



Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

Seymour, TN 37865

June 27, 2021



Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



GET OUT OF THE BOAT

In his book, *If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat*, John Ortberg calls people who won't get out of the boat and use their gifts "boat potatoes." They rest in the safety of the boat and won't risk being adventurous. They say, "I can't," rather than "I never have, but I'm willing to give it a try." As a result, their gifts go unused.

Matthew 25:14-30 records one of Christ's great parables. We call it "The Parable of the Talents." You may remember the master gave five talents to one of his workers, two talents to another, and one talent to another.

While the master was gone, the worker who received five talents put them to work and gained five more. The worker who received two talents gained two more. The third worker was afraid, and instead of using his talent to gain more, he buried it in the ground.

When the master returned, he was happy with the initiative of the first two workers but not the third. He was called "a wicked and lazy servant." The master's judgment was to "cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness."

This parable stands as a warning against fear and laziness in serving the Lord. What we use will increase, but what we do not use will be taken from us. It is important for us to consider what has been given into our hands and to ask whether we are using it or not.

Ortberg was right. Get out of the boat!

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—This bulletin is being prepared in advance due to the Miller family being on vacation. Be sure to listen to the announcements made from the pulpit at the beginning of services. . . . Please keep the people who are on our prayer list regularly in your daily prayers: **Chris Wentworth, Tommy & Genova Lambert, Paul Sharp, Betty Summers** (Lynn Whitaker's mother), **Marsha Patterson** (Kenny Brown's sister) **Velva Perry**, and **June Deaver** (Tammy Bragwell's mother),.

Men, please be sure to check the bulletin on line (seymourcoc.org) to see if you are scheduled to serve. Since this bulletin is being prepared well in advance, I can't know who will be available and who will not be. If you cannot serve, please contact **Tim Wheeler** by phone or email, as he will be in charge of making sure all bases are covered.—*tcm*



GUEST SPEAKER—This morning's guest speaker will be **Mark Hanstein**, Academic Dean at the Southeast School of Biblical Studies. Mark holds degrees from Oklahoma Christian University and the Austin Graduate School of Theology. He has preached in California, Colorado, and Texas. He was with the Bear Valley Bible Institute before coming to SEIBS.



Patty Adair and Donna Lane are working to update our church directory. Forms to provide information are in the foyer. Please complete them as soon as possible and return them to either Parry or Donna. Arrangements will be also made by these two fine ladies to take new pictures for our picture board. Thank you for your cooperation.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, June 27

A.M.— Mark Hanstein, Guest Speaker
Academic Dean at SEIBS

P.M.— John McBroom, Speaking

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Song Leader:	Chris Bragwell	Chris Bragwell
Bible Reading:	Tristan Wheeler	
Preside at Lord's Table:	Brian Lane	Brian Lane
Serving at Lord's Table:	Darrell Whitaker, Kenny Brown Timmy Wheeler, Isaiah Wheeler	
Closing Prayer:	Rusty Curtis	Tim Wheeler

*Wednesday: Singing, Will Curtis; Devotional, Tim Wheeler
Closing Prayer, Jeff Cronin*

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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 have to say your repenting
skills are improving."