



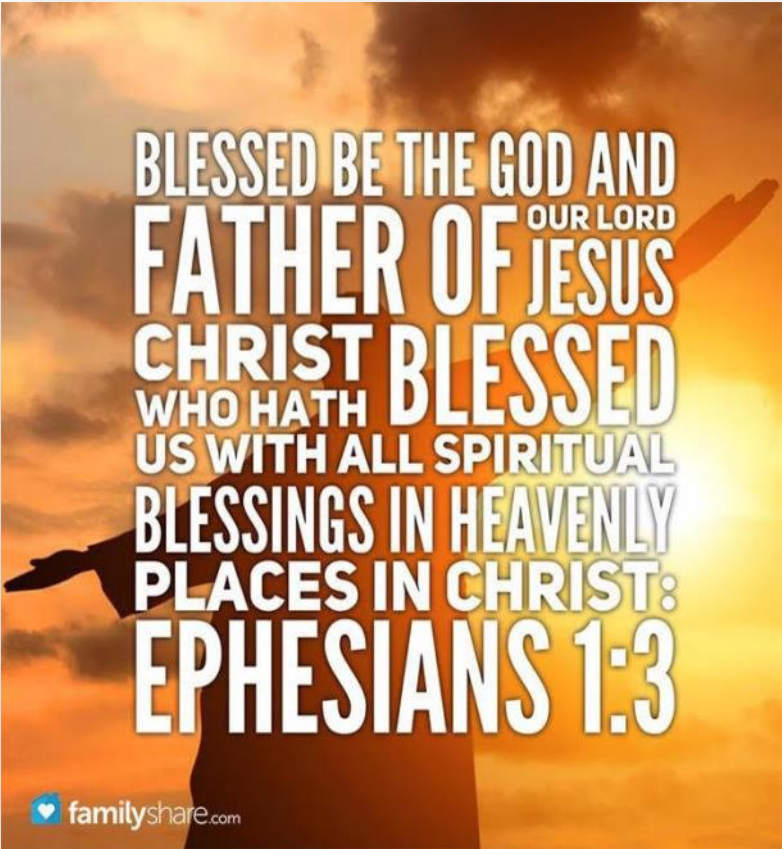
# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane  
Seymour, TN 37865

**April 2, 2017**



# *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



## **WORDS**

A preacher has been described as “someone who talks in other people’s sleep.” In some cases, I’m sure that it is.

At any rate, preachers do talk, and they talk a lot. Here are some figures that might surprise you.

The average sermon contains 4,500-5,000 words. Most local preachers present 90-100 sermons each year to the same congregation.

Let’s take the middle number of each of the statistics and do the math. 4,750 words times 95 sermons equals a total of 451,250 words. That’s a lot of words.

The average novel has 50,000 words. This means that the average preacher in an average year will speak the number of words found in between 9 and 10 novels.

Do you feel my pain in speaking this many words from the pulpit each year? Can you understand why I might misspeak from time-to-time or mispronounce one of those 451,250 words?

Do I feel your pain? Do I understand that you must sit there and try to listen intently? Do I see why you might nod off sometimes? Do I know that you might have trouble understanding or keeping up with what I am saying?

Let’s make a deal. I will do the best I can do in speaking those words, and you do the best you can do in hearing them. I will work hard at being understood, and you work hard at understanding me.

It’s more than just words. Remember, “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Cor. 1:18).

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—It was good to see **John McBroom** able to attend services last Wednesday evening. He has been quite ill recently. . . . Lynn Whitaker requests prayers for **Stewart Mallon**, a friend who had a stroke last week. . . . Jama Sergent requests prayers for the family of **Billy Wells**. Mr. Wells is the brother of a family friend who passed away recently. . . . Several remain on our prayer list, and we ask you to remember them: **Don Agricola** (hospice care at home), **Genova Lambert** (extensive dental surgery), **Bill Yancey** (Lesia Potter's brother), **Mike Lane** (Chad Lane's father), **Richard Hawkins** (Kathy Crider's father), **Joyce Cawood** (Suzanne Cronin's grandmother), **Barb Gillaspie** (Tina Sugalski's mother), **Lisa Fondren** (vertigo), **Tony Summers** (Lynn Whitaker's brother), and **Bill Morrison** (chemotherapy).

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION**—Bible Study, 50; Morning Worship, 71; Contribution, \$1,704; Evening Worship, 34; Wednesday Bible Study, 59.

**CARE BOXES**—The Care Boxes for college students will be packed this evening following services and next Wednesday evening following services. Help is needed. If you can help or have questions about this project, see **Trish Curtis**.

**VBS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY AT 5 P.M.**—A very important meeting regarding our upcoming VBS will be held next Sunday evening at 5 p.m. All teachers and helpers are encouraged to attend.



"The Christian community is a community of the cross, for it has been brought into being by the cross, and the focus of its worship is the Lamb once slain, now glorified."



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 2

A.M.— "The Importance of the Cross" (1 Cor. 1:18-25)

P.M.— "Unwrapping a Gift" # 12

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

|                          | <i>Morning</i>  | <i>Evening</i> |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|
| Announcements:           | Jeff Whitaker   | Jeff Whitaker  |
| Song Leader:             | Kenny Brown   |                |
| Bible Reading            | Jeff Whitaker   |                |
| Opening Prayer:          | John McBroom  | Tim Wheeler    |
| Preside at Lord's Table: | Rusty Curtis  | Rusty Curtis   |
| Serving at Lord's Table  | <i>Will Curtis, Nate LaFollette<br/>Damon Hall, Alex Robinson</i> |                |
| Closing Prayer:          | Jeff Cronin   | Chris Bragwell |

Wednesday: *Singing, Rusty Curtis; Prayer, Tom Miller  
Devotional, 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.*



- ✓ April 8—Blount Area Youth Devotional @ 6 p.m. at Seymour
- ✓ April 9—Important VBS Meeting @ 5 p.m.
- ✓ April 11—Elders & Deacons @ 7 p.m.
- ✓ April 22—Area Wide Youth Devotional at Metcalf Bottoms @ 1 p.m.
- ✓ April 25—Elders Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- ✓ April 27—Ladies Devotional @ 7 p.m.
- ✓ April 29—Work Day at the Church Building @ 9 p.m.
- ✓ April 30—Covered Dish Luncheon following Morning Services
- ✓ April 30—Q&A in the Evening Service