



AMEN NEWS

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FAITHFULNESS

Warrior Resilience

My Scripture readings have taken me to the Book of Exodus with its message of how God fulfilled His promises to the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob regarding the possession of the Promised Land of Canaan. Since I enjoy history the first nineteen chapters are an easy read with the stories of Moses and his contest with Pharaoh for the soul of Israel. Chapters 20 through 40 I found more difficult to digest as they describe the minute details for building the Tabernacle. Not being much of a math guy it was easy for me to get lost in all of the descriptions of cubits and materials that went into construction of each item of the Tabernacle or Tent of Meeting. Clearly it was a painstaking process which God insisted took special care and attention. He even provided gifted craftsmen to carry out the construction of what would be the central focus of Israel's life. Interestingly, the recurring phrase throughout the text was "as the Lord commanded through Moses." For this ragtag body of former slaves, the Tabernacle served as the focal point of God's presence in the midst of His people. At the heart of the Tabernacle in the Most Holy Place rested God's Law, the Ten Commandments, placed within the Ark of the Covenant. Every detail and arrangement of the Tabernacle was to impress upon the people the realization of the power and glory of the Living God of Israel. Without question the Tabernacle with its precious metals and stones, embroidery, and

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TO OUR MILITARY
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arrangement was meant to take your breath away with its glory. In the desert of Sinai, in the shadow of Mount Horeb Israel came to experience the presence of the One, True God who dwelt in their midst in the Tent of Meeting.

Military Christians can also be considered a displaced people taken from home, family, and all that is familiar to live, work, and even fight in strange and distant lands throughout the world. Military life has its own unique wilderness experiences where it seems at times that God is so far away, so distant from our every day struggles. Whether through the culture shock of a foreign country, the harshness of austere training locations, or the devastation of a combat zone, our warriors can often feel isolated and yearn for the presence of God to comfort them. Like those ancient Israelites with Moses it becomes too enticing to worship the gods of Egypt as they did in building the golden calf (Exodus 32:7-8) rather than see the One who is called I Am. Yet God is revealed in His Tabernacle which 1 Peter 2:4-5 says is now the church of the Living God.

The AMEN Ministry is one of the important instruments of God revealing His glory and power through the lives of military Christians, Key Men and Women, teachers and church leaders who have a heart for serving our brothers and sisters in uniform. At the center of the Tabernacle was the Ark of the Covenant signifying justice and grace. In Christ Jesus our service demonstrates this glory of God.

RESOURCES

Lipscomb University, Nashville TN.

2019 Military & Chaplain Symposium

Each year, nearly 200,000 Service members transition from the U.S. military back to their civilian communities. With a country that's been at war for nearly 19 years many of our Service members have faced multiple deployments, trauma, PTS, along with ethical and moral conflict in their lives. This symposium is an opportunity to identify, discuss, and challenge the way our nation addresses the need for spiritual involvement to today's Warriors while they serve and to their transition back to their civilian communities.

Event fee is \$90.00 includes breakfast & lunch each day. Hotel space available both on and off Lipscomb campus. Register at:

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For more information contact Chad Staggs or Dr. Tom Seals at 615-966-6642 or 1-800-333-4358; Ext. 6642

AMEN TEAM NEWS

Hinesville Church of Christ, Hinesville GA Fort Stewart, Jeffrey L. Foster, Elder

The Hinesville church has about six Active Military families and even more Government Civilians and Contractors. We conduct Leadership Training for these men to help them mature and be active in worship such as greeters, leading prayers, serving on the Lord's Table, song leading and devotionals.

These men are of all ages and with limited to seasoned backgrounds in the Lord's Church. Our seasoned members help and encourage the new babes in Christ. Lessons include Greeting Visitors, The Foundations and Structures of Prayer, Leading Prayers, and Scripture Reading. Our Men's Class is working on Devotionals. In the future we will teach on Making Announcements, The Lord's Table, Baptism, and Song Leading, etc.

The future of Christ's Church is to bring followers back to Bible basics to know what Scripture says about all matters in our lives here on this earth. We are not here for entertainment, but to bring others closer to God by setting the examples that Christ and his Apostles did in the early Church. We have to start with our men and encourage them

to take on the leadership roles in the home and in worship services. We lead by example and follow Scripture to nourish and build each other up with the leadership and confidence required to lead.

AMEN AT UPCOMING EVENTS

23-25 March: Fort Sill, Church of Christ Service
Northwest Church of Christ, OK

13-15 May: Military Symposium,
David Lipscomb University, TN

NEW KEY MEN & WOMEN

The heart of AMEN are the Key Men/Women who provide the Locator Service benefitting numerous military Christians. Many rely on this network of saints to find opportunities for worship, fellowship and learning. There is a great need for Key Men and Women at the following installations:

All U.S. Naval vessels

Recruit Training Command, Naval Station Great Lakes IL

Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB TX

Fort Lee VA

Fairchild AFB WA

Jacksonville NAS FL

McConnell AFB KS

Williams AFB AZ

Dyess AFB TX

Fort Polk LA

Gulfport NMCB MS

Whiteman AFB MO

Kadena AB Okinawa, Japan

Eielson AFB AK

Bagram & Kandahar AB, Afghanistan