



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the
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"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to over-emphasize the importance of the church's Bible School program. The late Ira North often said, "**As the Sunday school goes, so goes the congregation.**" In his little book, *A Biblical Study of Church Growth*, Charles Hodge listed "A Strong Bible School" as one of the five things necessary to build a strong church. He then observed, "**Congregations cannot be stronger than their teaching program.**"

When we think about having a strong, growing congregation, we must think about having a strong, growing Bible School.

The Bible School program allows the church to do the work God has planned for her to do. The church is the "pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). Through regular classes, the church can teach the truth to members and non-members alike (Matt. 28:18-20). It can train children in the ways of the Lord. It can pass the truth on from generation to generation (2 Tim. 2:2) and equip members to serve in the kingdom (Eph. 4:11-16).

In view of these things, I believe it is time for us to take the Bible School program more seriously than we ever have. It is not some mere appendage to the church. It is the church at work, doing what God wants her to do.

Jody and I look forward to the Teachers' Workshop here January 17-18. Our goal will be to help this good church have an even more effective Bible School program. We encourage teachers and prospective teachers, as well as all those interested in the church's growth and development to join us. There will be something for everyone.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—It was so good to have **Genova Lambert** with us last Sunday morning, Please pray that she may continue to improve. . . . **Steve Hopper** was not feeling well last Sunday and unable to attend services. . . . **Raylie Sergent** continues to improve, but she will need to remain in the hospital for a while yet. . . . Please remember the family of **Larry Calendine** in your prayers. He was killed in an accident December 30, when his car was struck by a drunk driver. His wife **Linda** was also injured, but she is doing well following surgery in Vanderbilt. Larry was a graduate of the school of preaching in Karns, preacher for the Mascot congregation for several years, and involved in Latin America Missions.

STATS FOR LAST WEEK—Bible Study, 37; Morning Worship, 69 Evening Worship, 41, Contribution, \$1,246.90; Wednesday Bible Study, 26.

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.

ATTENTION, YOUNG PEOPLE—The youth activity for January will be Sunday, January 26. Meet at the church building at 4:00 p.m., for the trip to the West End Church of Christ for the area-wide youth fellowship. Services will be at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. See **Ronnie McAbee**, if you need for information.

ATTENTION, LADIES—**Sierra Miller** would like to meet with the ladies of the congregation after services this evening. This is in regard to providing lunch for those who will be attending our Teachers’ Workshop on Saturday, January 18.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, January 5

A.M.— “A New Beginning” (Philippians 3:13-14)

P.M.— “If Only” (John 11:20:-27)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	Tom Miller	Tom Miller
Song Leader:	Jason LaFollette	Wayne Smith
Bible Reader:	Jeff Whitaker	
First Prayer:	Jim Husband	John McBroom
Officiating at Lord's Table:	Chris Bragwell	Jim Husband
Serving at Lord's Table	David Bragwell, Will Curtis	
	J.C. McBroom, Damon Hall	
Closing Prayer:	Wayne Smith	Rusty Curtis

Wednesday: *Devotion, Ronnie McAbee; Prayer, John McBroom.
Singing, Damon Hall*

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

Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

DAILY BIBLE READING CALENDARS—Our thanks to **Rusty Curtis** for preparing daily Bible reading calendars for the new year. Copies are available in the foyer. Why not make a resolution to read your Bible through during 2014?

SIGN-UP SHEET FOR TEACHERS' WORKSHOP—A sign-up sheet has been placed on the credenza for those who are planning to attend our up-coming Teachers' Workshop on January 17-18. This will help us know how many to prepare for, especially for the lunch on Saturday.