



Seymour Sayings

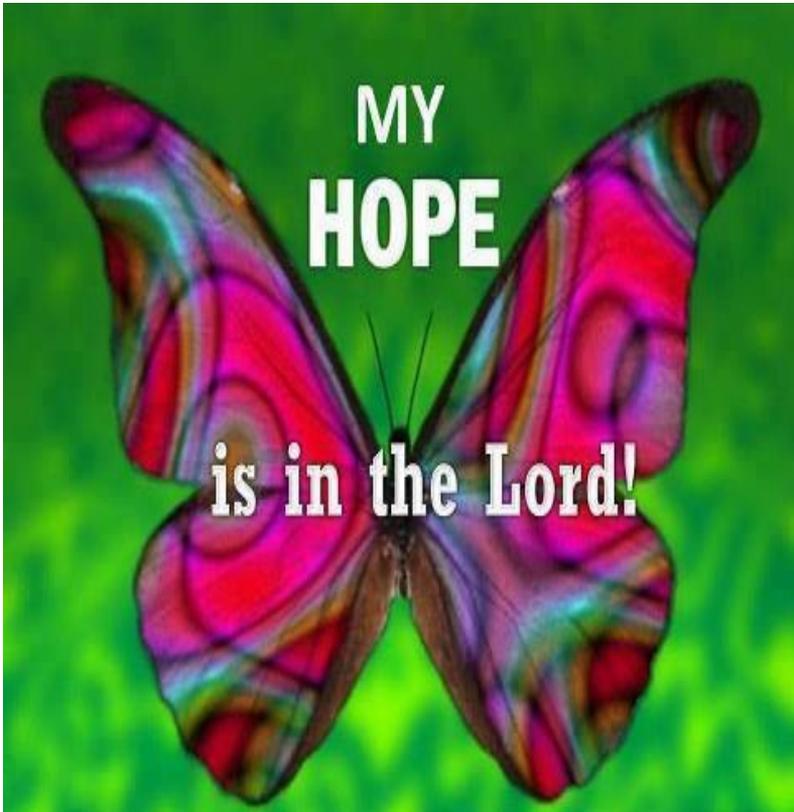
The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

March 15, 2015



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



A NEW DEFINITION FOR MARRIAGE

By a narrow margin (61 to 56), the Presbytery of East Tennessee voted on March 7 in favor of an amendment to redefine marriage. Currently, that denomination defines marriage as “between a man and a woman,” The new definition in the church’s constitution would read “between two persons, traditionally a man and a woman.” This wording certainly allows for same-sex marriages.

Paul Young, one of those who voted against the change, said, “The authority of scripture is supposed to be our leading guide, especially in times when we have to make difficult decisions.” Kally Elliott, a campus minister at UT believes otherwise. She commented, “We have a lot of students who come into our campus ministry with their story being one of hurt and shame given to them by the church. Our goal is to share with them the love of Jesus Christ and to let them know that they are fully loved, fully welcomed as they are, who they are.”

Interestingly enough, in January the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee voted in favor of this amendment, while the Holston Presbytery in Kingsport voted against it.. As I understand it, 86 presbyteries must approve the amendment for it to take affect in June.

I have two reactions to this matter. **First, the Bible is clear in condemning same-sex unions** (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21), **and defines marriage as between a man and woman** (Genesis 2:18-25; Ephesians 5:22-33). Paul Young got it right. We must let the scriptures be our guide, no matter what the social norms are.

Second, that’s not up for vote.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—**Steve Hopper** spent last Sunday in the hospital. It was feared that he was having heart problems, but a stress test proved that was not so. He came home that afternoon, and we are happy at the outcome. . . . **Lesia Potter** has requested prayers for her sister, **Elaine Yancy**. She is quite ill with both pancreas and colon problems. . . . **Hannah Kyle**, who is soon to be the Adams' daughter-in-law, came through her gall bladder surgery successfully. She does have some other health issues, however. . . . It was good to see some of our people back at services on Wednesday evening, after being hospitalized or shut-in with illness. . . . **Sierra Miller** was not feeling well last week but is much improved.

STATS FOR LAST WEEK—Bible Study, 44; Morning Worship, 52; Evening Worship, 34; Contribution, \$1,692. Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 53.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR VBS—This week the items to bring are **red pens** and **Fisk scissors (blunt tipped)**. Please see **Darlene Adams**, if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.



VBS MEETING AT 4 P.M.— Our VBS this year will be **July 25** and will be in cooperation with the South Knoxville congregation. There will be a meeting today at 4 p.m. at South Knoxville to discuss this upcoming event.

How impersonal God seems is a measure of the distance you have put between yourself and Him.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, March 15

A.M.— “You Are Invited” (Matthew 11:28-30)

P.M.— “Caring About Soul Winning” (1 Cor. 9:19-23)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	Jim Husband	Jim Husband
Song Leader:	Chris Bragwell	Jason LaFollette
Bible Reading	Rusty Curtis	
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Whitaker	Phil Adams
Preside at Lord's Table:	Jason LaFollette	Ronnie McAbee
Serving at Lord's Table	To Be Announced	
Closing Prayer:	Keith McCord	Wayne Smith
Greeters	Jeff & Lynn Whitaker	

Wednesday: *Devotional, Keith McCord; Prayer, Phil Adams
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.

