



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the
Seymour Church of Christ
Meeting in Emerts Plaza
209 Chilhowee School Road
Seymour, TN

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Be more
concerned with
what God thinks
about you, than
what people
think
about
you.

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Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



A SMALL CHURCH MENTALITY

It is one thing to be a small church, and it is another thing to have a small church mentality.

In churches of Christ, the average congregation has less than 100 people. In fact, Flavil R Yeakley says about 75% of our congregations fall into this category. We do at Seymour.

We are a small church, however, only until we can become a larger church. And, I don't believe we are satisfied to stay small, as some seem to be.

A small church mentality manifests itself in many ways. It manifests itself when someone prays, "God, please bless this little, struggling band of Christians meeting here." (You can almost hear the whine in the voice of the one praying that prayer.)

It manifests itself when someone says, "Now, we don't want to get too big. You never know what kind of people we'll get in here and what new innovation they will bring in." (I actually heard an elder say that.)

It also manifests itself when someone says, "We're small and we can't _____." (You fill in the blank.) This attitude assumes that only large churches can do big things. Admittedly, large churches have more people and more money, but they don't necessarily have more desire or heart. Our attitude must be "We Can!" and not "We Can't!"

We are a small congregation, but I am not satisfied for us to stay that way. I do not fear growth. In fact, I choose to work and pray for growth. I am sure you share these sentiments. Your progress so far says you do. Let's keep up the good work.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Please keep **Tammy Adkins** in your prayers. She is a co-worker of Kella Whitakers, and her husband died last Thursday. . . . Gerrard Kinzalow’s grandfather, **Bob Brown**, passed away on August 25. . . . **Telisha Blevins** remains in UT Medical Center at this writing. She has been moved from ICU to a regular room but is not doing much better. . . . Please remember **Gerrard & Samantha Kinzalow** in your prayers, as they deal with various health issues.

ATTENTION, MEN—The **Men’s Meeting** will be this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Come and share in the planning of the work at Seymour.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE— The bulletin can be read on line and the Sunday morning sermon can be heard on line, too. Some friends in Ohio called and said they had done both. Check it out for yourself at www.seymorecoc.org.

CAMP OUT—There will be a camp out at the **McBroom’s home** on Friday, September 20. It will begin at approximately 5:30 p.m. A list will be posted today of items needed. Bring your tent and join the crowd.

ATTENTION, YOUNG LADIES AND THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG AT HEART—On Saturday, September 21, there will be a **Tea Party** at 4:30 p.m., followed by **Makeovers** (with a Mary Kay representative) at 6:00 p.m. and a **Devotional** at 7:00 p.m. The devotional theme is “Beauty is in the Eye of God.” There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. For more information, see **Trish Curtis or Lynn Whitaker**.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, September 8

A.M.— “Your Responsibility to Me” (Philippians 1:3-11)

P.M.— “In Matters of Opinion” (Romans 14:1-13)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

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

Wednesday: *Song Leader, David Bragwell; Prayer, Wayne Smith
Devotional, Rusty Curtis*

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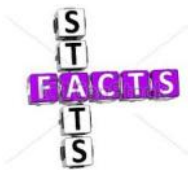
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Services: Sunday—9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday—7:00 p.m.



Numbers don't tell the whole store about a congregation, but they are an indicator of how we are doing. Last Sunday we had 45 present for Bible Study and 58 present for the morning worship. 29 returned for the evening service. The contribution was \$1,118.00. We had 37 present for the mid-week Bible study on Wednesday evening.

Let's seek God's blessings and work together to increase all these numbers, because they will indicate that we are growing and serving the Lord in Seymour.