

# BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES FOR GOD



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Several years ago, at a birthday party for his grandson, my dad pulled my brothers and I aside and said, "when the day comes that the good Lord takes me home, please make sure this hat is buried with me." My brothers and I looked at each other in confusion.

You see, my dad served in Vietnam when he was only 18 years old. He also served alongside his best friend, Lonnie. It wasn't until my dad was a bit older that he would share anything regarding his experience in Vietnam. We had asked him questions about it for years and we always got the same response, "I don't want to talk about it."

Finally, during my senior year of high school when working on a project in social studies class, he opened up. He allowed me to interview him. It was during that interview, that I understood why he never talked about it prior to that moment.

While my dad returned home safely from Vietnam, his best friend did not. Lonnie sacrificed his life while serving our country and unfortunately my dad blamed himself for years. I remember him saying, "it should have been me."

Why am I telling you this story? I'm sharing this because my dad is proud to have been given the opportunity to serve our country, even though it was the hardest thing he has ever had to do in this life.

Nonetheless, he PROUDLY wears his Vietnam hat all the time. You'll rarely see him without it. So, I urge you... take a moment to thank someone for their service any chance you can. While we may not be remembering them on Memorial Day, we can remember those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, and that means the world to a veteran who made it back home.

## WELCOME!

May 26, 2024

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10AM

WORSHIP 11AM

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AGES 3-7

NURSERY 2 & YOUNGER

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

PRIMARY CLASS 3-6

JUNIOR CLASS 7-12

TEEN CLASS 13-17

7 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

RICHLAND PREGNANCY SERVICES

WALK FOR LIFE JUNE 1 10AM

SEE AMANDA OR TIM FOR DETAILS

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY JUNE 9

# MEMORIAL DAY

## HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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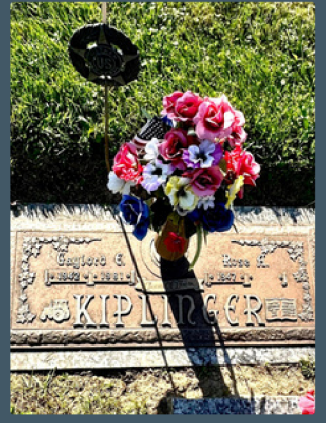




★ MEMORIAL DAY ★

REMEMBERING  
THOSE WHO MADE  
THE ULTIMATE  
SACRIFICE FOR  
OUR FREEDOM

GAYLORD KIPLINGER  
VIETNAM WAR  
DIANE YARMAN'S UNCLE



GLEN MCCOY  
KOREAN WAR  
TRINA HARVEY'S  
UNCLE

