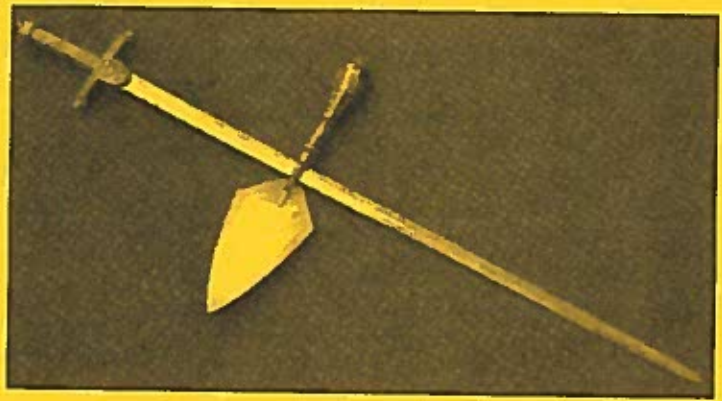


The Sword and Trowel

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We intend to build and defend: *"As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded."* Nehemiah 4:18

Reconciliation

There is a rather sad statement made in **Luke 23:12**, *"And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together; for before they were at enmity between themselves."* What a statement about the character of these two men. They were enemies until it came to murdering the Son of God. It seems that this was the one thing on which they could both agree. It is even sadder when you think that neither found any basis for the charges against Him. They were in agreement to murdering a man they both knew to be innocent.

Yet, we should not be surprised. We should expect the death of Jesus to reconcile enemies. That was the very purpose of His death.

God is reconciled to His enemies, fallen man, through Christ's death, **Romans 5:10**, *"For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."* NKJV

Jew and Gentile are reconciled through the cross, **Ephesians 2:13-18**, *"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father."* NKJV

Now I would like to pose a question: If Jesus' death can reconcile fallen man with God, Jew with Gentile, and even His enemies in the world, shouldn't it produce reconciliation between brothers and sisters in Christ? I think the answer is obvious.

Remember the words of Paul, **Galatians 5:14-15**, *"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!"* NKJV

If you are at enmity with a brother in Christ, why not be reconciled today? After all, Jesus died for both of you. The Herods and Pilates may unite against the truth. Let's unite in the truth.

In His Service,

Terry Carter, Evangelist

COMING EVENTS

- October 28-31 Revival at Buffalo Christian Church with Trey Mouton speaking
- November 3 Men's Fellowship Breakfast – 8:00 A.M.
- Youth Rally at Weswwt Unity Church of Christ, Fayettee, OH
- Camp Meeting at Harlan Church of Christ. Do you have interest in helping in this ministry?
- November 10 Ladies' Bible Study – 8:30 A.M.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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| <p>for evangelist for Grissom church</p> <p>PTL: Joanna Elisabeth was born to Jordan & Anna Lynch October 12th</p> <p>Jerry Paul (PTL: not seriously hurt in accident)</p> <p>Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – doing better/ pray for Christian fellowship)</p> <p>Irene Adams (Jacob's great-grandmother) – broken hip</p> <p>Pat Long (relative to Harold Bouthot) – lung cancer/ spiritual</p> <p>Sherry Barker (Brenda's sister) – staph infection better/ spiritual</p> <p>Jordan & Anna Lynch (preparing for move)</p> <p>Christians around the world being persecuted</p> <p>Jordan Lynch (desires to start a Praising in the Park ministry)</p> <p>Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months)</p> <p>Emma Grace (Terry & Lisa's granddaughter) – able to remove antibiotic meds</p> <p>Mark Whitsett (paralyzed from accident & for salvation)</p> <p>our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families)</p> <p>Church of Christ at Monticello & Buffalo Church of Christ</p> <p>PTL: Lisa Judson home after hysterectomy surgery</p> <p>David Stokes (recovery after car accident)</p> <p>Debra Isebrand (recovery from foot surgery)</p> <p>Richard Kees (Melanoma)</p> <p>Roger VanNote (Brenda's step-dad) - for his health</p> <p>James (Carter's nephew) - spiritual</p> | <p>Diane White (healing)</p> <p>PTL: Mia Andrews' premature nephews are home</p> <p>Vicki (friend of Lisa July) – signing gospel</p> <p>Norma Heckathorn (still having pain in back)</p> <p>Zach Rayburn's grandmother (surgery recovery)</p> <p>our missionaries</p> <p>Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter)</p> <p>Chris Ponchot (Roann church) – spiritual issues</p> <p>Harold Bouthot – for strength to return</p> <p>Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)</p> <p>Kendall Faull (life situations)</p> <p>Steve Emerick – lung problems</p> <p>Angel Mercado (moved to Aperia room 127)</p> <p>ladies' Bible Study</p> <p>Nancy Maggard</p> <p>George Faull (doing better)</p> <p>Kelly Mercado's mother & sister</p> <p>Summit School of Preaching</p> <p>Jonathan Newlon (back issues)</p> <p>Milt Heckathorn (recovery after surgery)</p> <p>Lester Templin (Wade Allen's father-in-law) – stem cell transplant</p> |
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Proverb for the Week:

Meditate on this Proverb:

*10:12 Hatred stirreth up
strife, but love covereth all
sins.*

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

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	48
A.M.Church	93
P.M.Evangelistic Service	41
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,925
Wednesday Evening	81

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