



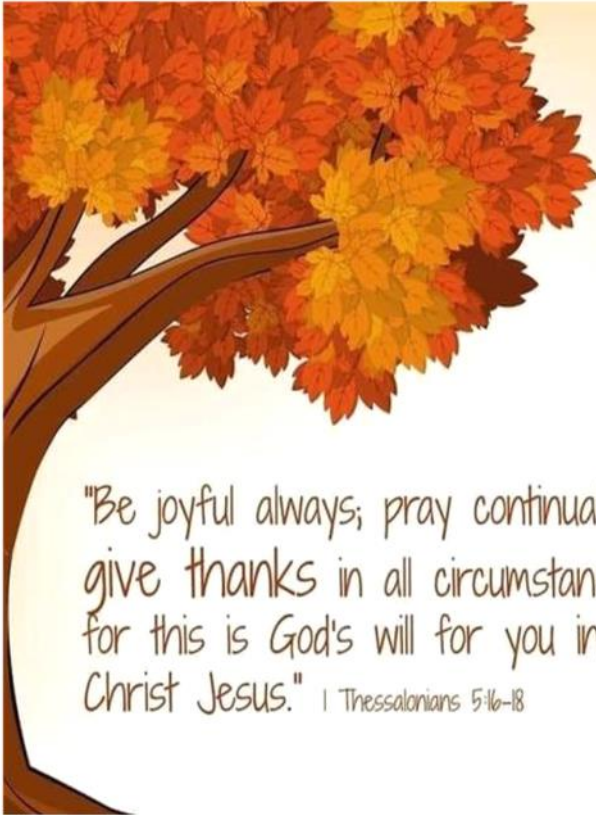
Seymour Sayings

The Weekly Bulletin of the

Seymour Church of Christ

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane
Seymour, TN 37865

October 31, 2021



"Be joyful always; pray continually;
give thanks in all circumstances,
for this is God's will for you in
Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Person to Person . . .

Tom Miller



VISITORS WHO DON'T RETURN

Recently, **Robert Waters**, a preacher who lives in Huntsville, AL, posted an interesting article to *Churches of Christ Sermons and Lessons*. It had to do with why visitors do not return to a congregation after their first visit.

The reasons listed ranged all the way from the fact that the visitors were not made to feel welcome, to poor singing, to boring sermons, to the general lack of decorum in the services, to inappropriate political comments being made, to the inability to hear those who led the services due to poor sound.

Surely we realize that not all reasons given are valid. Some are just empty excuses. We should, however, do all that we can to make our visitors feel welcome and to strive to make their experience with us meaningful.

No congregation is perfect in this regard. People and things can “slide through the cracks,” so to speak. However, we all should strive to do the things necessary to make our visitors want to come back to study and worship with us again and again.

Walters wrote, “Religious minded people look for a place to worship where there is a positive atmosphere, relevant, biblically-sound teaching, executed with heart and excellence; a place where they feel safe, comfortable, lifted up, enlightened, and empowered. Therefore, endeavoring to meet those needs would be a worthy goal for churches.”

Amen!

FAMILY MATTERS



PRAYER LIST—Pam Neal is scheduled for back surgery November 2 at ParkWest. Please pray for the success of this surgery. . **Jackson Igou**, a young man from the Kingston congregation, has been in the ICU at Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati for about a month. He is in immense pain from drains and surgeries. Prayers are requested by Suzanne Cronin. . . . Kathy Crider’s mother, **Martha Hawkins**, had surgery recently to repair a brain aneurysm at Erlanger’s in Chattanooga. We are glad to report that she is doing well. . . **Kim Wheeler** did not feel well this past week. . . . We are sad to report that **Carol Hodgkins**, a friend of the Al and Yolanda Flores in West Virginia, has passed away. . . . Please continue to remember **Butch Potter, Tommy Lambert, Paul Sharp, Velva Perry, Barbara Russell, and Nina Blevins**.

FOR THE RECORD—Sunday Bible Study, 40; Morning Worship, 53; Evening Worship, 35; Contribution, \$2,663; Wednesday Bible Study, 35.

THANK YOU—The elders, on behalf of the congregation, express appreciation to the **deacons’ wives** for serving the Lambert family following Genova’s funeral, and to **the Kenny Brown family, and their helpers**, for providing the delicious chicken and dumping dinner a week ago last Saturday.



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, October 31

A.M.— “Take Off Your Mask”
Genesis 3:8-11

P.M.— “Your Will Be Done”
Matthew 6:10

THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	Rusty Curtis	Rusty Curtis
Song Leader:	George Benjamin	Tim Wheeler
Opening Prayer	Chris Bragwell	John McBroom
Bible Reading:	Jeff Cronin	
Preside at Lord's Table:	Bob Adair	Bob Adair
Serving at Lord's Table:	Tristan Wheeler, Timmy Wheeler	
	Will Curtis, Kenny Brown	
Closing Prayer:	Darrell Whitaker	Sam Martin

Wednesday: Singing, Chris Bragwell; Devotional, Al Flores
Closing Prayer, Jim Husband

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