A Veteran's Thoughts on Veterans Day

When I graduated from high school in 1960, World War II and the Korean War were recent history. The draft was still in place so I joined the ROTC program in college and upon graduation began active duty. In 1965, as the Vietnam war was escalating, I volunteered for helicopter flight school.

Lifelong friendships are made with fellow soldiers, and our graduation ceremony in May, 1966 was bittersweet. Happy we had finished flight school, we had all watched enough TV footage of wrecked helicopters and casualties that we knew some of our classmates would be killed within the next year. It was not if, but who, when, where and how. The first went down flying a night medical evacuation in mountainous jungle on July 20. Another went down September 13, and a good friend of mine was shot down November 11.

Flying helicopters in Vietnam, we would often make a combat assault, dropping the infantry into hostile territory, then resupplying them with food, water and ammunition, sometimes hauling out casualties. The infantry endured and suffered more than any human should ever be asked to do, and we had the utmost respect for them. The late Lieutenant General Hal Moore may have said it best when speaking about veterans: "American soldiers in battle don't fight for what some President says on TV. They don't fight for mom, apple pie and the American flag. They fight for one another." When your country calls, you go, and you end up fighting for each other.

For the entire year our company lived in tents in forward areas and mostly worked seven days a week. Going to church was not much of an option. But I knew my parents and relatives prayed daily for my safety, and God answered those prayers.

Why is it appropriate to commemorate Veterans Day? World War II would be the answer. If the world war veterans had not sacrificed and been victorious we may not have the religious and other freedoms we have today. If there is such a thing as a necessary war, World War 2 may have been that war. *–US Army helicopter pilot, Vietnam 1966/1967.*

Special Days November 5th - Novembeer 12th

Saturday, Nov, 11th - Nevaeh Bushaw's birthday

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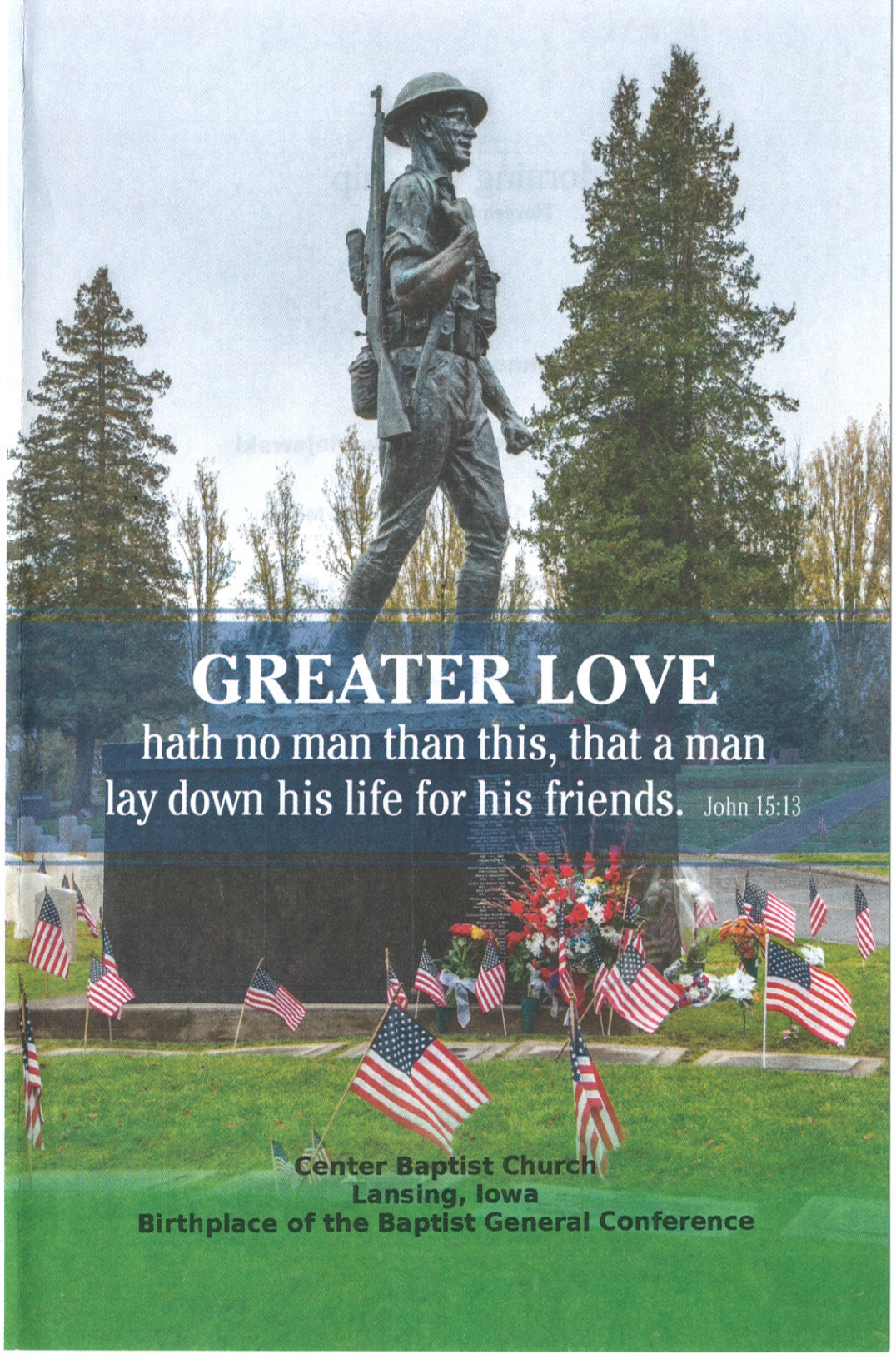

Morning Worship

Noveember 5, 2017

Prelude

Announcements

Prayer - Pastor Matthew Majewski

Hymn # 47 Jesus, Lord to Me

Hymn # 501 Now I Belong to Jesus

Children's Message

Message

Hymn # 413 Break Thou the Bread of Life

Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn # 426 Blest Be The That Binds

Join us next week

9:30 Breakfast
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship

Mragan Enyart is in charge of children's church today. Next week's breakfast and children's church helpers are Bruce & Nelda Meador.

November's Memory Verse

O come. Let us sing unto the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

Psalm 92:1-2

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Prayer concerns.....

...remember, "a care too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden".

Continue to pray for .....

The Lord's blessing on officers, ministries, and families of our church, as we encourage each other, serve the Lord, and reach out into our surrounding communities

Pine Lake Christian Camp & Village Creek Bible Camp -- and their continued ministries

For our church family, & their friends and families, who deal with health needs.

Our military men and women as they serve our country—here, and abroad

Pray for Som & Candy who are undergoing cancer treatments.

Pray for Lelia Shoemaker for continued recovery and decisions.

- call Faith [535-7307] before Thursday evening [or send her an email: faithericson@hotmail.com] if you have a new prayer concern, or an update on one, to share with the church family -

This quarter's missionary will be Operation Christmas Child.

Shergalis's will get $100 a month and the rest will go to our quarterly missionary, unless designated otherwise.

Last week's Missions offering:	Total to date:
235.00	405.00

Help support our missionaries! Please indicate "missions" on the memo line of a check; you can also include it with your regular giving, and write missions on the memo line, indicating the amount for missions – or put cash in an envelope marked "missions" [and put your name on the envelope, if you'd like to receive a quarterly receipt]

Upcoming events at
Village Creek Bible Camp, Lansing

November 10-12 Dads & Daughters Retreat
November 17-19 Couple's Retreat
Board Meeting

are open to the public. [If you don't find one, call the camp -- 535-7320.] Other "private" retreats will be shown on this calendar of events, so that you can uphold them in prayer. Check the camp's website for more info: www.villagecreek.net

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Upcoming events at
Pine Lake Christian Camp, Eldora

Items marked "rental" are private groups -- not available to us, but we have included them so that you can uphold those events in prayer. One can register for regular retreat groups thru' Pine Lake's website: www.pinelakecamps.org

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