

# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

*"Don't blindly believe everything you hear and read as the Gospel Truth. With an open mind and willing heart research the Gospel and the Truth and it shall make you free."*

## **Tour Guide Version**

*My father served in the Navy during 1951-1954 (Korean War). He was an electrician on the USS Wisconsin BB-64 and was very proud of his service time. He still loves to tell stories and show pictures about being on the ship. (One time he pulled the fuse in the bakery without them knowing it. They gave a call for help. He came, fixed it and was rewarded with pastries.) He had special privileges because he was also the movie projectionist. He continued to keep close contact with his buddies. In fact, he married my mother who was a friend of one of his shipmates.*

*The [USS Wisconsin](#) "Wiskky" was one of four of the largest, fastest and last battleships built by the U.S. Navy. It was also one of the two last battleships operating in the world. On December 7, 1943 (two years after the attack on Pearl Harbor), it was launched. It weighed 58,000 tons loaded with a crew up to 2,911. The ship's main armament was nine 16 in /50 cal guns, which could hurl 2,700 lb armor-piercing shells some 23 miles at two rounds per minute per gun. ([Watch the video](#) of her guns firing for the last time, in 1991.) The secondary battery consisted of twenty 5 in /38 cal guns in ten twin turrets, which could fire at targets up to 10 miles away at fifteen rounds per minute per gun. It earned a total of [six battle stars](#) for service in World War II and Korea, as well as a Navy Unit Commendation for service during the Gulf War. On April 15, 2010, the City of Norfolk officially took ownership of the ship to be used as a [museum ship](#). See its [history on-line](#), [The Last Battleship](#) and the recent [Geico commercial](#) filmed on the USS Wisconsin.*

*A few years ago, I took my father to see Wisconsin's sister ship, the [USS New Jersey](#). He showed me where he worked, slept, and joked away. He really enjoyed that visit but our tour guide did not. My father kept correcting and commenting on what the tour guide said. Soon people on the tour started asking my father questions and for explanations. The tour guide never served on a battleship. He was only repeating what he was told and at times adding his own version. The people on that tour got the real story from one who served on the same type of battleship.*

*Many religious books and leaders today are like this tour guide, teaching and preaching what they were taught, adding their own insights or using secular sources. They have not really spent time with the Author of Truth or in His Book. The Bible warns "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." I John 4:1. It also encourages us to: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim 2:15*

*Have you studied your Bible today with an open mind and a searching heart?*



*My father Lester.  
Thanks for serving.*

*Charles L Stambaugh*

*Mt Wolf, PA*

*Wisconsin best known by those who served.*



*"Let no man deceive you with vain words." Eph 5:6*



*Our source and guide for truth:  
God's Word with prayer.*

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