



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the
Seymour Church of Christ
Meeting in Emert's Plaza
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Seymour, TN

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The best gifts to give:

*To your friend, loyalty;
To your enemy, forgiveness;
To your boss, service;*

*To a child, a
good example;
To your parents,
gratitude and
devotion;*

*To your mate,
love and faith-
fulness;
To all men and
women, charity.*



- Oren Arnold

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



CHRISTMAS EXTREMES

As is true with so many other things, extremism is also demonstrated at Christmas. On one extreme, many declare that Christ was born on December 25 and that day should be celebrated as His birthday. On the other extreme, some say “Bah Humbug!” and act as it is a day like any other day and should not be marked in any special way.

We must admit that Christmas is of purely human origin. There is no command in the Bible to celebrate any specific day as Christ’s birthday, and there is no biblical example of anyone so doing. If God had wanted us to observe a day as Christ’s birthday, surely He would have told us about it.

The truth is that we don’t know when Christ was born. It was certainly not on-or-about December 25. It was probably in the Spring of the year when lambs were being born, since the shepherds were in the fields tending their flocks. Interestingly, the birth of Jesus has been placed in every month of the year by someone, which illustrates that we simply don’t know the exact date.

We do not have to “throw the baby out with the bath water,” however. There is much to commend about this season. I appreciate the friendliness and general goodwill that demonstrates itself in cheerful greetings. I like the music that fills the air. I am thankful for opportunities to be with family and friends. And, I even enjoy the giving and receiving of gifts, although the older I get the more I enjoy the giving.

Additionally, I wish that people would turn their attention to Christ all year long, but I am thankful that they do so during this season. Also, I encourage us to take full advantage of opportunities the season presents to speak openly of Him.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—**Genova Lambert** is some improved, but is still not able to be out. . . . It was nice to see **Norma Jean Miller** at services Sunday after a couple of week's absence due to illness. . . . It was also very nice to have **Dorothy Strattis** back home after being away for 3-4 weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS—**Raylie Grace Sergent** was born last Monday at 9:04 a.m. Baby, mom, dad, and big sister are all doing well. **Jama** was able to be at services Wednesday evening. She expressed her gratitude for the prayers, visits, etc. while she was in the hospital. **Raylie** will have to remain in the hospital 2-4 weeks.

STATS FOR LAST WEEK—Bible Study, 33; Morning Worship, 38 Evening Worship, 33, Contribution, \$1090; Wednesday Bible Study, 33.

COMING UP—We will have our **Question & Answer Session** next Sunday evening. 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.

LAST CALL—We really want to get a new church directory prepared soon. If you haven't filled out one of the information forms, please do so today. You can find them on the credenza in the foyer. Thank you for your cooperation.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 22

A.M.— “Wise Men Still Seek Him” (Matthew 2:1-11)

P.M.— “When Heaven Is Silent” (1 Peter 3:10-12)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

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

Wednesday: *Devotional Period* (*All men come prepared to lead a song, a prayer, or read a Scripture.*)

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

Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

"Whatever it is you want, you reach a long way toward it if you combine your **heart, your **backbone**, your **faith**, and your **common sense**, and then stretch."**