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Calendar of Events

February 2016

Feb 9th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Feb 14thValentine's Day
 Feb 15thPresident's Day
 Feb 23rd Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

March 2016

Mar 8th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Mar 13thDaylight Saving Time
 Mar 22nd Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Mar 27thHappy Easter

April 2016

Apr 12th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG
 Apr 26th Tues 1830 Hrs.....VLG

Quotable

I grew up in the church, and I always kind of knew Bible stories and knew the Sunday school answers, but when I was a freshman in high school I joined youth group, and that's when I started to see radical love; that's when I started to see what Christian community is supposed to look like and what fellowship is supposed to look like. – Jeremy Lin (Charlotte Hornets Point Guard)

My home is in Heaven. I'm just traveling through this world. – Billy Graham

When you finally go back to your old home, you find it wasn't the old home you missed but your childhood. – Sam Ewing (retired MLB player)

God is at home, it's we who have gone out for a walk. – Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)

The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned. – Maya Angelou (1928-2014)

Warrior's Witness

When Vietnam veterans meet they often greet each other with a handshake or a hug and these words; "Welcome home brother". They are members of the "Fellowship of Warriors" and it is the shared experience of war that made them brothers. Yet, it is not just veterans of the Vietnam war who are brothers, it is all who fought for freedom's sake.

When we were ordered home from Vietnam, many of us did not feel welcomed home. But, what is home or perhaps a more appropriate question is, where is home? Pliny the Elder (23-79AD) said, "Home is where the heart is". In Vietnam, we referred to home as "the world" and our greatest desire was to return to "the world". However, for some, neither we nor home seemed the same as when we left.

Consider the parable of the prodigal. Here was a young man who did not expect to be taken in when he returned home. Yet, when he was a long way off, his father saw him and ran to embrace him and welcomed him home with great joy. Perhaps home is where the hug is. For most families, and many churches, it is natural to hug each other. So why does the Bible, in 2 Corinthians 13:12 (The Message), tells us to: *Greet one another with a holy embrace?* Philippians 3:8-9 (The Message) also tells us: *Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant—dog dung. I've dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him.*

When we are hugged, that embrace not only says we are home, it also says we are accepted. It is by grace that we have been made acceptable, in Christ, and it is by grace that our true home is Heaven.

Home is where we are ...accepted.

Semper Frateri
Bud Strope

"For we do not want you to be uninformed brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He has delivered us from deadly peril and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us..." II Corinthians 1:8~10