




Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the
Seymour Church of Christ
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"KEEP LOOKING UP ...
THAT'S THE SECRET OF
LIFE ... "

Snoopy

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



A LESSON ON FORGIVENESS

Nelson Mandela died on December 5. President Zuma of South Africa declared a 10 day period of national mourning, followed by a state funeral on December 15, today.

Mandela was a controversial figure for much of his life. His critics denounced him as a Marxist terrorist, yet he received more than 250 honors from all over the world, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993. He is held in the deepest respect by the people of South Africa and is often referred to as “the father of the nation.”

It was opposition to apartheid that resulted in Mandela’s arrest and conviction on the charge of trying to overthrow the government. As a result of his conviction, he spent more than 27 years in prison. The conditions in which he lived were severe, and he refused any special attention or privileges.

After his release from prison in 1990, which was largely due to international pressure, he continued his opposition to apartheid and worked to establish multiracial elections. In 1994, Mandela became the first black president of South Africa.

During his presidency, he invited other political parties to join his cabinet and focused on human rights, the problem of poverty, and health reform in his country.

To me, one of the most amazing things about this man was his ability to forgive. He was able to turn loose of any animus he might have held. He even became a close friend to one of the guards from his years in prison.

Many stirring things have been said and written about Mandela during these past few days. On NBC’s Today program, Savannah Guthrie said, “His legacy for humanity is this radical

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FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—**Genova Lambert** and **Norma Jean Miller** were both still ill last weekend and unable to attend services. . . . **Sherry and Austin McAbee** were both unable to attend services, too. . . . We missed all of these but especially Austin's exuberance and smile. . . .

Jama Sargent remains in UT Medical Center. Her new room is 406. The plan is for her delivery to be induced tonight at midnight. Let's pray for a successful delivery and for the welfare of both mother and child.

STATS FOR LAST WEEK—Bible Study, 34; Morning Worship, 57 Evening Worship, 36, Contribution, \$1238; Wednesday Bible Study, 37.

COMING UP—We will have our **Question & Answer Session** on December 29 during the evening services. If you have a question to be considered, please get it to Tom Miller as soon as possible.

TEACHERS' WORKSHOP—**Tom Miller**, and his daughter, **Jody**, will conduct a Teachers' Workshop at Seymour on Friday and Saturday, January 17-18. The workshop is designed to help those who are presently teaching Bible classes to do an even better job and to help train and encourage others to be involved as well. Please jot these dates down and plan to attend.

THANK YOU—"Words cannot begin to express our appreciation for the thoughtfulness shown to us after John's death. We so appreciate the wonderful meal you provided and the assistance to Sierra and Tom so they could be with us in such a difficult time." /s/ Wanda and Ranae Bird. (Note: Wanda is Sierra Miller's sister and Ranae is Wanda's daughter.)



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 15

A.M.— "Facts or Fairy Tales?" (John 6:66-69)

P.M.— "Keep On Praying" (Luke 4 11:5-13)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	Ronnie McAbee	Ronnie McAbee
Song Leader:	Chris Bragwell	Jim Husband
Bible Reader:	Ronnie McAbee	
First Prayer:	Jim Husband	Chris Bragwell
Officiating at Lord's Table:	Jeff Whitaker	Jason LaFollette
Serving at Lord's Table	Gerrand Kinzalow, Will Curtis J.C. McBroom, Kanan Hood	
Closing Prayer:	Rusty Curtis	John McBroom

Wednesday: *Song Leader, Damon Hall; Prayer, Jason LaFollette
Devotional, Rusty 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.**

A LESSON ON FORGIVENESS—*continued*

forgiveness that he practiced. At the very moment he could have descended into bitterness, he instead made peace, showed love, and changed his county.”

I am not suggesting to you that Nelson Mandela was perfect, always used the best approach, or that serious problems do not still exist in his country. But I am suggested that he knew something about forgiveness that we should also learn.

Remember: if we are to be forgiven by God, we must be willing to forgive those who have wronged us in any way (Matt. 6:12. 14-15).