



# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

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# *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



## **GIFTS**

**I**t is a time of the year when gifts are given and received. At our house, Sierra and I have been struggling with what to get one another for Christmas. Both of us realize that we don't need anything, but we know there is joy in giving gifts to those we love.

Let me suggest some gifts that cost nothing monetarily. Yet, they are precious gifts and would be a joy to receive.

**Give love.** True love is unconditional and doesn't depend upon what another does or says. It is a decision of the will. I appreciate those who have looked beyond my faults and loved me anyway. Extend the love of Jesus to those in your life.

**Give time.** In our busy world, we scurry about. Often we don't make the time to sit down and share ourselves with our loved ones. Mates, spend uninterrupted time together. Parents, listen to your children. Friends, lay aside your cell phones and spend some time together. When you give time, you give yourself.

**Give encouragement.** Life can be difficult, and there is so much to discourage us. Pat someone on the back and tell them you appreciate them. Send a card. Make a call. Send a text. Let people know their service does not go unnoticed.

**Give friendship.** Treasure and nurture old friendship, but make some new ones, too. There are people who are lonely. They may live near us or even sit in the church building with us on Sunday. Reach out to them. Extend your friendship.

**Give the gospel.** So many do not know Jesus. Share what you know with them. Tell the story simply and kindly. Point them to Scripture. Encourage them to obey the gospel.

What wonderful gifts. Give them freely.

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—**Barbara Husband** was ill and unable to attend services last weekend. . . . Keep the family of **Tenile Hodges** in your prayers. A memorial service for her was held here yesterday. . . . We have been praying for the following people for some time, and we ask you to continue to do so: **Bill Morrison, Luke MaCamis, Mary Kate Webb, and William Payne.** . . .

Be sure also to keep **Brandi Torres** in your prayers. She was baptized just two weeks ago. Pray that she will grow spiritually and always be faithful to the Lord. . . . **Samantha Kinzalow** is to deliver her baby by cesarean section early tomorrow morning. Please keep her and her baby in your prayers that all will go well and that the baby will be healthy.

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION**—Sunday Bible Study, 39 Morning Worship, 60; Evening Worship, 44; Contribution, \$1,499 Wednesday Bible Study, 39.



The announcement in last week's bulletin about our **Annual New Year's Eve Party** said it would be from 8 a.m. until whenever. That would be a long party, wouldn't it? I'm sure you know it should have been 8 p.m.

Please bring finger foods, games you would enjoy playing, and a "white elephant" gift for the exchange.

**ATTENTION, YOUNG PEOPLE**—The last date to sign up for CYC (Christian Youth Challenge) is December 26. There is a sign-up list in the hall. Don't forget!

*My concern is not whether God is on our side: My greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right. - Abraham Lincoln*



## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 20**

A.M.— "Mary, Did You Know?" (Luke 2:41-52)

P.M.— "Praying With Compassion" (1 John 5:16-17).

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	Jim Husband	Jim Husband
Song Leader:	Phil Adams	Tim Wheeler
Bible Reading	Chris Bragwell	
Opening Prayer:	John McBroom	Steve Hopper
Preside at Lord's Table:	Jeff Whitaker	Jeff Whitaker
Serving at Lord's Table	<i>Nate LaFollette, JC McBroom</i>	
	<i>Damon LaFollette, Will Curtis</i>	
Closing Prayer:	Tim Wheeler	Chris Bragwell
Wednesday: <i>Singing, Chris Bragwell; Prayer, Rusty Curtis</i> <i>Devotional, Phil Adams</i>		

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

**Wednesday—7:00 p.m.**



I'm sorry preacher, but you were delivering a 45-minute sermon in a 25-minute zone.