



Seymour Sayings

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Seymour Church of Christ
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"The New Year lies before you like a spotless tract of snow. Be careful how you tread it, for every mark will show."

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



LOOK BOTH WAYS

In Roman mythology, Janus is the god of gates and doorways. It is not surprising that January is named after Janus, for it is the gate or door way, to a new year.

Janus is usually pictured with two faces, one looking backward and one looking forward. Again, that sounds very appropriate; doesn't it?

We sometimes tell children, as they are ready to cross a street, "Now, be sure and look both ways." This is the time to do exactly that.

First, it is time to look back, to survey the past. Though we can't do it over again—as much as we might like to—we can learn from it. As someone has wisely said, "He who does not learn from the past is doomed to repeat its mistakes."

In just a few days, 2013 will be behind us, and it's time to close the books on it.

Second, it is time to look forward, to contemplate the future. We do this with both anticipation and apprehension. None of us knows exactly what the future will bring, but we do know God holds the future in His hands. If we will diligently seek and follow His will, the future will be bright.

2014 is before us, and we will write its history day-by-day.

Paul's words seem most appropriate as we stand at the gate of a new year: **"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"** (Philippians 3:13-14).

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—**Genova Lambert** tried to come to services last Sunday, but getting ready wore her out. She remains very weak. Please remember her regularly in your prayers. . . . Gerrand Kinzalow has asked us to remember his grandmother, **June Rose Avers**, in our prayers. She is suffering with cancer. . . . **Geraldine Conger**, a member at South Knoxville, has been in ICU at UT Hospital, and prayers have been requested for her.

STATS FOR LAST WEEK—Bible Study, 36; Morning Worship, 65 Evening Worship, 32, Contribution, \$1395; Wednesday Bible Study, 23.

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.

COUPLES GROUP—Our first Couples Group will meet at Tom and Sierra Miller's on Friday evening, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. This first meeting will be to get to know one another a little better and to determine guidelines and directions for the group.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GET-TOGETHER—Everyone is invited to meet at the church building New Year's Eve at 8:00 p.m. for a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Please bring finger foods and games to play. Also, bring a "white elephant" gift for an exchange. See you there!

THANK YOU—Our thanks to **Jim Husband** for putting up the new sign by the front door.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 29

A.M.— "The New Tolerance" (Romans 12:17-21)

P.M.— Questions & Answers

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

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

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.

