



# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane  
Seymour, TN 37865

**April 30, 2017**

Praise God,  
From Whom  
All Blessings  
Flow

## *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



### I'm Not Surprised

**M**ainline churches in North America are in decline. In fact, several of the most prominent denominational groups have lost half of their members over the last 50 years.

I'm not surprised.

However, a study conducted by David Millard Haskell (published in the May issue of "Christianity Today") found that some churches in Canada were exceptions to the trend. He noted that these churches were growing by about 2 percent per year. He also gave three "markers" that were typically associated with these churches.

First, they described evangelism as the main mission of their church. Second, they were more committed to personal spiritual disciplines such as Bible study. Third, they saw Scripture as a singular authority.

Let me think! An emphasis on evangelism. A commitment to Bible study. A respect for the authority of the Bible. And, they were growing.

I'm not surprised.

Researchers found that what was happening in Canada echoed what was happening in America. Liberal churches are not growing. Conservative churches are.

People are looking for stability. They want to know what is right and what is wrong. They thirst for a knowledge of God's Word.

We often say that "we are experiencing and sharing the transforming power of Jesus." Let's make sure that is more than just a catchy slogan.

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—It was good to see **Genova Lambert** able to be with us last Sunday. Prayers have been answered. . . . **Velva Perry** was unable to attend services last Sunday due to a reaction to some bug bites she received while working in the yard. It was nice to see her last Wednesday evening . . . **Bill Morrison** has been having an especially hard time recently. He has been unable to receive his chemotherapy due to a low blood count and other matters. . . . **Claudia Wallace** was ill this past Sunday and not able to attend services. . . . **Heather Fleenor** was also on the sick list this past week. . . . Lesia Potter asks that we continue to pray for her husband (**Butch**), daughter (**Amanda Muniz**), and grandson (**Elijah**). All have been ill recently. . . . **John McBroom** continues to struggle with his health. He is scheduled for surgery at Blount Memorial on May 9. . . . Darrell Whitaker requests prayers for his stepfather, who will have knee surgery on May 8. . . . Be sure to keep **Denise Agricola** in your prayers.

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION**—Bible Study, 45; Morning Worship, 57; Contribution, \$2,042; Evening Worship, 43; Wednesday Bible Study, 48.



The contribution today, April 30, will go to aid the work in **Skvyra Ukraine**.

**AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER**—**May Calendars** and **Men's Service Assignments for May** are both available in the foyer. Be sure to pick up a copy of each today.

**NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR PERRYS**—Larry & Velva Perry have a new phone number. It is 206-5916. Be sure to add this to your church directory.



**Covered Dish Dinner** following services this morning. Please join us for the food and fellowship.



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 30

A.M.— "My Home Congregation" (Romans 16:1-2)  
P.M.— Questions & Answers

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Song Leader:	Chris Bragwell	Chris Bragwell
Bible Reading	Joseph Wheeler	
Opening Prayer:	Tim Wheeler	Rusty Curtis
Preside at Lord's Table:	Kenny Brown	Kenny Brown
Serving at Lord's Table	<i>Nate LaFollette, Joseph Wheeler Isaiah Wheeler, Anthony Wheeler</i>	
Closing Prayer:	Jim Husband	Jeff Whitaker

Wednesday: *Singing, Rusty Curtis; Prayer, Tom Miller  
Devotional, Jeff Cronin*

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

*Wednesday—7:00 p.m.*

