



# *Seymour Sayings*

The Weekly Bulletin of the

*Seymour Church of Christ*

Meeting at 269 Business Park Lane

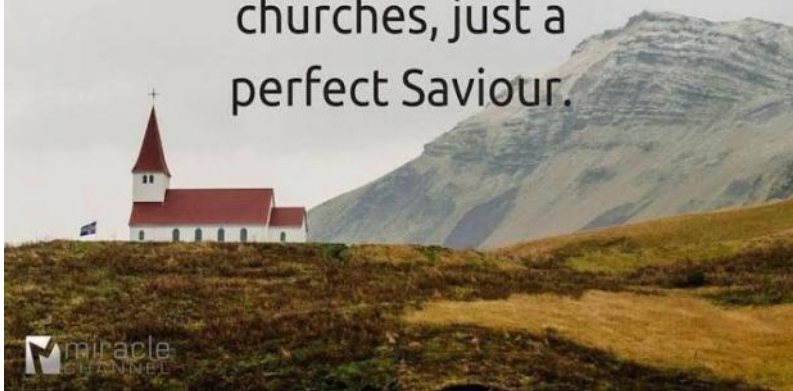
Seymour, TN 37865

*August 14, 2016*

Most of Paul's letters  
were written to churches  
that had problems.

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There are no perfect  
churches, just a  
perfect Saviour.



## *Person to Person . . .*

*Tom Miller*



### **IS THE CHURCH PERFECT?**

**T**he answer to the question that serves as the title to this article depends upon how you look at it. If you are talking about the divine side of the church, the answer is a resounding “Yes!” It is Christ’s church. He established it. He shed His blood for it. The blueprint for it is outlined in the New Testament. From this perspective, it is perfect in every way.

But, if you are talking about the human side of the church, the answer is a disappointing “No.” The church is made up of people, and that’s where the problems come in. There is no perfect congregation, although there are many good and faithful ones.

Even in the New Testament, there were no perfect church congregations. Paul addresses 1 Corinthians to “the church of God which is at Corinth” (1 Cor. 1:1b). Yet, when you read 1 Corinthians, there is a problem dealt with in nearly every chapter. (*By the way, we will be looking at this matter in our Wednesday night class beginning this week.*)

I used to warn young preachers about this as they left the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions to go out to work with their first congregations. I would say something to this effect: “You will be looking for the perfect congregation, but you will never find it. If perchance you would find one, they would not want you, because you are not a perfect preacher.”

Does this mean we should just throw up our hands and say, “What’s the use?” Or, “Let’s just accept the imperfections in our local congregation and not worry about it.” Absolutely not!

We must work to bring the human side of the church into line with the divine side. But, at the same time, we must be patient with one another, as we work toward that goal.

# FAMILY MATTERS



**PRAYER LIST**—**Tammy Bragwell** was not feeling well last evening. . . . **John McBroom** was stung several times Saturday a week ago and missed services last Sunday. . . . **Garrand Kinzalow** has entered in-patient treatment, and our prayers are with him, Samantha and the children. . . . There are a number of people we have been praying for regularly over the past several weeks.

On that list are **Bob Johnson** (Annie Husband's dad who has liver cancer), **Carmon Sloan** (Lynn Whitaker's friend and co-worker who lost her young son), **Jeannie Shafer** (Tom & Sierra's friend who had surgery last Friday in West Virginia), **Beatrice Sue Laney** (Kella Whitaker's sister), and **Tyler Gay** (Tim Whitaker's friend who has leukemia). . . . **Jamie Caprani** responded to the invitation last Sunday evening to request prayers. Please remember to honor her request in your private prayers, too. She is indeed a precious young lady.

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS THAT SHOW OUR DEVOTION**—Bible Study, 44; Morning Worship, 59; Evening Worship, 44; Contribution, \$1,675; Wednesday Bible Study, 36.



## **COMING UP THIS MONTH.**

- ✓ **Fall Celebration Meeting**—Today (14th) at 5 p.m.
- ✓ **Polishing the Pulpit**—August 19-25
- ✓ **Elder's Meeting**—Tuesday (23th) at 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ **Ladies Devotional**—Thursday (25th) at 7 p.m.
- ✓ **Ladies' Inspiration at West End**—Saturday (27th)
- ✓ **Get Together at Maryville**—Saturday (27th) from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**HELPERS NEEDED**—If you can help with the services at Seymour on Sunday, August 21, let **Phil Adams** know. If you can help with the services at PTP, see **Jeff Whitaker**.



## **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, August 14**

A.M.— Phil Adams speaking

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## THOSE PRIVELEGED TO SERVE TODAY

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Evening</i>
Announcements:	Rusty Curtis	Rusty Curtis
Song Leader:	Tim Wheeler	Tim Wheeler
Bible Reading	Jeff Whitaker	
Opening Prayer:	Jim Husband	Steve Hopper
Preside at Lord's Table:	Chris Bragwell	Chris Bragwell
Serving at Lord's Table	<i>Tommy Lambert, Steve Hopper</i> <i>Joseph Wheeler, Kenny Brown</i>	
Closing Prayer:	John Miller	Rusty Curtis

Wednesday: *Singing, Chris Bragwell; Prayer, Jim Husband*  
*Devotional, Phil Adams*

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

*Wednesday—7:00 p.m.*



**“I don’t understand #11...  
Thou shalt not be obscene  
on the Internet.”**

