

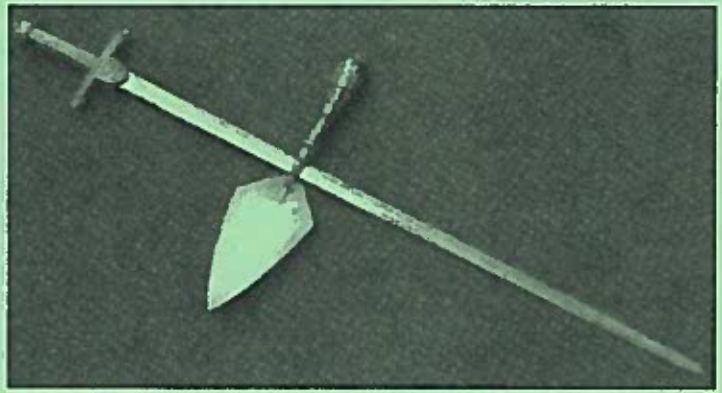
# The Sword and Trowel

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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

## Thankfulness

**"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." James 1:17 (NKJV)**

**"Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." Acts 14:17 (NKJV)**

This week we shall all take time to get together with family and friends. Hopefully, as we do so, we shall take time to be thankful to the Lord for all that He has provided for us in the past year.

When Lisa and I were dating, her uncle was involved in the local storage silos in his town. That year they had a particularly good harvest. They had more than 300,000 bushels of corn beyond the capacity of the silos. They were forced to store them outside under a kind of a tarp. They estimated that they would lose about 30,000 bushels (about ten percent) to the elements and pests. I remember thinking about all that waste. That was just one small town in Ohio. They were not alone in this. I can't imagine how much was lost that year due to the inadequate storage facilities across our nation. We were certainly blessed beyond what we were able to hold. There was much to be thankful for that year.

Last week, I drove by one of those small town storage silo facilities. The road I was on was too far away to see with great detail. I don't know what kind of grain it was, but there was a huge pile of it on the ground outside of the silos. I imagine that there was simply too much to store in the facilities they had. That reminded me of the fall when Lisa and I were dating. I don't know what kind of harvest we had overall this year in our nation. However, I haven't heard anything that leads me to believe that we will be going hungry this winter. God has been good to us again this year.

We just had an election in this nation. Both parties acknowledged that our economy is doing much better than it has for some time. Unemployment is down, earnings are up, interest rates are still low, the stock markets are up, etc. While both parties acknowledged our prosperity, they disagreed as to who was responsible for the progress. Each party claimed that they were the reason for our economic success.

Both parties were wrong. Whatever blessings we have to enjoy this year are not the result of politicians. They are the gift of God. Whether we acknowledge it or not, all good gifts are from Him. While it rains on both the just and the unjust, it is God who sends that rain. Take time this week to give thanks to the One who has so richly blessed us in this nation. Discuss politics if you like, but give thanks to God. He sends the rain and gives the harvest.

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**

December 1 Men's Fellowship Breakfast – 8:00 A.M. Please sign up.

December 8 Ladies' Bible Study – 8:30 A.M.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

for evangelist for Grissom church  
Brandon (Joy Holder's son) – broke both elbows  
Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – doing better/ pray for Christian fellowship)  
family of Katrina Benge (friend of Carol See) – she passed away  
Heather Bowman (Frieda's daughter)  
Sherry Barker (Brenda's sister) – spiritual  
Christians around the world being persecuted  
Kendall Faull (life situation)  
Bonnie Barnhill (deployed to Africa for 7 months)  
those travelling for holiday  
Mark Whitsett (paralyzed from accident & for salvation)  
our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families)  
Church of Christ at Monticello & Buffalo Church of Christ  
Summit School of Preaching  
Jonathan Newlon (back issues)  
Debra Isebrand (recovery from foot surgery)  
Richard Kees (Melanoma)  
absentees to return  
Paul McMahon (Mary Sue's Friend's son) - spiritual

Mary Copp  
Brenda's friend (daughter needs spiritual help)  
Norma Heckathorn (still having pain in back)  
Ariel Purvis (complications from surgery)  
Diane White  
Mike White family (he oversea, wife pregnant)  
our missionaries  
Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)  
John Merritt (life situation)  
Steve Emerick – lung problems  
ladies' Bible Study  
Betty Leedy (to ge4t home care)  
George Faull (strength/ health)  
Dick Wakefield  
Ray Maggard (he fell) & Nancy Maggard  
Don Pruitt (paralyzed on one side/ unknown cause)  
James (Carter's nephew) - spiritual  
Roger VanNote (Brenda's step-dad) -for his health  
Carol See  
Lisa July

*Proverb for the Week:*

*Meditate on this Proverb:*

*10:18 He that hideth  
hatred with lying lips, and  
he that uttereth a slander, is  
a fool.*

**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	55
A.M.Church	100
P.M.Evangelistic Service	43
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,317
Wednesday Evening	71

**WHEN A CHRISTIAN DEPARTS**

God saw the road was getting rough  
He knew you'd had your share.  
He gently closed those loving eyes  
And took you in His care.  
Each time we see your picture  
You seem to smile and say  
"Don't cry, I'm only sleeping.  
We'll meet again some day."

Red, white and blue stand for freedom unless they are flashing in your rearview.

Four words we love to say: "I told you so."

The skin a teen likes to touch is dad's pigskin wallet.