



# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

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# *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



## **SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW TO KEEP CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is a very special time of the year, isn't it? I enjoy the sights, sounds, friendly greetings, expressions of love, time together with family and friends, and all of the others wonderful things that accompany this season.

Although some like to point out that we really don't know when Jesus was born, I am thankful that people do turn their attention to the fact that our Savior was humbly born, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger in the little town of Bethlehem. Along with the angels, I say, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:14).

Sometime ago, I found a list of five suggestions on how to keep Christmas, and I share them with you below.

- 1. Stoop down and consider the needs of little children.*
- 2. Remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing older.*
- 3. Bear in mind the things that other people bear on their hearts.*
- 4. Trim you lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you.*
- 5. Make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings.*

So, if you are wondering how you should keep Christmas, consider this list. If you are willing to commit to doing them for one day, maybe you could work on doing them every day. In this way, you would help keep the joy of Christmas alive.

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—Please keep the following ladies in your prayers as they go through their chemotherapy treatments: **Sharon Simpson, Chris Wentworth, and Ann Whitaker.** . . . It was wonderful to see **Velva Perry** able to be at services last Sunday evening. . . . Some of the others we have been praying for recently are **Doris Cronin, Butch Potter, Betty Summer, David Fisher, and Donna James.**

**FOR THE RECORD**—Sunday Bible Study, 44; Morning Worship, 61; Evening Worship, 42; Contribution, \$1,373; Wednesday Bible Study, 45.



- 5th Sunday next Sunday with Q&A in the evening.
- Contribution will be earmarked to help our young people attend the Christian Youth Challenge (CYC) in Pigeon Forge in February. Please be as generous as possible.
- New Year's Eve Party on December 31 (finger foods and "Dirty Santa" gift exchange), beginning at 7 p.m.

**"ONE WORD" CLASS BEGINNING JANUARY 6**—Our study of the "One Word" material, from the Mt. Juliet church of Christ, will be used in the Sunday morning adult class, beginning the first Sunday in the new year. If you do not have a copy of the book to be used for the entire year (one to a family, please) see Tom Miller. The words and teachers for January are: **"Word"** - *Tom Miller*; **"Creation"** - *Rusty Curtis*; **"Sin"** - *Jeff Cronin*; **"Wrath"** - *Brian Lane*.



## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 23**

A.M.— "A Thanksgiving Christmas"  
*Galatians 4:4-5*

P.M.— "Blessed Are the Hungry and Thirsty"  
*Matthew 5:6*

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	Rusty Curtis	Rusty Curtis
Song Leader:	Chris Bragwell	Chris Bragwell
Bible Reading:	Joseph Wheeler	
Opening Prayer:	Jeff Whitaker	Will Curtis
Preside at Lord's Table:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Serving at Lord's Table:	Timmy Wheeler, Isiah Wheeler Anthony Wheeler, Tristan Wheeler	
Closing Prayer:	Kenny Brown	Jim Husband

*Wednesday: Singing, Will Curtis; Devotional, Brian Lane  
Prayer, Darrell Whitaker*

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

*Wednesday—7:00 p.m.*



"I know your ringtone is *Rock of Ages*, David, but it's still a distraction during the services."