

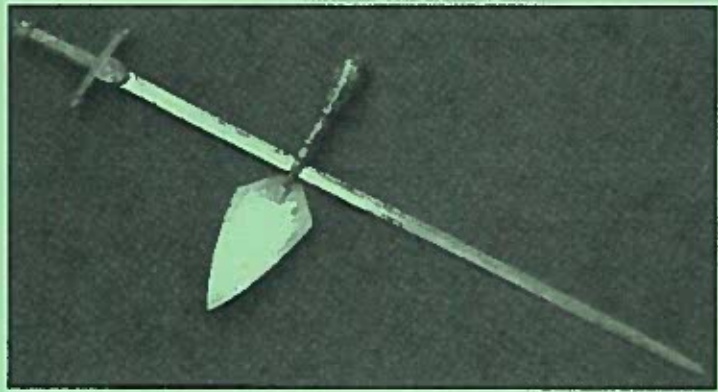
# The Sword and Trowel

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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

## Fall Colors

***"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven."* Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)**

Just in case you haven't noticed, fall is here. There is not more vivid proof of this than the fall colors. Every year we, in this part of the country, are treated to a beautiful display as the leaves change color before they fall to the ground. This past week the colors have been absolutely breathtaking. If you haven't noticed this you just haven't been paying attention. Every year when I see the fall colors I am reminded of some important truths.

**First**, I am simply amazed and awed by the beauty of God's creation. Each season of the year has its own type of beauty. The spring has its own kind of color with flowers blooming. The summer has the beauty of the green grass and trees along with the growing crops. Even the dead of winter can be beautiful with the pure white snow, and yes, even ice. But for me there is no more beautiful time of year than fall when the leaves are in full color.

God has not just made His creation functional, He has made it beautiful, **Genesis 2:9**. Clearly this beauty is for the benefit of creatures who can appreciate it. Man is the only creature on earth that can do that. I've never seen any animal enjoying the beauty of nature in any season.

***"He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end."* Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV)**

**Second**, I am reminded that God's promises are dependable. Right after the flood, God promised that as long as the earth remains the seasons would change, **Genesis 8:22**. God made this promise over four thousand years ago. In that time God has kept His word each and every year. Anytime you wonder whether God's promises can stand the test of time, just look at the changing of the seasons.

**Third**, I am reminded of the verse that I quoted at the top of this article. There is a season for everything. There is only one thing that I personally dislike about the fall. It means that winter is coming soon. Because of this, there is a time to sow and a time to reap. As the old saying goes, "we must make hay while the sun shines". We need to take advantage of the opportunities that we have today because they may be gone tomorrow.

**Fourth**, I am reminded of God's provision. The summer provides the trees with what they need to survive even the harshest winter. The same is true of us. When I drive by and see the farmers out harvesting their crops I realize that God has been providing for us all summer long, **Acts 14:17**.

All year long God provides for us. In the sunshine and the rain, He is caring for His creation. Are we thankful for Him at all times or only in certain seasons? He is God all year long. Do we worship Him at all times?

In His Service,

Terry Carter, Evangelist

**NOTE!!**

New Secret Sisters Sheets for November thru January are on the ladies' board. Please return them to Traci McBride or to the office.

**COMING EVENTS**

- November 9 Ladies' Bible Study and Paint Class. Bible study and fingerfood at 6:30 P.M....Paint class at 7:00 P.M. Cost is \$12. It is held in the fellowship hall. Becky Peters, the Carter's daughter, is teaching the paint class.
- November 10 Men's Fellowship Breakfast - 8:00 A.M.
- Youth Rally at West Unity Church of Christ – Fayette, OH, See the bulletin board for more information.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

- for evangelist for Grissom church
- Jerry Paul (PTL: not seriously hurt in accident)
- Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – doing better/ pray for Christian fellowship)
- Irene Adams (Jacob Harris' great-grandmother) – broken hip
- Pat Long (relative to Harold Bouthot) – lung cancer/ spiritual
- Sherry Barker (Brenda's sister) – spiritual
- Harold Bouthot – for strength to return
- Christians around the world being persecuted
- Jordan Lynch (desires to start a Praising in the Park ministry)
- Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months)
- Lester Templin (Wade Allen's father-in-law) – stem cell transplant
- Mark Whitsett (paralyzed from accident & for salvation)
- our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families)
- Church of Christ at Monticello & Buffalo Church of Christ
- PTL: Lisa Judson (home after hysterectomy surgery)
- David Stokes (recovery after car accident)
- Debra Isebrand (recovery from foot surgery)
- Richard Kees (Melanoma)
- absentees to return
- Ray Maggard
- Sandy Baker (Vicki Capps' mother) – heart surgery went well
- Don Pruitt (paralyzed on one side/ unknown cause)
- Mary Copp (trouble breathing)
- Vicki (friend of Lisa July) – signing gospel
- Norma Heckathorn (still having pain in back)
- family who lost 3 children in accident last week
- our missionaries
- Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter)
- Chris Ponchot (Roann church) – spiritual issues
- Straub family (2 boys in accident last week)
- Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)
- Kendall Faull (life situations)
- Steve Emerick – lung problems
- ladies' Bible Study
- Nancy Maggard
- George Faull (strength/ health)
- Kelly Mercado's mother & sister
- Summit School of Preaching
- Jonathan Newlon (MRI/ back issues))
- James (Carter's nephew) - spiritual
- Roger VanNote (Brenda's step-dad) -for his health
- Carol See (that surgery will help with pain)
- Lisa July (opportunities)
- Carla Worley (thyroid issues)
- Sue (Carla's sister) – lesion on pancreas
- John Merritt

*Proverb for the Week:*  
*Meditate on this Proverb:*  
 10:16 The labour of the  
 righteous tendeth to life: the  
 fruit of the wicked to sin.

Safety experts urge that we drive five car-lengths behind the car ahead on the highway. But if you try it, you will find there are five cars in there too.

<u>SERVICES</u>	
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

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
Sunday School	52
A.M.Church	93
P.M.Evangelistic Service	61
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,722
Wednesday Evening	54