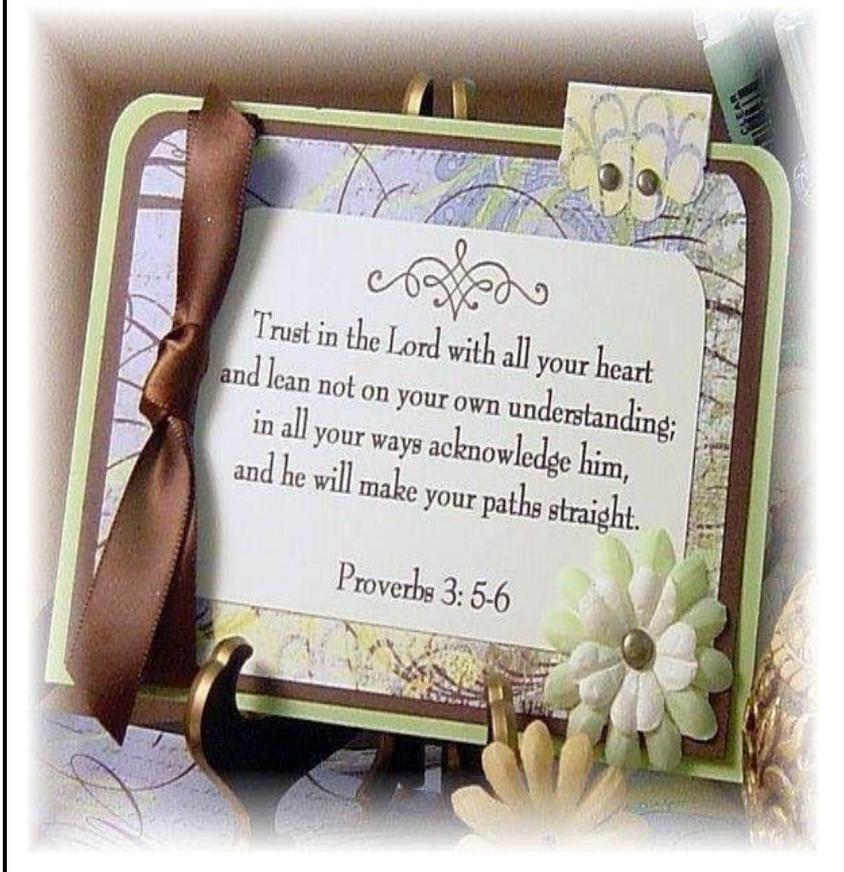




# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the  
*Seymour Church of Christ*  
Meeting in Emert's Plaza  
209 Chilhowee School Road  
Seymour, TN

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## *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



### **RELIEF**

Do you remember the old commercial that began by asking the question, “How do you spell relief?” The answer was “R-O-L-A-I-D-S.”

Some time ago, I passed a church sign that asked the same question, but the answer was very different. This time relief was spelled “F-O-R-G-I-V-E-N-E-S-S.”

That’s hard to argue with; isn’t it? To know that we have been forgiven is a relief—a big relief. It means that we have been set free from the power of sin, the stain of sin, and the penalty of sin.

This relief comes when we obey the gospel. Peter told the people on Pentecost, “Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission (i.e., the forgiveness) of sin . . .” (Acts 2:38). This is exactly what we should tell people today. How could it be wrong?

It is also a big relief to extend forgiveness to those who have wronged us. To do otherwise is to carry a tremendous and unnecessary burden. When we do not forgive those who wrong us, we close heaven’s doors of forgiveness against ourselves.

Consider these words, “And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you” (Eph. 4:32). At the end of the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, Jesus said, “And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers, until he should pay all that was due him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses” (Matt. 18:35).

It is relief to be forgiven by God and to forgive those who have wronged us. Don’t live in misery.

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—**Jim Husband** is scheduled to have another steroid shot in his spine this coming Wednesday morning. Please keep him in your prayers. . . . **Samantha Kinzalow** was suffering from an abscessed tooth last weekend. It has now been taken care of, and she is feeling better. . . . Please keep **Elizabeth Hearon** (Lesia Potter's mother-in-law and Samantha Kinzalow's grandmother) in your prayers. She is in hospice care and not doing well. . . . **Chris Bragwell** had a procedure on his neck last Friday to help with some pain he has been experiencing, and is quite sore as a result. . . . We are glad to report that **Lois Reeves** is now kidney stone free.

**STATS FOR LAST WEEK**—Bible Study, 30; Morning Worship, 45; Evening Worship, 31, Contribution, \$1,285; Wednesday Bible Study, 32.

**ATTENTION, GRADUATES**—**Deone LaFollette** and **Sierra Miller** will be preparing a bulletin board to honor our graduates. Please see that they get an invitation and picture from everyone as soon as possible.

**ATTENTION, MEN**—The **Men's Meeting** for May will be this afternoon at 4:30 p.m., so as not to conflict with Mother's Day next Sunday.

**MAY CALENDARS**—The calendars for May are now available in the foyer. Why not pick one up and post it somewhere at home, so you will be aware of this month's activities?

**GOSPEL MEETING AT ASBURY**—**Richard Bentley**, from the Clinton Congregation, will speak in a Gospel Meeting at Asbury today through Wednesday. Week night services are at 7:00 p.m.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, May 4

A.M.— "Pierce My Ear" (Exodus 21:1-6)

P.M.— "Don't Be Deceived" (Galatians 6:6-10)

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Song Leader:	Ronnie McAbee	Chris Bragwell
Bible Reader:	Will Curtis	
First Prayer:	Larry Perry	John McBroom
Officiating at Lord's Table:	Jim Husband	Jeff Whitaker
Serving at Lord's Table	David Bragwell, Damon Hall	
	Will Curtis, JC McBroom	
Closing Prayer:	Wayne Smith	Rusty Curtis

**Wednesday:** *Devotion, John McBroom; Prayer, Rusty Curtis  
Singing, Will Curtis*

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

**Wednesday—7:00 p.m.**



**GOSPEL MEETING COM-  
ING**—Our Gospel Meeting with  
**Sam Bartrug** of McConnelsville,  
Ohio is scheduled for **June 8-11**.  
The theme is “**God’s Amazing  
Grace,**” and each sermon will

deal with some aspect of grace. Sam is an excellent preacher, and you will enjoy each of his lessons.

We want this to be an evangelistic effort, so begin thinking about those you would like to invite to attend with you. Brochures about the meeting are available in the foyer.