



# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane  
Seymour, TN 37865

**May 5, 2019**

MY GRACE IS  
*sufficient for you,*  
FOR MY POWER IS  
*made perfect in weakness.*

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 NIV



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# *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



## **A CRISIS OF BIBLICAL LITERACY**

It's not because we don't have Bibles. Nine out of ten Americans have Bibles. Many have more than one copy.

It's not because we say we don't want to know. According to the American Bible Society, 66% of Americans say they want to know more about the Bible.

Yet, Kenneth Berding, professor of New Testament at Biola University, says we are in "a crisis of biblical literacy." (*Article in April Issue of Christianity Today*).

The American Bible Society reports that 54% of Americans are now "Bible disengaged," which simply means they don't care about what the Bible says. How sad!

To help us and encourage us to read, study, and understand our Bible better, the elders of this congregation purchased a "One Word" book for each family. These were handed out at the beginning of the year. The Sunday morning adult Bible class then discusses the word for the week.

The word for next Sunday is "Hell," and the devotional readings relative to that word begin on page 103 in the book. Chris Bragwell will lead us in a discussion of that word next Sunday morning.

I encourage you to read the applicable material. Meditate on the devotions. Come prepared to discuss this important subject next Sunday morning.

Bible reading and study is declining in America but it doesn't have to decline here. Let's not be a part of "a crisis of Biblical literacy."

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**— **Melissa McBroom** had a very bad tooth ache at the beginning of last week, which resulted in a root canal on Tuesday. Ouch! . . . **Doris Cronin** is having further testing done to determine the extent of her disease’s progress. Jeff requests our prayers for his mother. . . . Kenny Brown requests prayers for **Cliff Cooper**, a friend from his home town in North Carolina who is hospitalized and not doing well. . . . **Bill Garland**, a member of the Wooddale congregation and a friend of the Lanes) is suffering with diabetes. He had one leg removed and is now facing surgery on his other foot. There is a question as to whether he would survive another surgery. . . . Brian Lane requests prayers for the family of **Richard Curtis**, a friend who passed away suddenly last Monday.

**FOR THE RECORD**—Sunday Bible Study, 50; Morning Worship, 64; Evening Worship, 57; Contribution, \$2,348; Wednesday Bible Study, 49.



**RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES**—The reception for our high school and college graduates—**Andrew Flenor** (*Carter High School*), **Keelie Whitaker** (*King’s Academy*), **Joseph Wheeler** (*Heritage High School*), and **Natalie Whitaker** (*Tennessee Tech*)—will be this evening following services. Bring finger foods.



✓ **Reception for Graduates** this evening following services.

7 p.m.

✓ **Curtis/Caprani Wedding** May 18

✓ **Teacher’s Meeting** May 19 @ 5 p.m.

## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, May 5**

A.M.— “Women God Used: Jochebed”  
*Exodus 2:1-3*

P.M.— “Let Your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’”  
*Matthew 5:33-37*



## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	Rusty Curtis	Rusty Curtis
Song Leader:	Kenny Brown	Kenny Brown
Bible Reading:	Jeff Whitaker	
Opening Prayer:	Brian Lane	Tim Wheeler
Preside at Lord's Table:	John McBroom	John McBroom
Serving at Lord's Table:	Jeff Cronin, Sam Martin	
	Will Curtis, Darrell Whitaker	
Closing Prayer:	Will Curtis	Dale Terry

*Wednesday: Singing, Will Curtis; Devotional, Jeff Cronin  
Prayer, Kenny Brown*

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

*Wednesday—7:00 p.m.*



How come there is a forbidden fruit  
but not a forbidden vegetable?