

A Call to Veterans

My father served in World War 2 in Germany. My four uncles and a grandfather served in various aspects of the military as well. However, they never shared their experiences with me. I suppose they wanted to protect me as a child, or perhaps they wanted to forget what they had experienced, but I grew up without much understanding of what fighting for freedom was all about. Although I knew these men, I did not know their struggles, their bravery, their sacrifices to assure our country and others of freedom.

Moses instructed the Israelites, “Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons’ sons” (Deuteronomy 4:9). When God’s people believed and obeyed Him, they marched from victory to victory. But their job was not over. They were to be channels to following generations, instructing them to be on guard, and teaching them how to achieve victory.

Veterans who have sacrificed, seen the atrocities, cried at the offenses and suffered cruelties would be wise to continue fighting in a different way—through enlightening next generations, warning them and encouraging them to continue the fight.

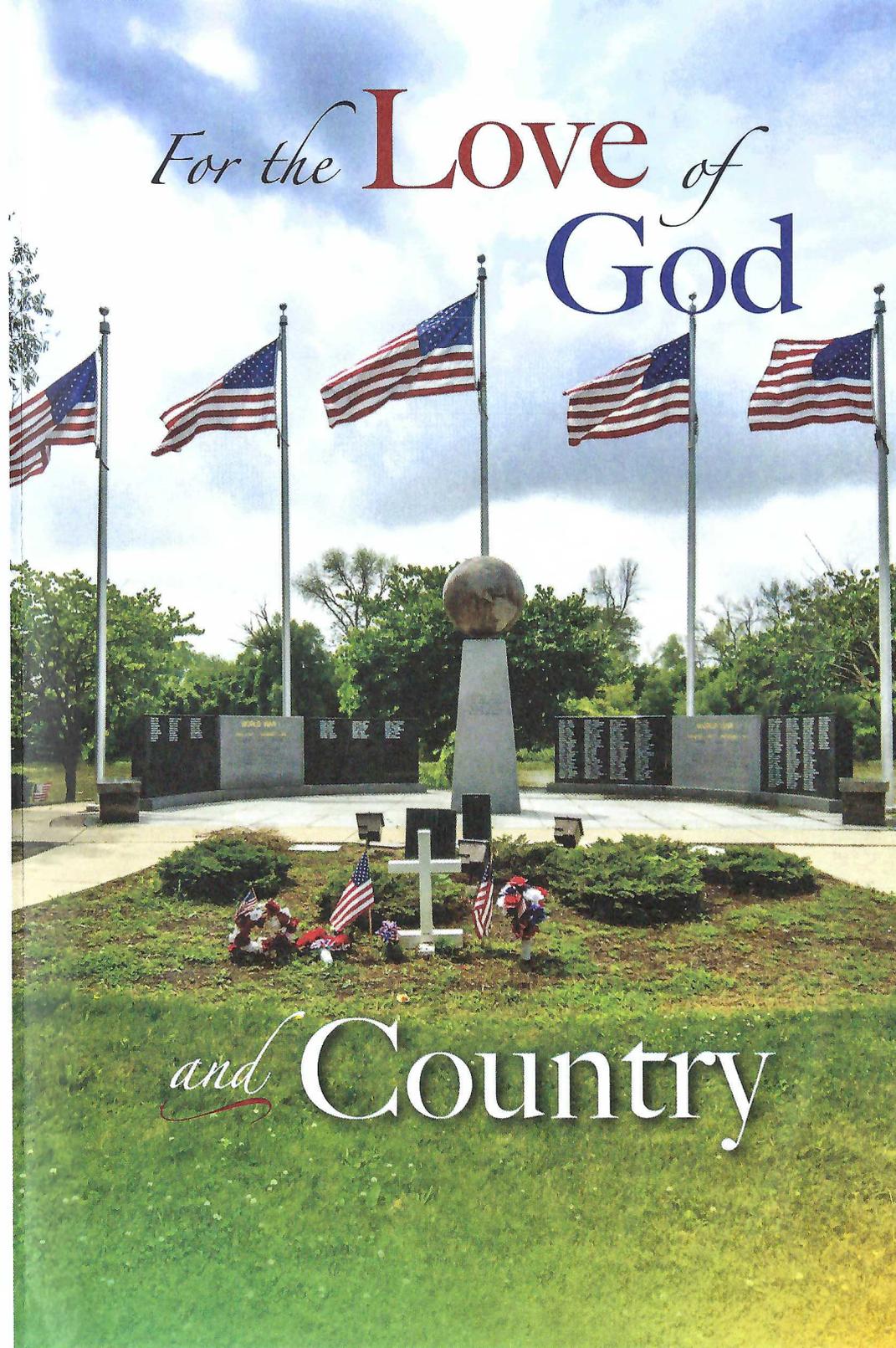
John Adams, the second U.S. president, said, “Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom.” And “Posterity! you will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make a good use of it.”

Veterans have done what Jesus mentioned in John 15:13, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” We cannot express enough our gratitude to all who have fought for our freedom.

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Covenant Church

3115 N.W. 16th Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

November 5, 2023

Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Pastor Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn # 235 Take the Name of Jesus with You

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 685 Footsteps of Jesus

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Covenant Choir

Sermon: *Pastor Don Mauldin*

Scripture:

Hymn of Benediction

Pastor Don Mauldin

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Thank you, Veterans!

Covenant News

Our ministry for November is Bread of the Mighty Food Bank.

Save the Dates

Annual Business Meeting November 12th after church

November 18th 1:00 – 3:00 at Covenant

Shower for Lindsey Miller Wright

Bring a book instead of a card,

Write an inscription, it won't be too hard.

If you bring diapers, you can win a prize,

This shower is for ladies, not the guys.

She's registered at Amazon and Target too.

The Miller family can't wait to see you!

Thanksgiving Dinner November 19th

Holiday Social December 10th after church

"The Colors of Christmas" Musical December 17th

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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