



Seymour Sayings

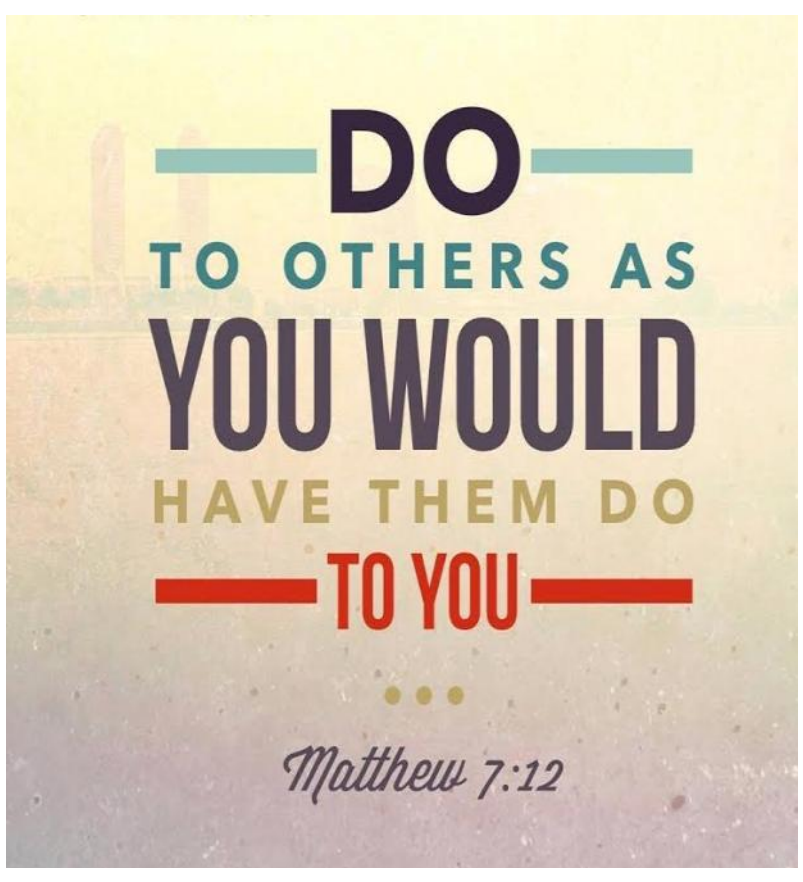
The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

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— DO —
TO OTHERS AS
YOU WOULD
HAVE THEM DO
— TO YOU —

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Matthew 7:12

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



A SMALL CHURCH VERSES A SMALL CHURCH MENTALITY

According to research done by Dr. Flavil R. Yeakley of Harding University, churches of Christ have approximately 13,000 congregations and some 1,645,584 adherents. This places us twelfth largest among the 240 or so different churches in America.

His research also states that 45 per cent of the 13,000 congregations have fewer than 50 members and 70 per cent have fewer than 100 members.

When numbers alone are considered, Seymour is a small church. We are not satisfied to remain small, however, and we never want to have what I would refer to as a small church mentality.

A small church mentality is easy to spot. It is revealed in phrases like the following:

“God bless this little, struggling band of believers.”

“_____ (and you fill in the blank with the name of a larger congregation) can do things like that, but we can’t, because we’re small.”

“I want us to stay small, because it’s more like family and you can know everyone better.”

“I don’t want us to get too big, because doing so might bring in some undesirable people or practices.”

I must admit there are some things I like about a small congregation, but the Great Commission (Mark 16:15-16) does not tell us to stop when we get a certain number of members.

We are small in number, but we are mighty in spirit. We have amazingly talented and willing workers. We have strong leadership. And, we will not quit trying to be bigger—because every one more number represents a soul—until Jesus comes again.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—**Gurney Roberson** spent a couple of days in the hospital last week with pneumonia. Thankfully he is doing better now. . . . **Betty Summers**, Lynn Whitaker's mother, has wounds on her leg that are not healing and has been diagnosed with skin cancer. Please keep her in your prayers. . . . Barbara Husband's aunt, **Vera Grimes**, is very ill. She lives in Hohenwald, TN. . . Prayers have been requested for the family of **Nicholas Walker**, who was killed in an accident last Saturday.. He leaves a wife and a 2-year-old son. He is a member of the church in Jackson, TN, where the Hoppers attended before moving to Seymour. . . . Karen Smith has requested prayers for a co-worker's father who has pneumonia and is battling Alzheimer's as well. The co-worker is **Sheri Onks**, and her father is **Sam Stallings**. . . . **Whitney King**, a friend of Nina Blevins, remains in the hospital following her automobile accident, but is some improved. . . . **Linda Extine**, a former member at Seymour who now attends at East Side in Maryville, is doing better following her liver transplant at Vanderbilt. . . . **Lois Reeves**, Trish Curtis' mother, was hospitalized last week with blood clots in her lungs. She is improving and should be home by the time you read this.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION—Sunday Bible Study, 46; Morning Worship, 63; Evening Worship, 36; Contribution, \$1,645; Wednesday Bible Study, 45.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Here is the new list of items now needed for our food pantry. ***Canned Corn, Canned Carrots, Instant Potatoes, Dried Beans, and Saltines.*** Please see **Darlene Adams** if you have questions.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, September 27

A.M.— “Twelve Words” (Luke 15:11-24)

P.M.— “Christian Confidence” (1 John 3:19-24)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Song Leader:	Tim Wheeler	Chris Bragwell
Bible Reading	David Bragwell	
Opening Prayer:	Larry Perry	Keith McCord
Preside at Lord's Table:	Phil Adams	Steve Hopper
Serving at Lord's Table	To Be Announced	
Closing Prayer:	Wayne Smith	Jim Husband
Greeters:	Phil Adams/Steve Hopper	

Wednesday: *Devotional, Tim Wheeler; Prayer, Rusty Curtis
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.**

ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING—The next meeting will be this coming Tuesday, September 29, at 7 p.m. Please see **Jim Husband** if you have a matter to discuss with the elders.

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arise from our knowledge
of ourselves."*