake up and realize that all our

liberties will have been taken from us. Actually, the first thing he said was, "we sure are handing a mess" to the next generation. His optimism soon returned and he reminded me that there is good and bad news in everything. We must continue even when we get discouraged, and if we think we can't do something, we ought to ask ourselves, as Leslie asks her grandchildren, "Well, have you tried?"

— Submitted by: Megan Michaelis

Operation Christmas Child

Secure your plastic shoe boxes (Sun 28 Oct) in the Fellowship Hall to pack for needy boys and girls worldwide. There is guidance in each box for what to enclose. Return your gift box on Sun 11 Nov. We will deliver the boxes and handle the shipping. You do not need to enclose the recommended \$7 ... as it is being handled through our benevolence giving.

In 2009, we delivered **140** shoe boxes;
In 2010, we delivered **173**; and
In 2011, we delivered **188**.

What will we do in 2012? Can we break 200?

This is a project of *Samaritan's Purse* (Franklin Graham, *President*).



Photos: Last year, Richard Geis delivered our collection to the Operation Christmas Child collection/distribution center.

Celebrate the Season !

Christmas Garden of Poinsettias

A tradition at the Chapel is to adorn the altar area with beautiful poinsettia plants at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (4:00 p.m.). The Chapel is made alive with color. You can participate by purchasing a *red, pink or white* plant(s) — **\$14** each. This tradition is made even more precious by the dedications which are made for each of the plants. It's a beautiful way to honor or remember your loved ones at this sacred and holy time of year. Plants will be on sale in the Fellowship Hall starting 11 Nov - 9 Dec. Plants may be taken following the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



Christmas Caroling at the VA

Once again, the chapel congregation will be singing Christmas carols ... making melody through the halls of the MN Veteran's Home on **Sunday, December 16th** (2:00 p.m.).



Those interested in participating should gather at 1:30 p.m. at the Chapel Fellowship Hall. Following our caroling, the group will be going out to eat together.

Help us spread the joy of Christmas in song with those veterans who risked their lives so that we might have such freedom to express our faith.

— Your Fellowship Committee

Christmas Eve

On **Saturday, 24 December** we will have a worship service at **4:00 p.m.** Join in the singing of the carols ... accompanied by our Minister of Music — Craig Tennison — on the historic *Kimball* pipe organ ... in the beauty of candlelight and of a garden of poinsettias. The special music will be the "Regency Trio" and "Touching Hearts" ... featuring instrumental and vocal. A shuttle bus will be available.

Christmas Cookies Needed

The *Kitchen Angels* are requesting cookie donations for Sundays Dec 2, 16 & 23 for our fellowship hour. Sign-up on the board just outside the Chapel kitchen. Thank you.

— Carol Nygaard
Coordinator

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Be sure to mark your calendar — **December 9th** at **1:00 p.m.** — to join your Chapel friends and their guests at our *Annual Christmas Luncheon*. It will be held, once again, at the historic **Fort Snelling Officers Club** located just south of the Int. Airport on Hwy 5 and Post Road. Tickets are **\$20** each for your choice of either chicken picante or roast pork with rosemary. Tickets will go on sale after worship in the Chapel Fellowship Hall starting November 4th thru December 2nd.

Our entertainment for the afternoon will be the fabulous **Jimmy Steffen and Holly Circle Band** playing their upbeat arrangements of familiar and danceable tunes.

— Your Fellowship Committee

Advent

Soon we will be entering into the Season of Advent, which in Latin means "The Coming." The Advent Wreath is a circle which symbolizes the eternity of God. The lighting of the first candle represents *Expectation*. The second candle represents *Hope*. The third represents *Purity*. The fourth represents *Love*. The Christ Candle lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminds us that *Jesus is the "Light of the World."*



In this busy time of preparation and anticipation, remember it is better to give than to receive. Once you receive the gift of Jesus, you will want to give the gift of Jesus to others. *He* is the never ending gift.

— Kay Tennison
Worship Committee Chair

