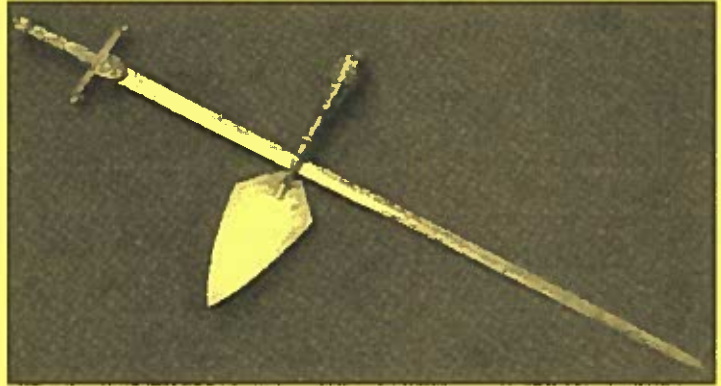


# The Sword and Trowel

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## An Important Story for Today

The following is an excerpt from a true story that Artie Carnes wrote about his mother and father. I happened to read it last week. As New York has made abortion legal right up to the point of delivery and Virginia contemplated a similar bill, this story is as relevant as any for today.

Since the following is an excerpt from a larger story, I shall have to set the scene for you. Artie's mother had a son from a previous marriage when she married his father at age nineteen. A few months after they were married, she gave birth to twin girls. Five months after that they discovered that Artie was on the way. This is where we will pick up Artie's account.

"Mother had three in diapers and lived in an apartment which shared the bathroom at the end of the hall with three other apartments. In those days, diapers were made of cloth and were rinsed in the toilet, then washed in the bathtub as they did not have access to a washing machine until later. Dad had two activities every evening after work. He would wash diapers in the shared bathroom and load his .22 pistol with rat-shot to shoot the rats in the hallway of the apartment building. This was a far cry from the privilege in which Mother had been raised."

"In a state of desperation, she visited two doctors and begged them to perform an abortion. When that failed she went back to the apartment building and rolled down the stairs in an attempt to initiate a miscarriage. In spite of these attempts on my life, I made entrance into this world kicking and screaming, none the worse for the wear....As a small child, at times Mother would hold me and cry. I did not understand why. As an adult, I cannot count the times Mother held me in her arms and with tears in her eyes, apologized and praised God that she was not successful at ending my life. She spent the rest of her life counseling young women who were considering the option of abortion. Only God knows how many precious unborn children were saved by her testimony."

Artie's parents remained married for 47 years until her death. Artie grew up to be a preacher of the Gospel. He is the current director of the Kiamichi Mountains Christian Mission in Honobia, Oklahoma. He has held ministries in 6 states; under his leadership, several congregations into hundreds and one over a thousand. Only eternity will tell how many souls have been impacted for eternity because my friend Artie was not killed in the womb.

Some today think that poverty is a valid reason to end the life of an unborn child. Others think that simply because the pregnancy was not planned or desired, that abortion is justified. I think the story above proves otherwise.

I wonder how many wonderful blessings we are missing out on because the inventor, discoverer, statesman, preacher, teacher, thinker, businessman, etc. was aborted. Abortion stops a beating heart. It also deprives all mankind of the blessings that that child would have brought into the world. Many of the greatest people in history were born into poverty or other desperate situations. That includes our Savior, Jesus Christ, who was born into poverty under difficult circumstances. Praise the Lord that He was born despite those difficulties.

In His Service

Terry Carter, Evangelist

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please write them down and give to one of the elders before the congregational meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please take one of the toy soldiers on the counter in the fellowship hall to remind you to pray for our soldiers.

Coming Events

- February 9 Ladies' Bible study – 9:00 A.M.. Ladies' outing at the Crystal Tea Room at 11:00 A.M.. See the sign-up sheet for more information & the cost.
- February 16 Youth Rally at Countryside Church – Grabill, IN – 9:30 – Kendall Faull will be the special speaker. Lunch is provided along with a different version of dodge ball. Everyone welcome.
- February 17 Annual Congregational Meeting – 4:00.P.M. All attend.

Grissom Spring Revival coming up in March

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| <p>George Thurston<br/>for an evangelist for Grissom church to follow Terry<br/>Brenda's friend (daughter needs spiritual help)<br/>Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – doing better/ pray for Christian fellowship)<br/>Zac Schultz &amp; family (took grandmother off life support)<br/>Paul McMahon (Mary Sue Friend's son) - spiritual<br/>Russell Tague (congestive heart failure)<br/>our evangelist, elders &amp; deacons (&amp; their families)<br/>Christians around the world being persecuted<br/>Carol See (has clearance for surgery – now awaiting surgeon call)<br/>Kendall Faull (life situation)<br/>Alana Gingerich (Lymphoma)<br/>Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months)<br/>Luca (Angel Mercado's nephew) – having trouble breathing<br/>Kmart employees (loss of jobs due to store closing)<br/>Rodney Freer (serviceman shot in Amsterdam) – in serious condition<br/>Roger VanNote (Brenda's step-dad) – for his health<br/>Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter)</p> | <p>Mary Copp<br/>Richard Kees (Melanoma)<br/>Mark Whitsett<br/>Joy White (pregnancy issues)<br/>Summit School of Preaching<br/>our missionaries<br/>Logansport church<br/>Rick Wakefield<br/>Sherry Barker (Brenda's sister) - spiritual<br/>John Merritt (life situation)<br/>George Faull<br/>James (Carter's nephew) - spiritual<br/>our troops<br/>President Trump &amp; the Mexican border wall<br/>Angel Mercado<br/>Ladies' Bible study<br/>Steve Emerick (lung problems)<br/>Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)<br/>Tom Proffitt (George Faull's friend) - cancer</p> |
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ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	58
A.M.Church	93
P.M.Evangelistic Service	55
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,205
Wednesday Evening	NC

SERVICES

Sunday School	9:00
A.M.Church	10:00
Men's Prayer Meeting	5:30
Women's Prayer Meeting	5:30
P.M.Evangelistic Hour	6:00
Wednesday P.M.	7:00
Youth for Truth (Wedn.)	7:00

*Proverb for the Week:*  
*Meditate on this Proverb: 3:7-8 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.*