



# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane  
Seymour, TN 37865

**September 22, 2019**

A background image of weathered wooden planks, with a tree trunk visible on the right side. The text is overlaid on the planks.

Choose this day  
whom you will serve.

As for me and my house,  
**we will serve the LORD.**

Joshua 24:15

# *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



## HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

When I preach, I take note that you are good listeners. I have told you this from the pulpit on a number of occasions. Maybe, however, we need a reminder occasionally of how to listen to a sermon. Three simple suggestions follow.

**First, pay attention.** This goes without saying, but I am saying it anyway.

There are any of a number of things that distract us. It can be anything from pain we are experiencing, to commotions about us, to a building that is too hot or too cold (by the way, how could we ever get that right for everyone?), to being sleepy from working the night before, etc.

Maybe we have to work at it, but let's do our best to really pay attention to the preaching of the Word.

**Second, be involved.** I know we must maintain decorum, but let's not make preaching a one-way thing.

Maybe an occasional "Amen!" is in order. At least we can smile when something humorous is said, or shake our heads in an appropriate way for a "yes" or "no" response.

And, by all means, we can follow along in our own Bibles or on our electronic devices.

**Third, make application.** Instead of saying, "I wish so-and-so would have been here to hear that sermons," ask, "What can I learn from it?"

Someone said that sermons should be listened to with a rake and not a shovel. I'm sure you get the point. Rakes drag things toward us, and shovels toss them away.

Sermons are not for our entertainment but for our spiritual benefit. Ask, how can this particular sermon benefit me?

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—Cory Whitaker, Lynn & Jeff's son, has been released from the hospital. . . . Alice Graves is recovering at home. . . . Doris Cronin continues to grow weaker from her ALS. . . . Shelby Caprini is now home from the hospital. She suffered kidney problems due to inhaling some vapors while welding. . . . Dot Fitch is no longer able to live by herself and will be going to live with her daughter in South Carolina. . . . Hazel Miller did not feel well last weekend. . . . Nina Blevins continues to recuperate at home following her fall of a couple of weeks ago. . . . Sierra Miller continues to show improvement following her recent surgery. . . Be sure to remember Darrell Whitaker and family following the recent loss of Darrell's stepfather. . . . Some of those on our regular prayer list are Ann Whitaker, Betty Summers, Chris Wentworth, Paul Sharp, and Sharon Simpson.

**FOR THE RECORD**—Sunday Bible Study, 49; Morning Worship, 66; Evening Worship, 45; Contribution, \$2,181; Wednesday Bible Study, 49.



- ✓ Today—Fall Celebration Meeting at 5 p.m.
- ✓ Sept. 29—Covered Dish & Q and A in the Evening
- ✓ Oct. 6—Video of Don Blackwell's lecture on suffering at PPT viewing on Sunday evening.

**CONTRIBUTION**—The contribution for the 5th Sunday, September 29, will be used to help reduce the amount still due on the land on Boyd's Creek Road. Please be as generous as possible.

## **THIS WEEK'S FOOD ITEMS**



- ◆ Peanut Butter (16-20 oz. jar)
- ◆ Saltine Crackers (box)
- ◆ Bisquick (40 oz. box)
- ◆ Fruit Cocktail (14-16 oz. can)



## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, September 22**

A.M.—“Shalom”  
*Philippians 4:4-7*

P.M.—“The Man Who Made the Master Marvel”  
*Luke 7:1-10*

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

|                          | <i>Morning</i>  | <i>Evening</i> |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|
| Announcements:           | Rusty Curtis  | Rusty Curtis   |
| Song Leader:             | Brian Lane  | Brian Lane     |
| Bible Reading:           | Tim Wheeler   |                |
| Opening Prayer:          | Kenny Brown   | John McBroom   |
| Preside at Lord's Table: | Jeff Whitaker   | Jeff Whitaker  |
| Serving at Lord's Table: | Isaiah Wheeler, Anthony Wheeler<br>Tristan Wheeler, Timmy Wheeler |                |
| Closing Prayer:          | Dale Terry  | Will Curtis    |

*Wednesday: Singing, Sam Martin; Devotional, John McBroom  
Prayer, Tim 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.*



Don't forget to count your blessings!