



Current/Upcoming Events

Independence Day
July 4



Army Chaplain Corps
Anniversary
July 29

GWFW Classes
Franklin, TN YMCA
Monday August 5
(Details to follow)

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God's Word for Warriors

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Living at the Edge of Eternity

One of the most powerful and revolutionary sentences in the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-12) is, "Thy kingdom come, on earth as in heaven." This statement entails the concept of an immortal soul and the resurrection to a new life. This, in turn, leads to a major question: "If I died tonight, where would I spend eternity?"

Many reading this article are veterans and have experienced combat, no doubt wondering at these perilous moments, "Where is God? Did he check out because of what was going on there?"

The loss of religious faith is so widespread among veterans today, a loss that bears little likeness to the sterile and bloodless agnosticisms of many university campuses and the secular society. And this rejection of faith by many veterans is active, passionate, almost physical, and is rooted in the best of reasons – feelings of betrayal, abandonment, and a perceived failure to deliver on God's part.

Many veterans come out of combat with a different faith than they may have once held – a faith that may never be the same again – either deeper or even lost. And others spend a lifetime of struggling to find God in the midst of hell. Nowhere more than in combat does one sense the truth of Bernard Clairveaux's word that "we live at the edge of eternity."

None experience the awareness of evil and are conscious of evil and sin in this world as many of our veterans. Often their anger, confusion and spiritual emptiness are directed against God, as they faced unaccustomed darkness. And so we ask again, "If I died tonight, where would I spend eternity?"

Reflecting on these thoughts brings up the importance of reaching out to assist our veterans as they face such situations in life. This need motivated Lipscomb University to reach out to our veteran students with classes, *God's Word for Warriors*, designed to assist these men and women in their post-deployment educational goals. You can be a part of this effort by donating to the funds veterans often need to further their educational goals. - Tom Seals



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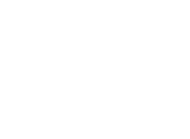
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Report from the Field

The Charlotte Heights Church of Christ reports the following concerning their recent veterans program:

Veterans Appreciation Picnic: Approximately 45 congregation members and friends from the community attended the Veterans Appreciation on Saturday, June 15. This event was the kick-off for the Charlotte Heights Veterans Ministry. This unique outreach is specifically designed to show Christ's love through service, mentorship, and fellowship with and to members of the military and their families. Events are being planned for the remainder of the year, and we are in the process of beginning classes utilizing Dr. Tom Seals' non-profit initiative, **God's Word for Warriors**. – Eric Owens, Veterans' Ministry Director

Evaluation of God's Word for Warriors

This nation is noted for the generosity of its people in giving to others to enhance quality of life through various venues. It is so very important that 501 (c) 3 institutions be responsible with the use of funds donated to carry on important programs. The Board of Directors for GFWW takes very seriously our responsibility over the funds so many of you donate. With this in mind, we report from time to time the impact on veterans' classes on *God's Word for Warriors* make, at Lipscomb, in churches, YMCAs, etc. One recently wrote:

"This class proved to be a RELEVANT and meaningful curriculum which addressed some of the shadowy, unresolved issues many veterans, especially combat veterans experience. By restricting this class to veterans only, the participation, honesty and willingness to engage in meaningful discussion of difficult personal questions was improved. As a combat veteran myself, I am walking away from this course with a more focused mind, better insight, devotion to God and deeper faith. It was inspiring!"

The basic mission of GFWW is, of course, to bring veterans into a deeper spiritual relationship with God and Jesus Christ, both on Lipscomb's campus and in the community. This ministry was established to provide veterans with financial help in relation to school expenses and emergency situations. In addition, we plan to establish an Endowed Chair of Bible and Chaplaincy so this work will continue into the future. Your contributions make this possible. Please send us your donations, of any amount, made payable to: Gods Word for Warriors:

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