Messiah Lutheran Church 816 Roy St. **Houston, TX 77007** 

Volume 5, Number 9 November 2020

# The Messiah Messenger



# **Pastor Timothy Engel**

messiahpastor@att.net

### **Contact Us**

messiahhouston@att.net 713-861-3072

### **Visit Us**

www.mlhouston.org

### **Worship with Us**

Sunday service @ 9am

Off-street parking available

Find us on Facebook at Messiah Houston

# Veterans Sunday on November 15

Messiah member Carl Jaehne served in the US Navy.

Messiah member Gilbert Froehlich, Sr., served in the US Army.

Both of them will be recognized for their service during the 9:00 am worship service at Messiah on Sunday, November 8.

The American military veteran serves as a picture of Jesus Christ in terms of sacrifice and duty.

Servicemen and women spend months or years separated from loved ones. Jesus left the Father's side to serve here on earth.





Servicemen and women are tasked with missions that defend our nation from its enemies. Jesus was tasked with a mission to deliver us death, and the devil. from sin.

Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you, Jesus Christ and the American soldier.

Servicemen and women willingly place their lives at risk to carry out their missions. Jesus willingly laid down His life on the cross to fulfill His mission.

It has been said that only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you, Jesus Christ and the American soldier. One died for your soul. The other was willing to die for your freedom.

Both have earned our gratitude.

Daily — Doggedly — Daringly **Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love** 



Hey friends,

Can you believe that it has been THREE YEARS since I came to Houston to start my work as a Comfort Dog?!?

I remember that we had a special church service and my other Comfort Dog friends and their handlers came to celebrate.

The service was called "The Passing of the Vest."

That's when I upgraded from a vest that said "In Training" to a vest with my own name on it.

I wear that vest whenever I am working.

My Jesus talks a lot about what His followers wear.

He talks about garments of salvation and a robe of righteousness (Isaiah 61:10).

He says that the saints in heaven wear white robes (Revelation 7:9).

He tells us to put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:11ff.).

He even says that people are **clothed with Him** when they are baptized (Galatians 3:27)!

I love wearing my vest, and not just because blue looks great against my golden fur. My vest says who I am and what my job is.

My Jesus has given you new clothes, too, so that you know that you belong to Him and are able to serve Him.

So wear those new clothes with joy everyday.

And stay PAWSOME!

— Your friend Gabriel



Comfort Dogs and handlers from Texas (and one team from northwest Indiana)



From left: Damaris (Katy), Barnabas (Hobart, Indiana), Gabriel, Pax, Phoebe (both from Fort Worth), and Abner (Austin)