



# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*


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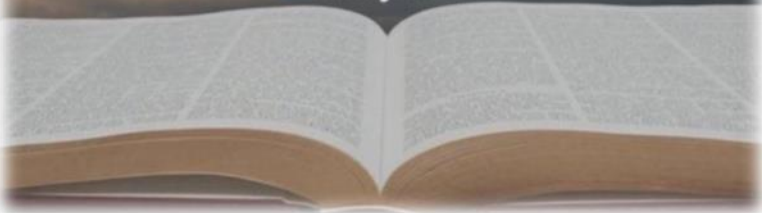
April 9, 2017

**SANCTIFY THEM  
THROUGH THY  
TRUTH: THY**  

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**WORD IS TRUTH.  
JOHN 17:17**

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## *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



### A LITERACY PROBLEM

In a recent article for CT Pastors (a magazine from the Christianity Today family), Ed Stetzer from Wheaton College, wrote: “In America, we have a literacy problem. But more concerning to me, we have a biblical literacy problem. Americans, including churchgoers, aren’t reading much of any book, including the Good Book.”

Is Stetzer right? If you doubt him, answer this question: “What is the last book you read?” And, then, this one: “When is the last time you read your Bible?”

Here are the statistics from Stetzer’s article. “A recent LifeWay Research study found only 45 percent of those who regularly attend church read the Bible more than once a week. Over 40 percent of the people attending read their Bible occasionally, maybe once or twice a month. Almost 1 in 5 church goers say they never read the Bible—essentially the same number who read it every day.”

I believe the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16). I believe it came to us through men who were guided by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21). I expect those of you reading this article believe the same thing. But, what value is there is believing this, if we don’t read it?

I don’t believe the figures above represent us at Seymour. At least, I pray they don’t.

Here are some suggestions. Make a real effort to be present for both our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible studies. We really do study the Bible in these periods, and they will do you good. In addition, find some time each day to read your Bible at home or on a break at work. It doesn’t have to be a long period of time. Just open the Book or go to the Bible app on your smart phone or iPad. It’s a good habit to begin.

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—**Don Agracola** fell last week, and the Emergency Squad was called to help get him up. Please continue to pray for Don and Denise, as they go through this most difficult time. . . . **Bill Morrison** had a bad week, after receiving his last chemotherapy treatment. Be sure to keep him in your prayers. . . . Be sure to remember Kathy Crider's father, **Richard Hawkins**, who is awaiting a kidney transplant. . . . **Tony Summers**, Lynn Whitaker's brother, is doing well following his neck surgery. . . . Prayers are requested for Lynn Whitaker's friend, **Steward Malton**, who had a stroke recently. . . . **Barb Gillaspie**, Tina Sugalski's mother, is continuing with her radiation treatments for skin cancer. . . . At last report, **Genova Lambert** continues to improve following her extensive dental surgery.

**SYMPATHY**—Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Joyce Cawood** (Suzanne Cronin's grand-mother) who passed away last Sunday morning at age 96. She was a charter member of the Karns church of Christ and a great Christian lady.



**Baptism** **Claudia Wallace** was baptized into Christ Saturday a week ago. She lives at 104 Raintree Drive, Maryville 37804. Her birthday is 11/30 and her phone number is 865-249-1073. Please add this information to your church directory.

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION**—Bible Study, 53; Morning Worship, 66; Contribution, \$1,972; Evening Worship, 42; Wednesday Bible Study, 40.



A very important meeting regarding our upcoming VBS will be held TODAY at 5 p.m. All teachers and helpers are encouraged to attend.

## **VBS Planning**

**CONGRATULATIONS**—**Katie Suttles** will graduate from Pellissippi on May 5 with an Associate's Degree in Psychology.



## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

A.M.— "What Does It Mean To Be a Church of Christ?"  
(Matthew 16:13-18)

P.M.— "I've Got To Be Me" (1 Cor. 12:12-14)

## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

|                          | <i>Morning</i>   | <i>Evening</i>   |
|--------------------------|--|------------------|
| Announcements:           | Rusty Curtis   | Rusty Curtis     |
| Song Leader:             | Chris Bragwell   | Chris Bragwell   |
| Bible Reading            | Joseph Wheeler   |                  |
| Opening Prayer:          | Jeff Whitaker  | Kenny Brown      |
| Preside at Lord's Table: | John McBroom   | John McBroom     |
| Serving at Lord's Table  | <i>Tim Wheeler, Joseph Wheeler<br/>Isaiah Wheeler, Anthony Wheeler</i> |                  |
| Closing Prayer:          | Rusty Curtis   | Darrell Whitaker |

Wednesday: *Singing, Tim Wheeler; Prayer, Kenny Brown  
Devotional, Rusty Curtis*

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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 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 a.m.
- ✓ April 30—Covered Dish Luncheon following Morning Services
- ✓ April 30—Q&A in the Evening Service