

"Honoring God, Our King, In 2017"



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**Our pastor,
Gerald B.
Collingsworth,
at 17 years old**

ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Introduction: In II Timothy, we discover that Paul the Apostle called Christians, "soldiers." Notice *II Timothy 2:3*, "... as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." In *II Timothy 2:4*, "... chosen him to be a soldier." Why? Because we are to be advancing for the cause of Christ. We, as Christians, are to be disciplined as a highly trained soldier.

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus going on before.*

We have such a rich military heritage in this country because we have fought in so many wars. We have seen the courage of our soldiers proven in combat over and over again. From the soldiers at Valley Forge to the soldiers manning a lonely outpost in Afghanistan.

Allow me to make comparisons between the military and being a soldier for Jesus Christ.

FIRST: THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE.

JOHN 1:12

1. You must be part of the military.

The military does not allow you to just walk on a base and start shooting people. They also do not hand out Generals' stars to someone who has not joined the military. Just as you must join the military to be part of it, you must join Christ to be part of His army. You must receive Him as your personal Saviour.

2. You must take the basic training.

Basic training is to develop a disciplined soldier who is qualified because of physical conditioning and one who has become skilled in the fundamentals of soldiery and weaponry.

When a person receives Christ they need basic training. They need to understand the fundamentals of their faith. They are on milk, not meat. (*I Peter 2:2*)

3. You must take Advanced Individual Training.

Known as A.I.T. every soldier now is required to train for a special job, and is usually cross-trained. In other words, an expert rifleman also trained in Heavy Equipment. Some soldiers may be experts at hand-to-hand combat, yet trained to be a cook for their men.

Christians also must realize that though they may be pastors, deacons, Sunday-school teachers, God may also want them to drive a church bus, sing in the choir, or mow the church lawn. (*II Timothy 2:15*) (*II Peter 3:18*) "Study and Grow" could also be "Learn and Advance".

4. You must be stationed where you are needed.

It would be a waste to receive all that training and not use it. As Christians, we need to find our purpose in life.

SECOND: THE RULES TO KEEP.

JAMES 1:22

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Quotable Quotes—Concerning Firearms

Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence.
George Washington

Americans have the right and advantage of being armed – unlike the citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust the people with arms.
James Madison

The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.
Thomas Jefferson

Woe to a community where a criminal has the knowledge that there will be no firearm in any home.
Ronald Reagan

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ASKED A LITTLE BOY, "DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO BOYS WHO USE BAD LANGUAGE WHEN THEY PLAY MARBLES?"

"OH YES," THE BOY REPLIED. "THEY GROW UP AND PLAY GOLF."



"I BELIEVE THE OLD LADY WAS IN FRONT OF YOU."

A RECRUIT INTERRUPTED ROLL CALL TO OBSERVE, "CHIEF, THERE'S A BUNNY RABBIT BEHIND YOU." CHIEF, TEETH GRITTED, RESPONDED, "IS IT ARMED?"



"YOU CAN PLAY DEAD ALL YOU WANT. WE'RE STILL GOING TO SEE MY PARENTS."



Southern-Fried Picnic Chicken

Have you ever been to a summertime picnic without fried chicken? Yeah, me neither. If we're being honest, I've always been terrified of frying chicken myself. It's generally easier to just purchase some; however, I'm very, very picky about the crispiness of the skin. When you make it yourself, you can control the ingredients, and you can get the crispiness just the way your family likes it.

1 (2- to 3-pound) whole chicken, cut up	2 cups all-purpose flour	divided
2 cups buttermilk	2 tsp. plus 2 teaspoons salt, divided	1 tbsp. Creole seasoning
2 large eggs	4 tsp. black pepper,	3 cups shortening

1. Rinse chicken with cold water; pat dry with paper towels, and set aside.
2. Whisk together milk and eggs in a bowl.
3. Combine flour, 2 tablespoons salt, 2 teaspoons black pepper, and Creole seasoning in a quart-sized zip-top plastic freezer bag. Dip 2 chicken pieces in flour mixture, and then into egg/milk mixture. Place chicken back into flour mixture in plastic bag; seal, and shake to coat. Remove chicken, and repeat with remaining pieces.
4. Melt shortening in a Dutch oven over medium heat to reach 350°F on a thermometer. Fry chicken in batches 10 minutes on each side, or until cooked through and golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with remaining 2 teaspoons salt and 2 teaspoons black pepper.

Lest We Forget



Stewart J. McClain

Stewart McClain served in the United States Army Airborne. He is the father of our dear friend, Kevin McClain.

Kevin invited his dad to a Sunday morning Church service on Resurrection Sunday in 1995. During the service, Stewart J. McClain received Christ as his personal Saviour.

What a soldier! What a man!

Stewart went to be with the Lord on December 4, 1997.

1. You had to wear the uniform that identified your branch of service.

Example: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force.

But more than that, on your uniform itself was revealed which particular outfit you were with and your special certification.

Example: 82nd, 101st, Combat Engineers, Machine Gunner, etc.

We Christians are to be uniformed also. We are to be easily identified by our dress standards, and our outfit. I'm an independent, fundamental Baptist, and I am just as proud of that as wearing the uniform for my country.

2. You were not to betray trust.

Illustration: Benedict Arnold was not the first traitor, but was in the same mind set as Judas Iscariot. By the way, you are not to fraternize with the enemy. That always leads to treason. Have you betrayed your allegiance?

3. You were not to be absent without leave.

A.W.O.L. was a court marshal offense unless there were reasonable circumstances. **Question:** When you are not in church, or when you decide to leave your church to go to another, who signed your pass?

Illustration: No one should make a life-changing decision without talking it over with their company commander, their pastor.

4. You were to follow lawful orders.**THIRD: THE REGRET OF IMPROPER CONDUCT.****MATTHEW 25:21**

Judas Iscariot died in misery and regret. Benedict Arnold died in misery and regret. Why? Because you must live with your decisions.

By the way, Judas never was part of the Lord's army for he was never saved. He was a spy! He was in another army.

Illustration: The decision of George Armstrong Custer to attack against orders cost him all the lives of his command.

Illustration: When Lee decided to attack at Gettysburg, his best soldiers advised against it.

Conclusion: In the military, when everything is said and done, you either receive an honorable or dishonorable discharge. May I ask, when this life is over for you, will it be honorable? What will your memories be?

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)

**Prayer of Service**

"Lord, what will Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)

**The Medal Of Honor**

I have had the honor of meeting three men who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. What is surprising is that one of the requirements to be considered for the Medal of Honor is that no one can receive the medal for following orders. The medal is reserved for those who have acted on their own accord in both a heroic and selfless manner.

George Patton said, "I'd give my soul for the Medal of Honor." Both Presidents Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson told recipients of the Medal of Honor that they would rather have the medal than be President of the United States.

STEPPING UP TO THE COUNTER AT A FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT, I ASKED FOR A BAKED POTATO WITH BUTTER ON THE SIDE. WITH THE GUSTO OF SOMEONE NEWLY EMPLOYED, THE TEENAGER TAKING MY ORDER ASKED, "WHICH SIDE?"

I WAS MOPPING THE SQUAD BAY WHEN THE DRILL INSTRUCTOR RAN IN. HE STOPPED SHORT, STUCK HIS HAND INTO THE BUCKET OF SUDSY WATER, TOOK A TASTE, AND BARKED "NEEDS MORE SOAP" BEFORE RUNNING OFF.

MY D.I. PUT THE WHOLE "NO SUCH THING AS A STUPID QUESTION" THING PERFECTLY. HE TOLD US, "THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A STUPID QUESTION, BUT SOME QUESTIONS COME WITH PUSH-UPS."

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last eleven (11) years in a row! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!
3. We are hosting the Old-Fashioned, Real and Revisited, "I Love America" conference June 19th—20th, 2017.



Poor George Washington couldn't blame his troubles on the previous administration.

I Love America Conference

Monday, June 19th—Tuesday, June 20th, 2017

With highly decorated marine—Don Chitty
US Marine Corps



Tom Neal



Don Chitty

From the Battlefield to the Mission Field

Our special speaker this year for our "I Love America Conference" will be Dr. Don Chitty, missionary to the Navajo Indian Nation, the "Windtalkers." As a young man, Don Chitty joined the United States Marine Corps. Before going to Vietnam, he trained with the Navy Seals and the Army Rangers. Promoted to Platoon Sergeant, he was sent to Vietnam and was part of the military's Black-Ops. While in combat, he was wounded ten times in action. Besides ten Purple Hearts, he was awarded numerous other medals including the Presidential Citation and the Bronze Star.



From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth Remembering My Memorial Day

Just a few days ago our nation celebrated Memorial Day. This day is not just picnics and family fun. Memorial Day is not just another holiday to me. It is a special day for which we set aside to honor those who have been killed in war. This day carries much meaning in our family.

My husband's brother, Delano Billy Collingsworth, served in the Army Special Forces and was killed in Vietnam on Memorial Day. It is very fitting that we remember him (and others) who have given their lives - what a great price they paid for others.

My father, David Thomas, also served in the Marines during WWII and The Korean War. He passed away in 2004, and though his memory is with me everyday Memorial Day is a special day since this was his birthday. My father was a very quiet, strong man. I always thought he was so handsome and his military picture was one of my favorites.

Last, but of course, not least I think of Jesus, as I do everyday, but on Memorial Day, as I remember those who have given their lives for others, I remember Jesus who laid down His life willingly on the cross and shed His blood for the sins of the world. What a price He paid so that we could be made free from the wages of sin and death!

As we consider Memorial Day, please consider Christ. Please trust Him for your eternal salvation, for He paid a price that no one could pay for you.



Delano Billy
Collingsworth

My husband, Staff Sergeant Gerald B. Collingsworth, was awarded the Outstanding Soldier of the Year Award in 1972 for exceptional leadership.



My husband was only 19 years old when this picture was taken. He is the soldier on the left. On the right is Major Dan Callihan of the Army Combat Engineers.



David Thomas

How to be Brainier

The self-improvement endeavors on this list will purportedly vitalize your mind. I have culled some from books and websites, but I have invented others. Can you figure out which are True and which are Malarkey?

1. Write backward with your weaker hand.
2. Rearrange your furniture.
3. Make your bed using the flat sheet for the fitted sheet and vice versa.
4. Don't step on sidewalk cracks for an entire day.
5. Create to-do lists.
6. Join a cult and then give the leader 13 reasons why you're quitting.
7. Take a slow day, in which you do everything at half speed.
8. Make a pineapple upside-down cake right-side up.
9. Keep a journal.
10. Avoid reading newspapers or news websites for a week.
11. Take ginkgo biloba.
12. Don't take ginkgo biloba.
13. Go to a black-tie affair wearing something red.
14. Consume antioxidants daily.
15. Get rid of toxins by gargling with prune juice.
16. File for a divorce.
17. Question everything. Ask why incessantly.



I WAS SUPERVISING SOME PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES AT OUR CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AS THEY FILLED OUT THEIR APPLICATION FORMS. EVERYONE WAS WRITING AWAY EXCEPT FOR ONE GUY, WHO APPEARED STUMPED. HE TURNED TO HIS FRIEND AND WHISPERED, "HEY, GEORGE, WHAT'S MY MAIDEN NAME?"

I WAS IN LINE TO PAY AT A STORE WHEN A LITTLE GIRL SAID, "YOU HAVE NICE HAIR!" "THANK YOU VERY MUCH," I SAID. SHE THEN ASKED, "IS IT YOURS?"

The pen is mightier than the sword, if you shoot that pen out of a gun.

"AND THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT TO MARKET, PRESUMABLY KICKING AND SCREAMING THE WHOLE WAY."

WHERE DO YOU HIDE THE NUTS?" LOOKING AROUND, SHE GRUMBLED, "I DON'T HIDE THEM ANYWHERE. THEY'RE ALL OVER THIS PLACE."

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Upcoming Events!



Friday, August 11th, 7:00 PM
Heritage Baptist Church
Annual Ladies Retreat.
Special Speaker: Mrs. Libby Robinson Myers of Waycross, GA

THE MARINES HAVE DRILL INSTRUCTORS, THE ARMY HAS DRILL SERGEANTS, AND THE NAVY HAS CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS. WHATEVER THE NAME, THEY ALL SPECIALIZE IN MAKING THEIR RECRUITS' LIVES INTERESTING.



Symbol Of The Fallen

In the aftermath of WWI, and because the red poppy flourished on the battlefields of Europe, the red poppy has become the official flower to signify that you give respect and honor to the fallen.

Wear a poppy to honor the fallen soldier.



Dr. Jack Hyles

I Love America

By Dr. Jack Hyles

I love Thanksgiving when we pray,
And July 4th and Labor Day
With picnics, ants, and hungry flies,
And barbecue and hot French fries,

With Cokes and chips and apple pies
Beneath some hazy, lazy skies.

And Betsy Ross, and Orville Wright,
And dear Ben Franklin's flying kite;
And Thomas Jefferson's mighty quill,
And Alamo, and Bunker Hill,
And Paul Revere's midnight ride,
And Wilbur Wright's successful glide.

I love "My Country, 'Tis of Thee,"
Oh, blessed land of liberty.
Long may our glorious land be bright,
With freedom's wondrous holy light,
Protect us by Thy matchless might.

I love to stand with hand o'er heart
And think of those who did their part,
Who left a mom a lone gold star,
Whose bodies rest 'neath fields afar.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

Simone Renaud spent a lifetime caring for the graves of our fallen.



This is the grave site of Lt. Norman DuBois of the 42nd Field Artillery. He was buried where he died. Thousands of our soldiers were buried where they fell and are still there today. May we never forget.



Lest We Forget



Billy Collingsworth,
US Army Special Forces.
Brother of our Pastor.



David Thomas,
US Marine Corps.
Father of Vida Collingsworth.



Ken Crowe,
US Air Corps.
Husband of Peggy Crowe.



Eric Campfield,
US Navy.
Father of Eve Oswald.

We have lost these for a short period of time. For now, let us remember what they have meant to us.

Lest We Forget—Giving Thanks For Our Veterans



*Audie
Murphy*

He was an unlikely hero. Born into a life of crushing poverty in Texas, Audie Murphy was so scrawny when he tried to enlist after Pearl Harbor that the Marine Corps and the paratroopers wouldn't take him. He joined the infantry. Even there, his officers suggested a non-combat role. Instead, Murphy became a front-line warrior and one of history's most decorated combat veterans. But he wasn't fearless. On the battlefield, "fear is right there beside you," he wrote.

Murphy was an everyman who found and lost himself in war. His Medal of Honor citation praised his "indomitable courage," but he paid a heavy price for his heroism. Even after he became a movie star, Murphy fought demons that the war had created within him for the rest of his life.

"Before the war, I'd get excited and enthused about a lot of things," he told John Huston, who directed him in "The Red Badge of Courage," "but not anymore." He suffered from nightmares, slept with a gun under his pillow and gambled recklessly. He titled his autobiography "To Hell and Back," but it seems a part of Murphy never returned from the hell of combat. Such are the sacrifices heroes make.



*Eddie
Rickenbacker*

The son of poor German-speaking Swiss immigrants, Edward Vernon Rickenbacker overcame the specter of his father's violent death, a debilitating eye injury and accusations of being a German spy to become the American ace of aces in World War I and a Medal of Honor recipient. His extraordinary capabilities, unshakable patriotism and steadfast perseverance enabled the grade-school dropout to circumvent the college degree requirement for pilots, shoot down 26 German aircraft and take command of the 94th Aero Squadron, which under his leadership grew into America's most successful air unit.

He went on to start a premier car company, own the Indianapolis Speedway and found Eastern Airlines. During World War II, Rickenbacker's harrowing three-week ordeal aboard a life raft with only rainwater and the food they could catch in the central Pacific showed a weary nation by example that it had the fortitude to survive a war on two fronts.

Part daredevil, part tinkerer, cool risk manager, improviser and showman, Rickenbacker helped forge a new, and particularly American, brand of heroism that would serve as a model for following generations of explorers, adventurers and warriors, from Jimmy Doolittle and Charles Lindbergh to Chuck Yeager and John Glenn.

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**

We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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