

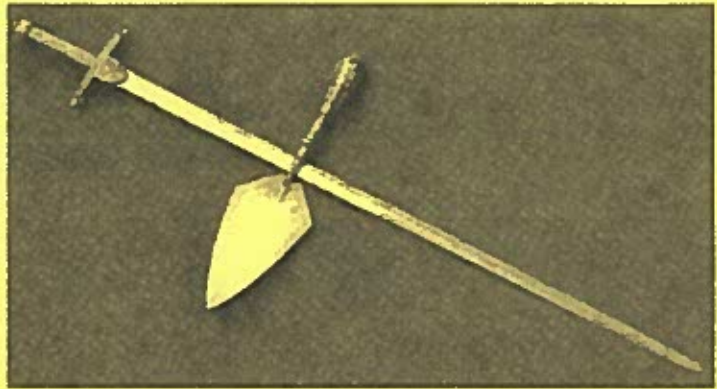
The Sword and Trowel

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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

Two Presidents

Just a couple of days ago two presidents passed away. The one has been talked about all weekend on every news channel. The death of the second one is probably something you haven't even heard about unless you knew him. There was no news coverage of his illness or death. These two men had some things in common. However, it is likely that they were different in far more ways than they were the same.

Both of these men were in their mid-nineties. One of them was the President of the United States of America. The other one was President of Cincinnati Bible College. One of them served as head of the CIA, the other served as director of the CRA (Christian Restoration Association). One of them fought in World War II, the other one earnestly contended for the faith and fought the good fight. One of them was widely considered to be a true servant of the people. The other one was a true servant of God. One of them dedicated most of his life to politics. The other one dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel. One of them will be long remembered in this world. The other one will be eternally remembered by the Lord.

Of course, one of them is George H. W. Bush. In case you haven't figured it out yet, the other one is Harvey C. Bream Jr. I was a relatively young adult when George Bush was president. It was about this same time that I first remember hearing Harvey Bream preach. Both of them were men that I admired, albeit for different reasons.

It is not the intention of this article to minimize the legacy of George Bush in any way. Nor is it my intention to make any judgments about his eternal destiny. That is for God to decide. However, it is my intention to praise the life and legacy of any and every preacher of the Gospel. Harvey Bream was a wonderful example of that.

I remember hearing one preacher talk about Mr. Bream at least 20 years ago. He said that when he became the director of the CRA that it was an excellent choice for them. He said the same about when he became the president of Cincinnati Bible College. He went on to say that though he had done a wonderful job in both places, he considered both positions a demotion from preaching the Gospel. George Bush certainly had a profound impact on our nation and world. Harvey Bream had an eternal impact on countless souls for the Lord. No wonder Paul praised preachers like he did in Romans as he quotes from Isaiah:

"And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15 (NKJV)

The world will be talking about George Bush for many days to come. They won't take much notice of the life or death of Harvey Bream. But God has taken notice of both his life and his death. That's all that really matters in eternity.

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints." Psalms 116:15 (NKJV)

In His Service,

Terry Carter, Evangelist

COMING EVENTS

December 8 Ladies' Bible Study – 2:00 P.M. at the Torkelson's home. Sandy will be bringing the lesson. Immediately following will be the ladies' December activity: a movie and cookie exchange. Please sign the sheet on the ladies' board so that we shall know how many cookies to bring.

PRAYER CONCERNS

for an evangelist for Grissom church
 Brenda's friend (daughter needs spiritual help)
 Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – doing better/ pray for Christian fellowship)
 George & Carolyn Spivey (spiritual)
 friend of Gary Worley (had an ovary removed - may have other one removed)
 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) – did very well during surgery
 Greg Ratliff (heart bypass surgery)

Mary Copp
 Walt Teachout (PSA levels normal)
 Don Pruitt (paralyzed on one side)
 Mallory Leak (depression)
 Jim Feazel family
 fire victims in Logansport
 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
 Harvey Bream family (his death)
 James (Carter's nephew) - spiritual
 Roger VanNote (Brenda's step-dad) -for his health
 Carol See
 Becky (Gary Sautter's sister) – MRI on kidney
 Harvey Bream family (his death)

Proverb for the Week:
Meditate on this Proverb:
10:24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him; but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.

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	52
A.M.Church	93
P.M.Evangelistic Service	33
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,861
Wednesday Evening	72

It doesn't feel good when you realize you pay more for a postage stamp today than it used to cost to see a matinee movie.

When you're feeling stressed, remember: Moses started out as a basket case, and the Lord made something of him anyway!

When God looks for value, He assesses what's in the heart, not what's in the bank account.

I may be getting older but I'm fit as a fiddle -- (just how fit is a fiddle anyway?)