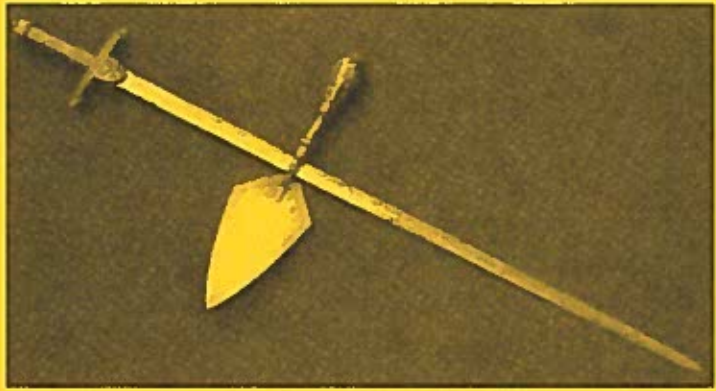


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We intend to build and defend: *"As for the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded."* **Nehemiah 4:18**

Excuses

Jesus said, *"I will build my church."* **Matthew 16:18**

Joe said, "I'm happy with my denomination."

Jesus said, *"Take up your cross and follow me."* **Matthew 16:24**

Jane said, "I don't want to leave my drama group."

Jesus said, *"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."* **Matthew 10:37**

Fred said, "My wife won't leave her denomination, so I'd better not either."

Jesus said, *"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."* **Luke 13:3**

John said, "I'm a good moral man."

Jesus said, *"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven."* **Matthew 7:21**

Mary said, "I've confessed Jesus as Lord, that's all I need."

Jesus said, *"Except a man be born of water and {of} the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."*

John 3:5

Todd said, "God wouldn't let water separate a soul from Him."

Jesus said, *"Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"*

Kim said, "I may not follow the Bible, but Jesus is my Lord."

Jesus said, *"What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"* **Matthew 16:26**

Mark said, "I can't come to church because of my paper route."

Jesus said, *"I never knew you, depart from me."* **Matthew 7:23**

There was nothing left for them to say. They were silenced for eternity.

The above excuses are real excuses that I've heard personally. Only the names have been changed to protect the lost.

In His Service

Terry Carter, Evangelist

Please take one of the toy soldiers on the counter in the fellowship hall to remind you to pray for our soldiers.

COMING EVENTS

NOTE: Buses will be running this week for Youth for Truth

January 5 Men's Fellowship Breakfast – 8:00 A.M. Please sign up.

January 12 Ladies' Bible Study

PRAYER CONCERNS

George Thurston
for an evangelist for Grissom church to follow Terry
Brenda's friend (daughter needs spiritual help)
Karen VanNote (Brenda's mom) – doing better/ pray for Christian
fellowship)
George & Carolyn Spivey (spiritual)
George Faull
Theron Teachout (Walt's dad) – lower lung cancer
Pat Long (Harold Bouthot's brother) – cancer has spread/spiritual
Roger VanNote (Brenda's step-dad) – for his health
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 McMahan (Mary Sue Friend's son) – spiritual
Mark Whitsett
our evangelist, elders & deacons (& their families)
Greg Ratliff (recovery after heart bypass surgery)
Summit School of Preaching

Mary Copp
Richard Kees (Melanoma)
Don Pruitt (paralyzed on one side)
Mallory Leak (depression)
Lisa July (going to Korea in June) – safety &
success
Logansport church
Mike White family (he overseas, wife pregnant)
our missionaries
Jeff VanCuren (continued recovery)
John Merritt (life situation)
Steve Emerick (lung problems)
Ladies' Bible study
Carol See
James (Carter's nephew) - spiritual
Gigi (James Andrews' sister)
Ray & Nancy Maggard
Rodney Freer (serviceman shot in Amsterdam) –
in serious condition/ surgery
Debra Isebrand

Proverb for the Week:

Meditate on this Proverb: 1:23-26

*Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will
pour out my spirit unto you, I will make
known my words unto you. Because I have
called, and ye refused, I have stretched
out my hand, and no man regarded. But
ye have set at nought all my counsel, and
would none of my reproof: I also will
laugh at your calamity; I will mock when
your fear cometh;*

SERVICES

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| 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

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| Sunday School | 56 |
| A.M.Church | 99 |
| P.M.Evangelistic Service | 46 |
| Tithes & Offerings | \$4,176 |
| Wednesday Evening | 54 |

**New Phone # for Joy Holder:
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A LITTLE HUMOR

A preacher's wife can be his best encourager but she can also be his best critic. One Sunday the preacher, after lunch, sat down by his wife. She asked him how he thought the morning worship service went.

He shrugged and replied that he thought it went well but continued: He said the communion time went well and that the singing was good, but he added that he just doesn't think the sermon went all that well. He said, "It never seemed to get off the ground." The wife looked over at him and it just came out, "Well, it sure did taxi long enough."