



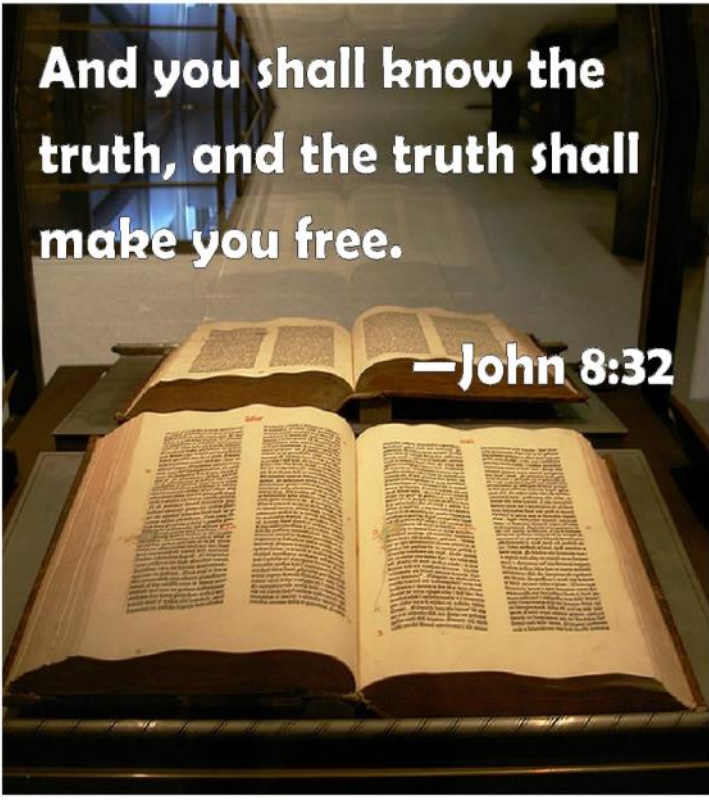
# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane  
Seymour, TN 37865

**July 7, 2024**

A photograph of an open Bible resting on a wooden stand. The Bible is open to two pages, showing dense text in two columns. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the paper and the binding. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a church interior with a window.

**And you shall know the  
truth, and the truth shall  
make you free.**

**—John 8:32**

# *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



## **Another Favorite Verse**

In John 8:32, Jesus said, **“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”** What a powerful verse!

At this time, when we have been celebrating Independence Day and thinking about the freedoms we enjoy as Americans, it seems fitting that we think about the freedoms we have as Christians.

In the passage above, Jesus said two very foundational things about truth and freedom. **First, He said that truth is knowable.** I know many think otherwise.

The problem is that many are not willing to pay the price to know truth. God’s Word is truth, according to John 17:17, and to know it, we must spend time reading, studying, and meditating upon it. We do not gain it by some kind of divine osmosis. Rather, we must be diligent in our study of the Word (2 Tim. 2:15).

**Second, He said knowing the truth would make us free.** Jesus is not talking about life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness such as we have as Americans. He’s talking freedom from sin, shame, and fear (Rom. 6:22-23). How much more important are these freedoms!

Galatians 5:1 instructs us to **“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”**

Thank God for the freedoms we have in Christ. Guard them. Hold on to them. They were purchased with blood.

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—Jessica Spears requests prayer for her best friend, **Chelsie Neville**, who lost her step-brother, **Robert Lewis**, in an accident last week. . . . **Lesia Potter** had a scan last week to try to determine the reason for the problems she is dealing with. Prayers, please. . . . **Kaylene Martin** had another round of chemotherapy last week and has not been feeling well as a result. Please keep her and Sam in your prayers, as they go through this very difficult time. . . . Helen Graves' sister, **Trish Brazzell**, has been diagnosed with a form of dementia and has several diagnostic tests coming up. Prayers are requested for both her and her husband, **Phil**. . . . **Del Rogers** is slowly improving following her recent eye surgery. It will be some time before the complete results are known. Please keep her and Glen in your prayers.

**FOR THE RECORD**—**Sunday**: Bible Study, 68; Morning Worship, 108 + 13; Evening Worship, 65 + 5; Contribution, \$3,386; **Wednesday**: 62. *(The + numbers are those who are watching online.)*



- ✓ Saturday, July 13—**Super Saturday VBS**
- ✓ Sunday, July 14—**Elders & Deacons Meeting @ 4:45.**
- ✓ Saturday, July 20—**LIFT Giveaway**, beginning at 9 a.m.
- ✓ Friday, July 26—**Sing at Great Smoky Mountains congregation**, 7:00-8:30 p.m., with refreshments to follow. Flyer posted.
- ✓ Sunday, July 28—**J.L. Steele**, guest speaker.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR LIFT**—A rather long list of items needed for LIFT was published in last week's bulletin. Your help in supplying these items will be appreciated. If you do not have a copy of that bulletin, access it on line at [seymourcoc.org](http://seymourcoc.org), and click on the publications tab.



## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, July 7**

A.M.— **“It’s An Election Year, and I’m a Christian”**

*Mark 12:14-17*

P.M.— **“Carry a Little Honey”**

*Genesis 43:11*

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

|                                  | <i>Morning</i>   | <i>Evening</i> |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Song Leader:                     | Kenny Brown  | Tim Wheeler    |
| Announcements:                   | Brian Lane   | Brian Lane     |
| Reading ( <i>Romans 13:1-7</i> ) | Mark Neal  |                |
| Opening Prayer                   | Rusty Curtis   | Sam Martin     |
| Presiding at Lord's Table:       | John McBroom   | John McBroom   |
| Serving at Lord's Table:         | Tristan Wheeler, Timmy Wheeler<br>Chris Sergent, Keith Devereaux |                |
| Reading ( <i>Mark 12:14-17</i> ) | Bret McHone  |                |
| Closing Prayer:                  | Glen Rogers  | Jacob Ward     |

*Wednesday: Singing, Sam Martin; Devotional, Tim Wheeler  
Closing Prayer, Tristan Wheeler*

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

*Wednesday—7:00 p.m.*



WHEN YOU GET ON THAT  
SCALE, REMIND YOURSELVES  
THAT YOU ARE WEARING THE  
FULL ARMOR OF GOD. THAT  
STUFF IS HEAVY!

- Thanks Marie