

“Bravery is the capacity to perform properly even when scared to death.”

Five-Star Army General Omar Bradley (1893–1981)

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 18 MILLION VETERANS in the United States. When these men and women chose to serve our country they went through rigorous training, then were selected and sent to various hot spots around the world. They sacrificed their time, jobs, families, friends and health to fight for freedom. Some endured unimaginable atrocities. As we have often heard, “Freedom is not free.”

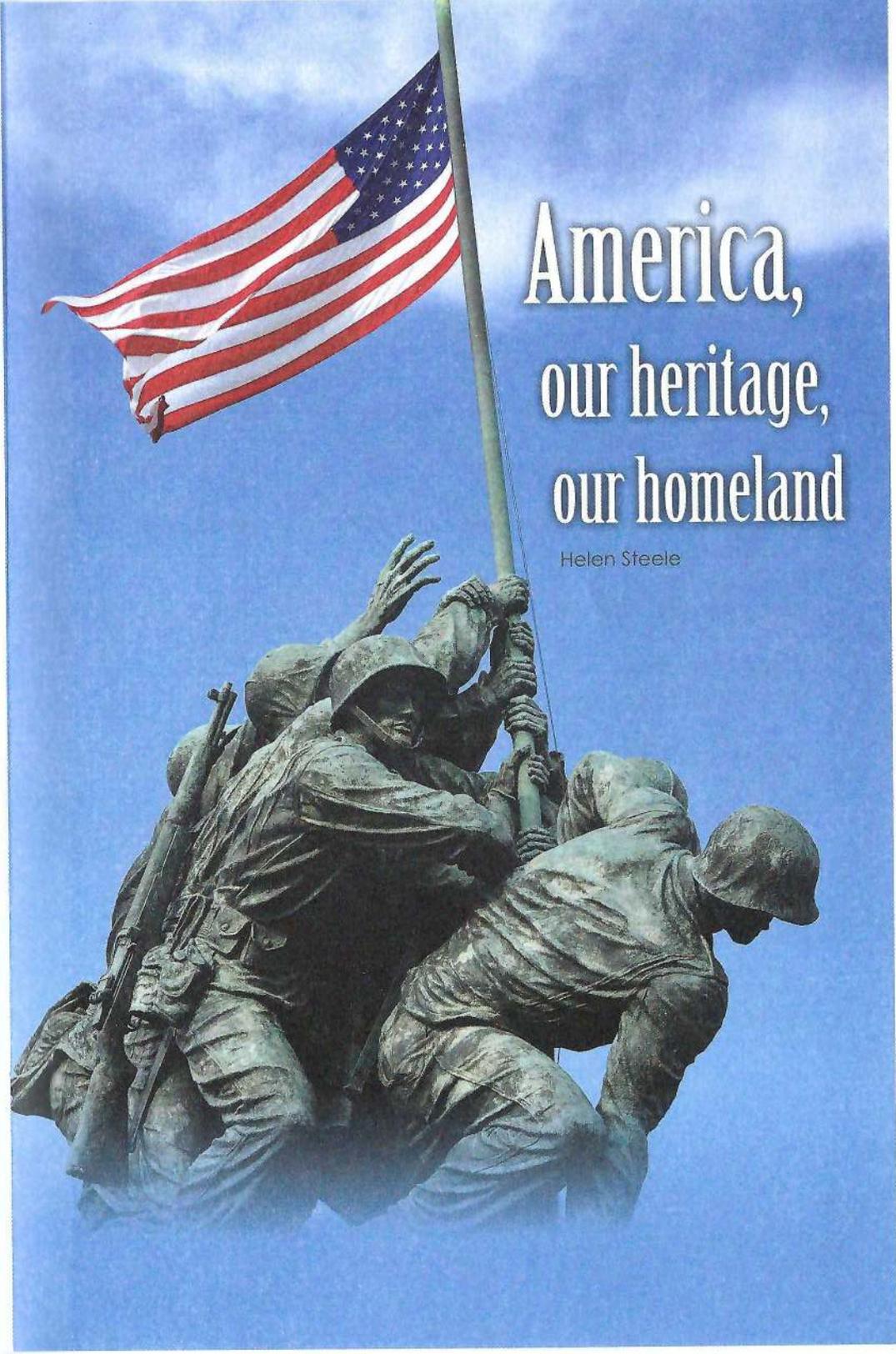
The freedom from sin Jesus fought for took His life. But being absolute, Almighty God, Jesus conquered the grave, bringing freedom from eternal death to all those who believe.

Each believer is a soldier in “service” to our Lord (2 Timothy 2:3). We were “selected” before the world’s foundation (Ephesians 1:3–6). We are “sent” according to God’s will. Many will “sacrifice” their time, jobs, families, friends and even health to be obedient to God (1 Peter 4:1–13). But there are no veterans. One definition of a veteran is “a person who served in active military, naval or air service and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.” We believers are never released from duty! It is a life-long commitment. And some endure unimaginable atrocities, bravely holding to God’s truth, even when scared to death.

Veterans and believers—selected, sent, serving and sacrificing. Let us respect and honor our veterans, thanking them profusely. As believers let us thank God profusely for His mercy and grace as we present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service (Romans 12:1), looking forward to His “well done.” “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Pastor Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 572 Blessed Assurance

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 575 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Sermon: "Be Ready"

Pastor Don Mauldin

Scripture: II Timothy 4:1-8

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn # 713 Seek Ye First

Pastor Don Mauldin

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Covenant News

Our ministry for November is SWAG. The Southwest Advocacy Group (SWAG) is a grassroots non-profit organization. Thier mission is to address the needs of the community by connecting individuals and families to services and resources through advocacy and partnerships with agencies and community partners.

Mark Your Calendar

Covenant Thanksgiving Dinner

November 20th 5:00 p.m.

We provide the turkey and dressing,
you bring your favorite sides.

The YAH Group will be meeting Tuesday at 10:30.

They will be discussing the future of the group.

Come one, come all!

On Veterans Day

While we were here at home,
They traveled land and sea,
To make sure we stayed safe,
To protect and keep us free.

Words are not enough;
To give them what they're due.
On Veteran's Day please thank them
For their service, to me and you.

By Joanna Fuchs
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