



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane
Seymour, TN 37865

December 19, 2021



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



‘TIS THE SEASON

On social media recently, a young preacher asked how a Christian should respond to someone who wished him/her “Merry Christmas.” For me that was what is often called a “no brainer.” I simply say, “Merry Christmas to you, too.”

Reading a little further, I learned that this preacher believes that a Christian should not celebrate Christmas in any way. He sees it as a man-made pagan holiday and in violation of biblical teaching.

I will admit that the Bible does not tell us when Jesus was born and that nowhere in the Bible are we commanded to celebrate His birth. I will also admit some of the trappings of Christmas have very dubious origins.

For me, however, it’s that old “baby with the bath water” thing. As the song suggests, I believe Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. I like the music that fills the air and the fact that people are often a little kinder and more generous. It’s also wonderful to be able to be with family, to enjoy eating together and the giving and receiving of gifts.

I’m even thankful that people are thinking about the Lord, though I wish they would do that all year round.

In the December issue of *The Magnolia Messenger*, the editor, Dennis Daughy, wrote, “I could choose to devote my energy to condemning and criticizing it. But I would probably be wise to use it; use it as a tool to speak of the greatest life ever lived; use it as a tool to echo the words from Pentecost: ‘Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified’” (Acts 2:36). **Amen!**

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Lesia Potter requests prayers for her great-grandson, **Damon Muniz**, who was hit by a car last week and was hospitalized. We are glad to report that he is now home and recovering nicely. . . . On another positive note, **Jack Shoffner** is home from the hospital and continuing to recover from his bout with Covid-19. . . . Please be sure to keep **those who were impacted by the recent tornadoes** in Tennessee, Kentucky, and elsewhere, in your prayers. The Seymour congregation will be sending funds to help with the recovery. . . . Don't forget the people who remain on our "Continue To Pray For" list: **Butch Potter, Paul Sharp, Velve Perry, Pam Neal, Barbara Russell, and Nina Blevins.**

FOR THE RECORD—Sunday Bible Study, 34; Morning Worship, 50 + 11; Evening Worship, 41 + 7; Contribution, \$2,280; Wednesday Bible Study, 39. (*The + numbers show the number of people joining us by live stream.*)

Join Us

New Year's Eve Finger Food and White Elephant Exchange—Friday, December 31, 7 p.m.

NEW SUNDAY EVENING CLASSES—Beginning January 9, two new thirty minute classes will be offered following our regular 45 minute evening worship service. **Singing and Song Leading** will be taught by **George Benjamin** in the auditorium, and **Learning To Teach** will be taught by **Tom Miller and Jody Miller** in the multipurpose room.

The Church must be forever building, for it is forever decaying within and attacked from without. - T.S. Eliot



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 19

A.M.— "Here We Bring Our Offering"
1 Corinthians 16:1-4

P.M.— "The Challenge of Involvement"
Ephesians 4:11-12

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Song Leader:	Chris Bragwell	Will Curtis
Opening Prayer	Rusty Curtis	Jeff Cronin
Bible Reading:	Sam Martin	
Preside at Lord's Table:	Tim Wheeler	Tim Wheeler
Serving at Lord's Table:	Joseph Wheeler, Anthony Wheeler Tristan Wheeler, Timmy Wheeler	
Closing Prayer:	Brian Lane	Chris Bragwell

*Wednesday: Singing, Kenny Brown; Devotional, Brian Lane
Closing Prayer, Sam Martin*

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Elders:

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

Wednesday—7:00 p.m.

Know what this is?



Frosty the Snowman's
baby picture!