



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

October 11, 2015

Fall Celebration

**Saturday,
October 17**

- ✓ Coat Give-Away
- ✓ Hot Dog Lunch
- ✓ Fire Safety with SVFD
- ✓ Drug Safety with Deputy Sheriff
- ✓ Games for Children
- ✓ Free Bible Literature

10 a.m.

2 p.m.



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



FIRST THINGS FIRST

In an issue of *Leadership Journal*, David Gray, commenting on research done by the Alban Institute, wrote: “Americans consider a 40-hour work week as part time in most professional jobs and as a sign of a stagnant career.” He also observed that American workers work longer hours than workers in most other developed countries. His conclusion was that the typical middle-income family now puts in an average of 11 more working hours per week than twenty-five years ago.

It is no wonder that many families are stressed and frazzled much of the time. In Gray’s study, he found that 53% of mothers and 37% of fathers report “always feeling rushed.” Also, 69% of mothers and 68% of fathers say they have “too little time with their spouse.”

These figures tell us why church takes a major hit in regard to attendance, contribution, and involvement. People feel like they are too busy with work and other things. These “other things” easily become a priority.

This may help explain the problem, but it doesn't excuse it. The solution is rather simple. Following the words of Jesus, we must learn to put first things first. **“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you”** (Matthew 6:33).

Spiritual matters are always more important than any other matters. Eternal things must take precedence over things that do not last.

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—We are glad to report that **Betty Summers**, Lynn Whitaker’s mother, is doing much better. . . . Kella Whitaker has requested prayers for a co-worker, **Kaye Brock**, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Her husband also has cancer. . . . **Sandra Johnson**, Greg Husband’s mother-in-law, had a stroke recently, and prayers are requested. . . . Some time ago, Natalie Whitaker requested prayers for a friend, **Abby Sheehan**. We are glad to report that she is now cancer free. . . . **Walter Jones** is in room 480 at UT Hospital. He is doing very poorly. Please keep him in your prayers. . . . **Gwen Erwin**, Melissa McBroom’s mother, is in the end stages with her cancer at this writing. This family needs our fervent prayers at this most difficult time.

LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION—Sunday Bible Study, 37; Morning Worship, 49; Evening Worship, 52; Contribution, \$1,441; Wednesday Bible Study, 36.

FALL CELEBRATION MEETING—There will be planning meeting for those involved in our Fall Celebration (October 17) this evening at 5 p.m.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED FOR PANTRY—The following items are needed for the pantry: **Canned Corn, Canned Carrots, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Saltines, and Dried Beans**. Check with **Darlene Adams** if you need additional information.

WORK DAY—This coming Friday evening, October 16, we will have a work day/evening in preparation for our Fall Celebration. We will begin at 6 p.m. Please help, if you can at all.

ELDERS & DEACONS—The next meeting for our Elders and Deacons will be this coming Tuesday, October 13, at 7 p.m.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, October 11

A.M.— “Christianity: Past, Present, Future” (1 Thess. 1:1-10)

P.M.— “What Do We Do First?” (Luke 6:12-13)

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Song Leader:	Chris Bragwell	Tim Wheeler
Bible Reading	David Bragwell	
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Whitaker	Rusty Curtis
Preside at Lord's Table:	Jim Husband	Phil Adams
Serving at Lord's Table	To Be Announced	
Closing Prayer:	Steve Hopper	Larry Perry
Greeters:	Tim Wheeler/Steve Hopper	

Wednesday: *Devotional, Phil Adams; Prayer, Chris Bragwell
Singing, Tim Wheeler*

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John McBroom	Jeff Whitaker	tom@seymourcoc.org

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



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—This evening, following an abbreviated service, we will have a Congregational Meeting. This will give an opportunity for us to communicate with our elders and talk about future plans for the church at Seymour.

*"I must do something"
will always solve more problems than
"Something must be done."*