

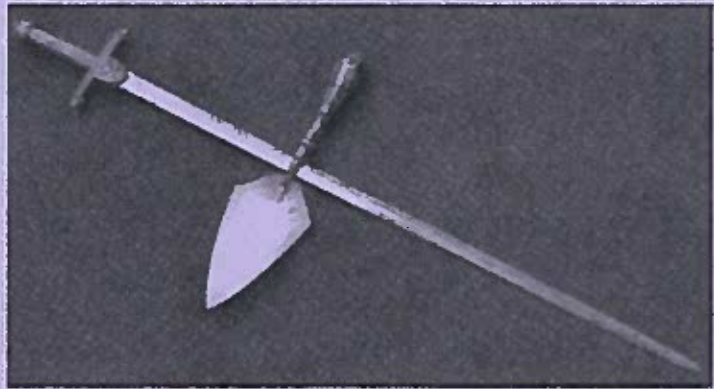
The Sword and Trowel

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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

God's Prayer List

We always keep a prayer list here at the church. Each time we meet we have a time when we take prayer requests to be added to the list or updated on it. This is good and proper. Anybody can make a prayer request and we shall put it on the list. Hopefully people actually pray during the week about the things on that list.

Have you ever wondered what prayer requests God would make if He were attending one of our services? In reality we have not been left to wonder. There are some things that God has specifically asked us to pray about. I am only going to look at three of them in this article. As you consider them, ask yourself if they are on your personal prayer list. Are these things that you actually pray about throughout the week?

The first one is laborers for the harvest:

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Matthew 9:36-38 (NKJV)

The context is important here. It was compassion for the multitudes that led Jesus to make this request. He saw how they were weary, scattered and lacked direction. Truly the harvest is plentiful yet today. Yet, the laborers are still few. This request is as important now as ever. Are we praying for laborers for the harvest?

The second one is for our leaders:

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior." I Timothy 2:1-3 (NKJV)

We are to pray for our leaders that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life. This is good and acceptable to God. Are we praying this prayer or do we only follow it when we like our leaders? I suspect it is more crucial when our leaders do not like us.

The final one is for our liberty from temptation:

"And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." Matthew 6:13 (NKJV)

This is certainly one we all need to pray daily. Too often we seek out temptation rather than avoiding it. I wonder how much sin we could avoid if we just prayed this prayer.

Are we paying attention to God's prayer requests or are we only concerned with our own? His are ultimately for our own good. Remember them and pray about them.

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) – PTL: needs no operation
 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)
 Paul McMahon (Mary Sue Friend's son) - spiritual
 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)
 Gigi (James Andrews' sister) – die very well during surgery

Mary Copp
 Brenda's friend (daughter needs spiritual help)
 Norma Heckathorn (still having pain in back)
 Ariel Purvis (complications from surgery)
 Lisa July
 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 get home care)
 George Faull (strength/ health)
 Dick Wakefield
 Ray & 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
 Becky (Gary Sautter's sister) – MRI on kidney

Proverb for the Week:
Meditate on this Proverb:
10:19 In the multitude of
words there wanteth not sins,
but he that refraineth his
lips is wise.

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<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	48
A.M.Church	100
P.M.Evangelistic Service	44
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,949
Wednesday Evening	65

The Gift of Encouragement

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One of the most powerful things one person can share with another is *encouragement*. Encouragement can stop a suicide, a divorce and countless other tragedies. A word of encouragement can heal someone who is broken and wounded. It can give someone the courage to keep trying.

Our world is full of negative, bitter, uncaring people who can't say anything good about anyone or anything. The people of God should be a radiant contrast to the people of the world. We should bubble over with the joy of the Holy Spirit. We should find it easy to be positive and uplifting. Are you an encouragement to those around you? Don't let someone die from neglect and lack of encouragement. Share your Christian joy!