

## Biography of Pastor Brad Lapiska:

Brad Lapiska grew up in an Air Force home, living in various places around the world. Brad was saved at the age of seventeen in the summer of 1972 through the witness of several teenagers in a youth group to which his cousin belonged. In May 1977, Brad and Peg were married, and upon graduation from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Brad was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in December, 1977. Peg was saved shortly afterwards through the witness of a neighbor.



After ten years of active duty in the Marine Corps, the Lord called Brad to preach and Brad and Peg and their two daughters left for Bob Jones University in January, 1988 for training. Brad graduated in 1992 with a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies. While a student at Bob Jones University, Brad was recalled to active duty to fight in Operation Desert Storm as an AH-1 Cobra Attack Helicopter Pilot. During Desert Storm, Brad was able to preach to the Marines in his squadron almost every week and saw many Marines saved.

Brad served as the Youth Pastor of Hampton Park Baptist Church in Greenville, S.C. from 1989 - 1994 under Dr. David Yearick. In 1994, the Lapiska's moved to Kansas City, Missouri where Brad served as Youth Pastor of Tri-City Baptist Church for two years under Dr. Carl Herbster. While serving at Tri-City Baptist Church, Brad earned a Master of Divinity degree at Heart of America Theological Seminary. Peg taught secondary science and coached volleyball at the Christian schools of both churches where Brad served as Youth Pastor.



In 1996, Brad was again recalled to active duty to assume command of a Marine Counter Narcotic Task Force assigned to curtail illegal drug trafficking across the Southern California border.

In 1997, Brad was called to be the Senior Pastor of Engleside Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, less than twenty miles from the Capitol.



Brad was once again recalled to active duty from December 2002 until July 2003 to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom for the purpose of removing the Saddam Hussein Regime from power in Iraq. Colonel Brad Lapiska was the Deputy Marine Liaison Officer to the Combined Air Operations Center and led a team of Marines responsible for integrating Marine Corps air strikes into the Master Air Attack Plan that incorporated all the air strikes of all the services and all of the countries participating in the war. During the war, Brad was able to start a weekly Bible study and saw several Marines trust Christ as Savior. Brad returned to Iraq for another month of duty in April, 2004.

His combat decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Strike Flight Air Medal.

Colonel Brad Lapiska retired from the Marine Corps on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, after 28 years of service and intends to devote his full time attention to pastoring Engleside Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia where his wife Peg is the director of Ladies' Ministries.

