



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

December 27, 2015



*Happy
New
Year*

Therefore if any man
be in Christ, he is a new
creature: old things are
passed away; behold, all
things are become new.

—2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



PURPOSE OF HEART

The Old Testament book of Daniel opens with Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, laying siege to Jerusalem, taking it captive, and transporting some of the people back to Babylon. He commanded Asphenaz, master of the eunuchs, to bring some of the brightest and fairest of the young men to live in the palace. They were to learn the language and literature of the Babylonians, and they were to eat at the king's table.

This would have been a great privilege and position, but Daniel refused to eat the king's food and drink his wine. Daniel 1:8 says, **“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank . . .”**

Most of the food served would probably have been sacrificed to idols, and the food and wine would have violated the dietary laws of the Hebrews. Daniel was a man of character, and he made a resolution not to eat at the king's table. He respectfully requested a more modest diet, and his request was honored.

At this time of the year, we have a tendency to make fun of New Year's resolutions, because they are seldom kept long-term. This does not mean that resolutions are a bad thing, however.

Where would Daniel have been without his resolution not to eat at the king's table? What if he had not “purposed in his heart”?

What things do we need to resolve to do in this new year? Pray and read our Bibles more regularly? Put first things first in our lives? Be more involved in the Lord's work? Be more kind? Make an effort to lead someone to Christ? Treat others as we would want to be treated? And, the list goes on.

May each of us purpose in our hearts what we will do in 2016.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Alice Graves, Genova Lambert, and Sierra Miller were ill last Sunday and unable to attend services. . . . Melissa McBroom has requested prayers for a couple of people. Her good friend, **Kelly Holiday**, has been ill for some time. They have discovered a mass on her pancreas. Also, her cousin, **Nancy Tyler**, is to have surgery and radiation for a brain tumor. . . . Vicky Robbins asks for prayers for **Edgar & Barbra Beard**. They live in Hickman County, TN and were affected by a tornado there last Wednesday evening. . . . Please remember **Tara Burke**, a niece of Lavern Mullins who had a stroke recently and is on a ventilator. She has also developed pneumonia. . . . We are glad to report that **William Payne** is showing some improvement and that **Luke McCamis** may go home from the hospital soon.

CONGRATULATIONS—**Kellen Gerrand Kinzalow** was born last Monday afternoon. He weighed 9lb and 1oz and was 20 3/4 inches long. Parents, siblings, and new “church baby” are all doing well.

LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION—Sunday Bible Study, 37 Morning Worship, 55; Evening Worship, 38; Contribution, \$1,013; Wednesday Bible Study, 46.

ELDER IN CHARGE—**John McBroom** will be the elder in charge for January. Contact him, if you have an announcement to be made or if you wish to meet with the elders.

NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY—Don’t forget! Our New Year’s Eve Party will begin this coming Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Bring finger-foods, games to play, and a “white elephant” gift for the exchange. Let’s ring the old year out and the new year in together. By the way, you don’t have to stay till mid-night.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 27

A.M.— “The God of Second Chances” (Philippians 3:12-14)

P.M.— “We Know” (1 John 5:18-21).

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

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



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation
as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.