



Seymour Sayings

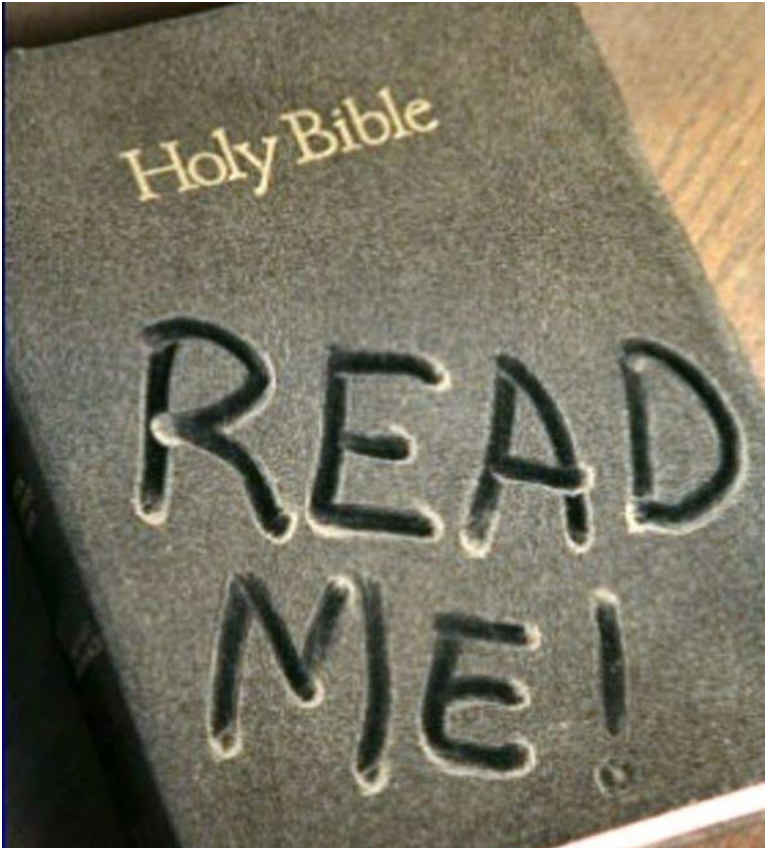
The Weekly Bulletin of the

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Seymour, TN 37865

January 6, 2019



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



ON TO MATURITY

Many people poke fun of those who make new year's resolutions. I'm sure this is because most of those resolutions are broken as easily, quickly, and thoughtlessly as they were made. Nevertheless, I still believe resolutions can be valuable.

Hebrews 6:1-3 gives us a good resolution we all should make. "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits."

The writer is not suggesting that we discard the fundamental things listed in the passage, but he is saying that we should progress beyond them. ("Perfection" in this text means "maturity.")

It is sad, but true, that many Christians are fixated at a stage of spiritual infancy and immaturity. In 2019, let's resolve to move toward greater spiritual maturity.

How do we do this? I would think the same things which contribute to physical growth also contribute to spiritual growth. I'm talking such things are nourishing food, proper exercise, and freedom from disease. If this is true—and I believe it is—we must be sure to eat more spiritual food (Heb. 5:11-14), exercise more regularly in a spiritual way (1 Tim. 4:7-8), and remain free from mankind's fatal spiritual "disease," sin (Rom. 6:23).

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FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Please continue to keep the following ladies in your prayers as they go through their chemotherapy treatments: **Sharon Simpson, Chris Wentworth, and Ann Whitaker.** . . . **Davean Tonkery** spent a night in the hospital this past week due to chest pains. Thankfully, all the tests showed that she did not have a heart attack. . . . Chris Bragwell requests prayers for a co-worker, **Josh Self**, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer that is very pervasive. . . . **David Fisher**, Sam Martin's stepson, had skin graft surgery last Thursday . . . Jamie Caprani asks us to remember her uncle, **Mark Legg**, in our prayers. He had a heart attack and small stroke recently. . . . **Paul Sharp** had a pacemaker inserted last week. Prayers, please. . . . Our condolences are extended to the family of **John Downs**. John was a member of the South Knoxville congregation and had served as an elder there . . . Some of the others we have been praying for recently are **Doris Cronin, Butch Potter, Dot Fitch, Velva Perry, and Betty Summers.**

FOR THE RECORD—Sunday Bible Study, 50; Morning Worship, 72; Evening Worship, 50; Contribution, \$2,397; Wednesday Bible Study, 43.

AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER—Men's Service Schedule for **January and January Calendars** are available on the literature table in the foyer.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL—The first Area-Wide Youth Devotional for 2019 will be **Sunday, January 13**, at the West End congregation. Activities will get under way at 4:30. If you need more information, please see **Tim Wheeler**.

"Approach the new year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day." - Michael Josephson



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, January 6

A.M.— "Hard Passages, # 4"
Matthew 16:24-26

P.M.— "Blessed Are the Merciful"
Matthew 5:7

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

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

*Wednesday: Singing, Rusty Curtis; Devotional, Jeff Cronin
Prayer, Joseph Wheeler*

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

Wednesday—7:00 p.m.



“ ... and the church unity workshop has been postponed until the deacons can agree on the date, time, and color of the participant’s name tags.”