



Seymour Sayings

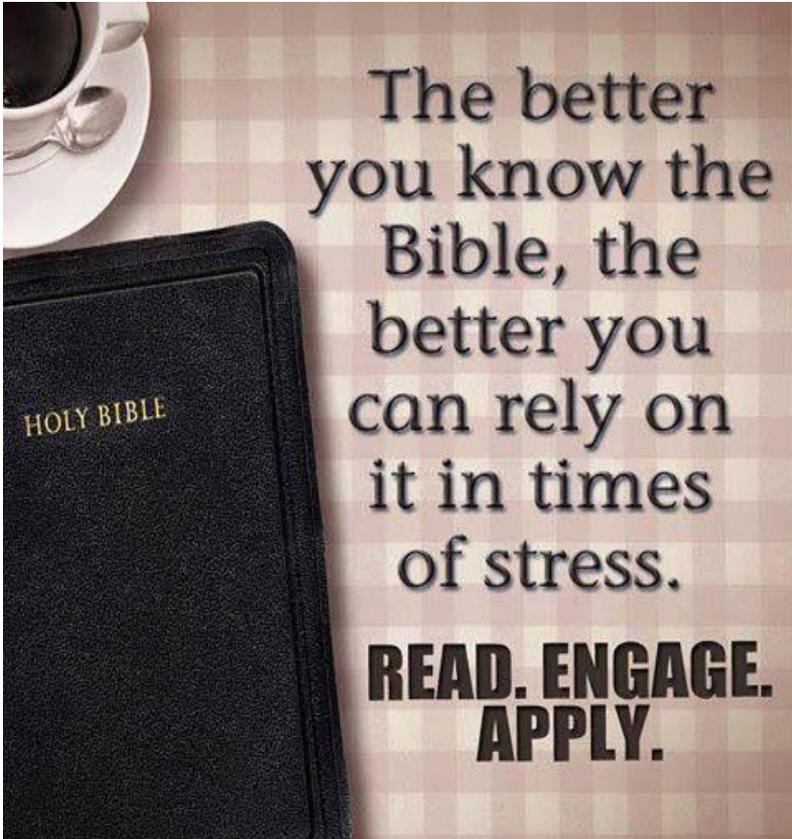
The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

December 14, 2014



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED

I read that Abraham Lincoln had a rather lazy, ne'er-do-well brother, who was always talking about going West to work. Showing his great wisdom, Lincoln told him, "If you are going to being work, you don't have to go West. If you are not going to work, then going West won't help you."

Don't you think this story illustrates a common problem which often keeps us from reaching our fullest potential as servants of Jesus Christ? We wish for a different set of circumstances, or for different tasks with which to serve. We think success is always just around the corner, never right under our feet. We search for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, only to find it has alluded us again. The result is that we never settle down and serve God with what we have where we are.

To impress Esther with her responsibility, Mordecai said to her, ". . . **Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?**" (Esther 4:14). Esther was in the right place at the right time—according to God's plan—and she was expected to act decisively. And, she did. Her actions saved her people from being destroyed at the hands of a wicked man.

I've seen the slogan "**Bloom Where You Are Planted**" a number of times, and it has impressed me with a great and obvious truth. We cannot always pick our spot to be planted, but the soil is rich enough almost everywhere, and the rain falls and the sun shines all over the world. Instead of living with that far-away-look in our eyes, let's bloom to God's glory where we are!

FAMILY MATTERS

PRAYER LIST—**Adriene Crum** has asked us to remember her brother, **Jim**, who had a major heart attack recently. Adriene flew to Texas to be with him. He is now out of the hospital with four stints. . . . **Jim Husband** had the nerve block in his back last Wednesday. It may be a couple of weeks before the full effect of this procedure is realized. Please keep him in your prayers. . . . Damon Hall's girlfriend, **Kelsey Faulkner**, was taken to the hospital last week. It was thought that she had appendicitis. Damon was with her last Wednesday evening. It appears now it is her pancreas, and surgery may be required. . . . Trish Curtis' uncle, **Jim Gammon**, has liver cancer, and prayers are requested. . . . Trish has also asked us to remember a co-worker's sister, **Teresa Cruze**, who also has cancer. . . . Tammy Bragwell's aunt, **Bobbie Dunnavent**, has cancer. She lives in Texas, and Tammy has asked us to remember her in prayer. . . . **Samantha Kinzalow** responded to the invitation last Wednesday evening. She requested prayers that she might be strong and focused on the things that are really important. Please keep her, as well as **Gerrand**, in your prayers.

STATS FOR LAST WEEK—Bible Study, 32; Morning Worship, 49; Evening Worship, 35; Contribution, \$1,497. Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 35.

PANTRY ITEMS—The pantry items for this week are **mandarin oranges and spaghetti sauce**.

ELDER IN CHARGE—**Jim Husband** is the chairman of the elders' meetings in December. Please contact him, if you would like to meet with the elders.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GET-TOGETHER—Following Wednesday evening services on December 31, everyone is invited to stay for our annual New Year's Eve party. Please bring finger foods and games.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 14

A.M.—“Connecting Sunday To Monday” (Luke 14:25-33)

P.M.—“Let Me Encourage Us, # 2” (Romans 12:11)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

| | <i>Morning</i> | <i>Evening</i> |
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| Announcements: | Jim Husband | Jim Husband |
| Song Leader: | Will Curtis | Jason LaFollette |
| Bible Reading | Jason LaFollette | |
| Opening Prayer: | John McBroom | Chris Bragwell |
| Preside at Lord's Table: | Jeff Whitaker | Keith McCord |
| Serving at Lord's Table | To Be Determined | |
| Closing Prayer: | Phil Adams | Rusty Curtis |

Wednesday: *Devotional, Jason LaFollette; Prayer, Phil Adams
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.

