



# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

*October 4, 2015*



**FALL  
CELEBRATION  
Saturday  
October 17  
10 am.—2 pm**

# *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



## **WE SEE WHAT WE LOOK FOR**

**T**he saying below has been stated in various ways and attributed to a number of people.

*We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.*

One person sees the beauty and smells the wonderful fragrance of a rose. Another may focus on the thorns and the pain that can come from having one of them prick his/her skin.

We see what we look for. Our viewpoint can be pessimistic and we will see the bad in everything. Or, our viewpoint can be optimistic, and we can see the good.

Is there a time to point out what is wrong? Absolutely. But, people who constantly dwell on the negative are generally unhappy people, and they are not pleasant to be around. They discourage us. As the saying goes, "They rain on our parade."

On the other hand, people who constantly dwell on the positive are generally happy, and they are a pleasure to be around. I have a good friend who is that way. No matter the situation, he looks for the good. He is positive and encouraging to all who know him. He can find the rose in a bushel basket of thorns. It is no wonder that the congregations where he has preached have flourished.

So, which is it for you? What do you see? What do you focus on? Roses or thorns?

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—Walter Jones had a heart procedure last Wednesday at UT. Please keep him in your prayers. . . . Please keep **Betty Summers** (Lynn Whitaker's mother) and **Gwen Erwin** (Melissa McBroom's mother) in your prayers. . . . We are glad to report that **Lois Reeves** was able to go home from the hospital last Monday. . . . **Tiffany McCord** has a severe upper-respiratory infection, which is being monitored to make sure it does not develop into pneumonia. . . . **J.T. McCord** has also been suffering with a stomach virus. . . . **Barbara Russell Jones** responded to the invitation last Sunday morning to request prayers. She asks us to pray that she may be strong and make right decisions in her job and home life. . . . **Vera Grimes**, Barbara Husband's elderly aunt, is quite ill. . . . **Gurney Roberson** has been ill recently with pneumonia.

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION**—Sunday Bible Study, 52; Morning Worship, 65; Evening Worship, 48; Contribution, \$1,613; Wednesday Bible Study, 45.

**FALL CELEBRATION MEETINGS**—There will be planning meetings for those involved in our Fall Celebration (October 17) this Sunday evening and next Sunday 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.**

**ELDER IN CHARGE**—**John McBroom** is the elder in charge for October. Please see him if you have announcements to be made or if you would like to meet with the elders at one of their meetings this month (October 13 and October 27).



**ADOPTION FINALIZED**—**Anthony** officially became **Anthony Wheeler** last Thursday morning. A reception will be held after services this evening to celebrate his adoption.



## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, October 4**

A.M.— Phil Adams preaching

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## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Song Leader:	Wayne Smith	Wayne Smith
Bible Reading	Tim Wheeler	
Opening Prayer:	Rusty Curtis	Steve Hopper
Preside at Lord's Table:	Larry Perry	Jeff Whitaker
Serving at Lord's Table	To Be Announced	
Closing Prayer:	Keith McCord	Jim Husband
Greeters:	Rusty Curtis/John McBroom	
Wednesday:	<i>Devotional, Rusty Curtis; Prayer, Larry Perry Singing, Steve Hopper</i>	

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

**PLEASE HELP**—We do not have a janitor, and our building is cleaned by volunteers. It is a big job. We ask everyone to help keep the building clean. Please do not put books, class materials, etc. on the floor. These must then be picked up before the floors can be vacuumed. Pick up the bulletins, pieces of paper, etc. around where you sit. Put the song books back in the holders on the back of the pews. These little things will help make our building look more presentable and cleaning it a lot easier. And, if you are the last one out of the building, be sure to check the doors. The one near the church office has been left unlocked several times recently. Thanks.—*Your Elders.*