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The Messiah Messenger

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Daily – Doggedly – Daringly Embracing Our Neighbors with Jesus' Unconditional Love

Gabriel's Glad Tidings

Hey friends,

You've all heard of "dog years," right?

Like one human year is the same as seven years to a dog.

So, this month we celebrate seven (human) years since I was placed as Messiah's Comfort Dog. (That's about 50 years in dog years — WOW!)

They say that the Comfort Dog Ministry is not about the dog, and they're right.

Like any other ministry, the Dog Ministry isn't about the people (or dogs) doing it.

It's always about my Jesus.

Ministry is always about helping people see my Jesus through what we do.

My Jesus' friend Paul wrote about that. "You are a letter from Christ, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts" (2 Corinthians 3:3).

In other words, all of us are to be all about my Jesus.

Everyday. All the time.

Isn't that PAWSOME? Your friend.

Gabriel

What a young pup I was!

Houston







SEVEN YEARS LATER Still going strong, but a bit of a "sugar face"





Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Charles Wesley

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Veterans Day (formerly called Armistice Day) is celebrated on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, in memory of the November 11 armistice with Germany that ended World War I.

It received its current name, Veterans Day, in 1956.

Distinct from Memorial Day, on which we honor our fallen servicemen and women, Veterans Day honors the service of all U.S. veterans.

In our congregation, we have three veterans whom we will recognize during the November 10 worship service.

They are Carl Jaehne (Navy), Gilbert Froehlich, Sr. (Army), and Roger Larsen (Marines).

Each of these men (along with their loved ones) sacrificed of themselves in service to our nation and are well-deserving of our deep gratitude.

As the father of an airman, Capt. Katie Engel, I know both the pride and the anxiety that comes with having a child in the armed forces.

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Now imagine the heavenly Father as He watched His Son, the



Son whom He loved from eternity, engage in battle against our enemy the devil.

The Father knew the suffering and death that Jesus would endure for us. He knew that He would even abandon His Son during His suffering.

But just as many a Gold Star Parent has experienced the death of their child who was serving to protect others, so the Father watched His Son give His life to deliver us, the Son who went forth to war.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Engel