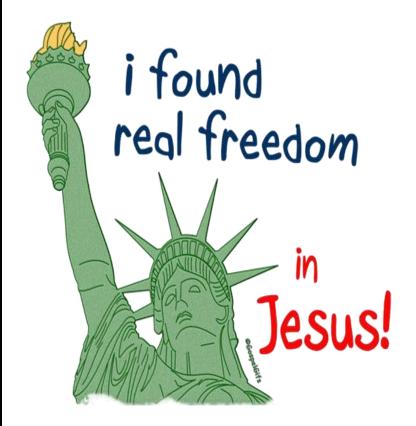
Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

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July 5, 2015



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



MY THOUGHTS

For the past few days, I have been asked by several people about my reaction to the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that same-sex marriages are now legal in all fifty states. I have been slow to respond, because I wanted my response to be a measured, sensible one. That takes a little time for me.

First, I was saddened by the decision but not surprised. This has been a while in coming. It is further confirmation that America has lost it's moral compass. We have been—in my judgment—moving further and further away from what our forefathers had in mind when they penned the constitution.

Second, their decision did not change God's plan for biblical marriage. His plan has always been for one man to be married to one woman till death parts them (Matt. 19:4-6). Samesex marriage may now be legal, but they will never be moral.

Third, if required by law to perform the marriage for people of the same sex, I would refuse. I feel as Peter did in Acts 5:26, in such cases "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Fourth, though I believe homosexuality is wrong (Rom. 1:20-28; 1 Cor. 6:9-10), I do not hate homosexuals. In fact, I believe I must love them and strive to lead them to Jesus (Mark 16:15-16). The gospel is for all and can change anyone (1 Cor. 6:11).

Fifth, I would encourage all of us to be careful how we speak about this matter. I have both read and heard some very incendiary words from people professing to be Christians. Crudeness and mean-spiritedness are never appropriate (Col. 4:6).

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FAMILY MATTERS

<u>PRAYER LIST</u>—Please keep John & Dot Fitch in your thoughts and prayers. John is growing weaker and weaker. . . . Jody Miller had her surgery last Monday and is doing better. . . . Bill Nance's sister, Betty Mills, continues in hospice care in Huntington, WV.

STATS FOR LAST WEEK—Bible Study, 40; Morning Worship, 56; Evening Worship, 46; Contribution, \$1,391. Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 32.

JULY CALENDARS—Calendars for July are available. They are in the acrylic holder as you go out the front doors.

POLISHING THE PULPIT—PTP is just around the corner. The dates are August 21-27. As a host congregation, our members can attend all sessions by paying 30% of the \$199 "early bird" fee, or \$59.70. To receive this discount, members must register on line and use the discount code **hostchurch15**. There is no charge for attending the Sunday services or the Wednesday evening services. As usual, Seymour will be in charge of the Sunday morning services.

<u>ELDER IN CHARGE</u>—Jim Husband is the elder in charge for July. Please see him to have an announcement made or to schedule a visit with the elders.



- ✓ July 14—Elders & Deacons @ 7 pm
- ✓ July 16—Summer Youth Series at Seymour @ 6 pm
- ✓ July 19—Singing Practice @ 5 pm
- ✓ July 25—VBS at South Knoxville congregation
- ✓ July 28—**Elders & Deacons** @ 7 pm.
- ✓ July 31-Aug. 2—Youth Retreat at Big Ridge State Park



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, July 5

A.M.— "Being Then Made Free" (Romans 6:15-18)

P.M.— "Something Old, Something New" (1 John 2:7-11)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

Morning Evening

Announcements: Jim Husband Jim Husband Song Leader: Phil Adams Will Curtis

Bible Reading Steve Hopper

Opening Prayer: Rusty Curtis John McBroom

Preside at Lord's Table: Jeff Whitaker

Serving at Lord's Table To Be Announced

Closing Prayer: Wayne Smith Keith McCord

Greeters Jeff & Lynn Whitaker

Wednesday: Devotional, John McBroom; Prayer, Chris Bragwell

Singing, David Bragwell

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Services: Sunday—9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

MY THOUGHTS—continued

Sixth, we must keep on living, loving and serving Jesus. The sun will probably rise in the morning. If it does not, praise the Lord! We will be released from this world to be at home with Him in heaven. If it does, we will have even more opportunities to let our light shine in the darkness (Matt. 5:15).

So, take a breath. Say a prayer. Realize that this world is not our home, and we are just passing through. And, journey on!