



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the
Seymour Church of Christ
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Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



A PAST AND A FUTURE

Oscar Wilde said, “The only difference between a saint and a sinner is that every saint has a past and every sinner has a future.”

Sometimes as God’s saints we forget we have had a past. We get caught up in who we are now and forget who we used to be. The things done in the past vary in number and consequences from person-to-person, but the truth is that every accountable person has committed enough sins to break the heart of God and to separate himself from Him (Isa. 59:1-2).

On the other hand, sinners often feel like they have no future. “I’ve done too many sinful things.” “God wouldn’t want me.” It is true that our reputations, minds, and souls can be stained by our pasts. But, it is not true that we are too sinful for God to save us (2 Pet. 3:9).

The gospel is powerful enough to take the vilest sinner and make of him/her a saint bound for heaven (Rom. 1:16). What a wonderful thought.

As a Christian, the next time you are feeling better than others and are trusting your own respectability, don’t forget that you have had a past. You are just a sinner saved by God’s grace and your faith response to His plan of salvation.

And, the next time you meet a sinner who is feeling lost and worthless, remind him/her that through Jesus Christ a bright future awaits. Telling others about Jesus is both a precious privilege and a weighty responsibility.

Remember Paul’s words: ***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”*** (2 Cor. 5:17).

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—**Melissa McBroom** has not been feeling well this past week. Please keep her in your prayers. . . . Please remember **Dorothy Stratis** in your prayers. Her cousin, **Michael Quesenberry**, passed away last week in Virginia and services were last Wednesday. The Husbands took Dorothy to the services. . . . **Jeff Whitaker** had oral surgery recently that was more involved than anticipated. He has been able to be back attending services, for which we are thankful, but he still has some discomfort. . . . It was announced last Wednesday evening that **Erin Thomas**, a student, had received a concussion playing soccer. Prayers were requested.

STATS FOR LAST WEEK—Bible Study, 41; Morning Worship, 58, Evening Worship, 47, Contribution, \$1,090; Wednesday Bible Study, 38.

THANK YOU—**Tom & Sierra** wish to thank all those who have helped, and continue to help, get their house ready for them to move in. Almost done!

TREATS FOR THE TROOPS—**Deone LaFollette** is involved with an effort to collect items to be sent to our troops overseas. A flyer will be posed and a box will be provided for donated items. One of the needs is personal hygiene items. If you would like to help in this good work, note the flyer and bring your items by October 27.



“It’s better to look ahead and be prepared than to look back and regret.”



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, October 6

A.M.—“Responsibility to the Unsaved” (Matthew 28:18-20)

P.M.—“The Cost of Discipleship” (Luke 9:23)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

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

Wednesday: *Song Leader, David Bragwell; Prayer, Chris Bragwell
Devotional, Jason LaFollette*

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

Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES



- **October 4-6—Brad Harrub** at the Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ.
- **October 12**—Shopping trip to buy coats for coat giveaway, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the building. See Melissa McBroom for more information.
- **October 19**—Bonfire for Youth Group hosted by Julianna Gregory, beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- **October 26**—Ladies Day at Sevierville